

Diary

Sunday, 1st February: Education Sunday – this is a day of prayer for all those involved in Catholic education in any way as teachers, governors, etc., etc.

Aid to the Church in Need Appeal by Mr. Chris Robson at both Sunday Masses – see overleaf for details.

Friday, 13th February: Organ and Piano Recital of French Romantic Music in aid of **Iraqi Christians in Need** (I.C.I.N. – see poster for details) will be held here in St. Mary's at **7 p.m.** The organist and pianist is Mr. **Carl Bahoshy** from London. Carl is a practising Catholic and the son of Iraqi Catholics. There is no charge for admission but there will be a retiring collection and the monies raised from the recital will go to support Christians in Iraq.

Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass

In recent months, several people who exercise this ministry at Mass have been ill or have been unavailable for other reasons. This has meant that, on some occasions, we have not had sufficient ministers. This has been particularly true on weekdays. On one Tuesday evening, it was not possible to distribute Holy Communion under both kinds because there was no minister.

Would you please think about taking on this important ministry? You may not think you are worthy but it is a **ministry of service** to the whole Eucharistic community. If you are interested, please sign the list at the back of church or speak to Father Michael. Expressing an interest or willingness at this point does not necessarily commit you. Some training or formation will be arranged. Please give it some thought. Thank you.

Diocesan Youth Service

A reminder that Youth Section applications for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes **close at the end of January**. Coach and flight options are available and fundraising opportunities to help. For more information or to sign up, go to www.castleriggmanor.co.uk

There are **Gap Year Opportunities** with the Youth Service at Castlerigg Manor and they are now recruiting for September, 2015. You can check out the details at www.castleriggmanor.co.uk or contact Father Philip on 017687 72711.

Diocesan Education Service

The Diocese of Lancaster Education Service invites tenders to carry out research into the provision of education in human sexuality in Diocesan schools. Phase 1 is an exercise of evidence gathering and research with a view to collating evidence of the current provision for education in human sexuality in schools of the Diocese of Lancaster and comparing existing provision against diocesan and government requirements. It is anticipated that this will require about twenty days' work over two months. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Hilary Harling by e-mail: secretary@lancasterrcdiocese.org.uk or by telephone on 01524 841190.

Welcome families and friends to St Mary's: join us in the Millennium Room for refreshment and community social time after 10.30 a.m. Mass.



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Sunday Mass 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Weekdays except Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Mass

Tuesday: 6:40 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Mass

Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Celebration of the Word

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist: Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th January, 2015

The St. Augustine's Vestments

As some of you will be aware, the parish of St. Augustine in Preston closed last November. I served St. Augustine's as assistant priest from 1994 to 1997. The parish priest was Father Peter Foulkes. When Peter moved in 1997, I served as parish priest until 2009. It has been decided by parishioners there that all the vestments from St. Augustine's should be entrusted to my care. In my will, I am to bequeath them to a designated priest in the Diocese.

The St. Augustine's vestments form a unique, contemporary collection in the Gothic style. They were created over a period of just under twenty years by four different artists and crafts people.

The vestments we have here at St. Mary's were purchased, I believe, when Father Stephen Shield was parish priest. They are good quality and, being relatively new, are in good condition. They are also appropriate for a traditional neo-Gothic church. However, having been entrusted with the care of a contemporary collection of vestments, I will be wearing them from time to time.

When appropriate, I will provide a little explanation for a particular vestment in the parish newsletter and say a little about its origin.

Father Michael

Society for the Protection

"St. Mary's parish gave £203 to S.P.U.C. in the White Flower collection and, as their representative, I thank you sincerely for this gift. Audrey."

