

Diary

The great fifty-day Feast of Easter continues!

Sunday, 26th April: "Today, we celebrate **Good Shepherd Sunday** and all the faithful are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd is to come close to the heart of God. There is nothing more fulfilling than a life lived close to the heart of God. If you feel called to the priesthood, then why not join us on our next **discovery weekend, 8th – 10th May** - see the poster for details or speak to your parish priest or contact one of the vocations team."

Cake Sale after Masses today – make sure you bring your purses/wallets, as there will be good things to buy!! Monies raised will go towards parish funds.

First Holy Communion Preparation Sessions begin today after 10.30 a.m. Mass.

Wednesday, 29th April: **Deanery Mass for Eastertide at St. Wulstan's, 7 p.m.** Please make every effort to attend. So far, at the two Masses there have been, attendance by parishioners from St. Mary's has been disappointing.

Friday, 8th to Sunday, 10th May: **Discover your vocation** – a weekend of discovery at Our Lady & St. Joseph's, Carlisle. This weekend is for males, 16+, who are interested in discovering their vocation in the Church. For more information, contact one of the vocations team: Father Darren on 01772 719604, priest@lancastervocations.org or Father John on 01228 521509.

Encounter – a weekend with the Cor et Lumen Christi Community at the Old Convent, Wigton: "What would happen if we really gave ourselves to God's presence with deep expectation? How often do we make space to encounter him?" For more information or to register contact the Community at stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org.uk or on 016973 45623 or at www.coretlumenchristi.org.uk

Wednesday, 22nd July: "Celebrating an Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan - We are hoping to run a coach trip to Gawsworth Hall near Macclesfield – it all depends on numbers and the interest shown. The concert is outdoors and is set in beautiful grounds by the lake side. A small buffet will be provided and people are invited to bring their own wine and a garden chair. The all-inclusive cost of the trip will be around £35, depending on numbers. There will be a list at the back of church after Masses on Sundays for those interested to sign up." The Parish Pastoral Council

Evening Prayer of the Church

will be celebrated here at **4 p.m.** on **all** the Sundays of Eastertide, beginning on the Second Sunday of Easter, and will include Adoration of the Holy Eucharist & Benediction.



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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Parish Priest: **Fr. Michael Murphy**

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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.**

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

26th April, 2015

Father Michael and Deacon Bill
wish you all the continued blessings
of this joyful Eastertide!

Easter Flowers

The floral decorations in our church are always beautiful – thanks to the team of arrangers. **Easter, the greatest feast in the Church's year which lasts for fifty days!**, should see our church decked out in its finest and so contributions towards the flowers for this lengthy feast will be gratefully received. Please give them to Michael or Bill or put them in the slot at the back of church. Also, **the Easter garden** needs to be kept fresh and so any contributions would be most welcome for that. They can be brought to the presbytery. Thank you.

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Liturgies for the coming week: 26th. April – 3rd. May

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER	8.30 a.m.	Norah Rathbone <i>R.I.P.</i> (B. & A.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction
Monday of fourth week of Easter (27th)	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday of fourth week of Easter (28th)	7 p.m.	Teresa & Stanley Duxbury <i>R.I.P.</i> (A.D.)
Wednesday ST. CATHERINE of SIENA (29th)	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Joan Rayworth <i>R.I.P.</i> (L.C.M.) Deanery Mass for Eastertide at St. Wulstan's, Fleetwood
Thursday of fourth week of Easter (30th)	10 a.m.	Patrick McGinley <i>Anniversary</i> (D. & K.)
Friday of fourth week of Easter (31st)	10 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.B.)
	12 noon	Funeral of Dennis Hawes
Saturday St. Athanasius (2nd)	10 a.m.	Tom Armour <i>Anniversary</i> (A.A.)
FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER	8.30 a.m.	Anthony Peter Flanagan <i>R.I.P.</i> (T.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially Peggie Ball, Pastor Steve Bond, Fred Chew, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Laura & Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Michael O'Sullivan, Andrew Pearson, Ebony Pearson, Joe Scott, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, Winifred White;

» **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Thomas Ball, Hilda Brookes, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Gerry & Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Catherine (Reenie) Sharp, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;



» **those who have died recently**, David Gough, Dennis Hawes, Jeffrey Holden, Lena Livesey (*a friend of Michael's*), Jack Rushworth; also for **those whose anniversaries are in the coming week**: Thomas Armour, Kathleen Clarkson, Stephen Davies, David Fitzmaurice, James Greer, Elizabeth Myerscough, Angela Owens, Jean Rimmer, Elizabeth Mary Sharman, Patricia Slinn, John Wilson.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring these to church on Sundays in April for counting. Thank you.

PLEASE take this newsletter home with you as a useful reference! There are changes to the normal liturgies to take note of!

**Next Sunday's Gospel
for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (10th. May)**

John 15 : 1-8 The True Vine

A vine is an extraordinary plant. It can grow to a huge size, spreading over a wide area, a whole garden wall or trelliswork, from one single root and producing a rich sap which yields grapes at the end of countless little branches. And then there is the business of pruning: cut it back thoroughly on all its many shoots and tendrils, and it seems only more determined to grow thick and strong. So the vine was the symbol of Israel, drawing from the Lord a sap which penetrated to all its shoots and lovingly pruned by the gardener in a way which best encouraged its growth. The image was taken over by Jesus for his own community, the new Israel. Pairing with last week's picture of the good shepherd, it is one of the greatest of Jesus' images. It perfectly sums up the two emphases of this Sunday's other two readings. The only source of fruitful energy for the Christian is union with and dependence on the life flowing from Christ. Without that, the branches wither and die; a trimming cut off from a vine no longer has any chance of life. The vine itself, at pruning season looks stark, rough and suffering. It is in fact bursting with new life.

What bits of your life need to be pruned away now? What more can you do to express the flow of Christ's life within you?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 12th. April

106	Steve Dale	£50
51	Barbara Lynch	£15

for 19th. April

223	Joan Watthey	£50
2	Steve Towler	£15

for 19th. April

Mass Attendance: 205 (78, 127)
 Offertory: £494.83
 Candles: £115.28
 Books & Papers: £7.67
 Flowers: £10.25
 World Needy: £57.14

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Week beginning 3rd. May

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Refreshments after Mass

No information available at the time of going to press.

Castlerigg Manor

Vacancy for a Retreat Leader from July, 2015. For more details and an application pack, contact Ruth Corless at Castlerigg Manor, Manor Brow, Keswick, CA12 4AR, or telephone 017687 72711. Closing date, 1st. May.

15 to 17 year olds: Is God calling you?

Have you ever wondered what God's plan is for you? Have you ever thought that God may be calling you to serve his people as a priest? If your answer is "yes" to one or both of these questions, then why not contact the Vocations Team and begin to discover what God's plan is for you? Contact Father Darren Carden: priest@lancastervocations.org or telephone 01772 719604.