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Liturgies for this coming week 25th January – 1st February

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	Pauline Greenall <i>birthday memories</i> (J.B.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Monday (26 th) Sts. Timothy & Titus	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday (27 th) of week 3	7 p.m.	James Loughnan <i>Anniversary</i> (J.W.)
Wednesday (28 th) St. Thomas Aquinas	10 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (I.R.)
Thursday (29 th) of week 3	10 a.m.	Birthday intentions of Pauline Brett (J.E.)
Friday (30 th) of week 3	10 a.m.	John McMullen <i>R.I.P.</i> (T.P.)
Saturday (31 st) St. John Bosco	10 a.m.	Eileen Draper <i>R.I.P.</i> (J. & B.)
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (M.H.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially Peggie Ball, Pastor Steve Bond, Deborah Carr, Fred Chew, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Laura, Joanne & Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Michael O'Sullivan, Andrew Pearson, Joe Scott, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, Sara West (*a friend of Kathy's*), Winifred White, Jo Wright;

» **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Thomas Ball, Hilda Brookes, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Gerry & Brenda McCaul, Sheila Mullen, Walter Myerscough, Betty Poole, Joan Rayworth, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;



» **those who have died recently, especially Doreen Buckley, Dennis Halloran, Wynne Harrison, Edward "Ted" Albert McParland, and those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Thomas Calvin, Joan Cook, Charles Coxall, Denis Doherty, Dolly Dunderdale, Monica Dutton, Anthony Edwards, William Egan, Ann Gannon, Mary Hall, Margaret Haslam, James McAdam, Canon Ted Mitchell, John Muldowney, Robert Syd Spore, William Syms, Sheila Wilson, John Wareing, William Winkley.

Aid to the Church in Need (A.C.N.)

Next Sunday, 1st February, Mr. Chris Robson will be speaking at both Masses about the work of A.C.N. and appealing on their behalf. After both Masses, he will be selling A.C.N. Easter cards and prayer books and will be available for people to speak to him.

N.B. In his capacity as an historian, Chris is writing a revised history of St. Mary's parish to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the church in 2017. Please feel free to talk to him about this as well!!

PLEASE take this newsletter home with you as a useful reference!

Next Sunday's Gospel for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (1st February)

Mark 1 : 21-28 Jesus teaches with authority.

The growing authority of Jesus is the theme of the early part of Mark's gospel and today's story is an excellent illustration of this. Jesus has already called the disciples. He calls and they simply follow: it seems that he is a total stranger to them yet has such authority that they drop everything to follow him. Now, in the synagogue, he teaches on his own authority. He does not quote the interpretations of others, as rabbinic teachers did, saying, "Rabbi X says this," "Rabbi Y says that". No, Jesus teaches, "I say to you...". He seems to be master even of the Law. But it is God's Law. Only God has authority over it, so who does Jesus think he is? On one level, he is a teacher to be compared with Moses, one who is to come into the world, the teacher prophesied in today's first reading. But he is more than this. To confirm the power of his teaching, he shows what authority he has by overcoming an unclean spirit, wringing from it the snivelling protest, "Have you come to destroy us?" and the acknowledgement that he has a special link with God.

What are the qualities of a good teacher? How does Jesus, the good teacher, reveal his authority?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 18th January

80	Freda Cross	£50
61	John Edwards	£15

Mass Attendance: 173 (68, 105)
Offertory: £468.68
Candles: £97.02
Books & Papers: £5.90
St. Anthony: £27.03
Flowers: £5.82
World Needy: £36.32
Building Fund: £25

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Week beginning 1st February

Church Cleaning

Group 1 Anne Towler's group

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Children stay in church.

Refreshments after Mass

Peggie & Co.

Red Mission Boxes

Please note, Anne Duxbury & Audrey Armour will be collecting the boxes after Sunday Masses in January. Please remember to bring them to church with you.

Parish 200 Club

If anyone is paying by cheque for their membership, please make it payable to St. Mary's Church, as that is the only bank account that the parish uses. The bank will not accept any other account name. Many thanks. **By the way, there are spaces for more members of the 200 Club** so, if you are interested in helping the parish in this way, please speak to Anne or Steve Towler.