

Easter Offerings

Please note : First collections at the Easter Vigil & Masses on Easter Sunday, in this diocese, for a major part of priests' annual salaries. Thank you for your support.

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 last 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.

Diary

The great fifty-day Feast of Easter begins today!

Friday, 8th to Sunday, 10th May: Discover your vocation – Come and join us for 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

Newsletter by e-mail

If you would like to receive our parish newsletter by e-mail – usually on a Thursday evening – please e-mail the parish office at parish@stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk and you can be added to the list. A number of parishioners already do this and it saves on printing costs.

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.



PLEASE take this newsletter home with you as a useful reference! This is especially important as this newsletter covers two weeks!



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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.**

EASTER SUNDAY

5th April, 2015



Father Michael and Deacon Bill

wish you all

a very happy & holy Easter

& every blessing for a joyful

Eastertide

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Liturgies for the next two weeks: 5th – 19th April

EASTER SUNDAY	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Francis Gerard Nelson <i>R.I.P.</i> (K.V.N.)
EASTER MONDAY (6 th)	10 a.m.	John Smith <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.S.)
EASTER TUESDAY (7 th)	7 p.m.	Bernard & Kathleen Hearty <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.J.M.)
EASTER WEDNESDAY (8 th)	10 a.m.	Dennis Halloran <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.H.)
EASTER THURSDAY (9 th)	10 a.m.	Lisa Loughney <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.J.M.)
	11 a.m.	Funeral Liturgy for Susan Bird
EASTER FRIDAY (10 th)	10 a.m.	Beryl Skitterall <i>Anniversary</i> (A.S.)
EASTER SATURDAY (11 th)	10 a.m.	Father John Cribben <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.J.M.)
SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER	8.30 a.m.	Denis Lupton <i>R.I.P.</i> (A.L.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction
Monday of second week of Easter (13 th)	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday of second week of Easter (14 th)	7 p.m.	Dennis Halloran <i>R.I.P.</i> (L.C.M.)
Wednesday of second week of Easter (15 th)	10 a.m.	Joan Rayworth <i>R.I.P.</i> (A. & M.)
Thursday of second week of Easter (16 th)	10 a.m.	Angela Skinner <i>sick</i> (B.R.)
Friday of second week of Easter (17 th)	10 a.m.	Derrick Peter Sharpe <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.S.)
Saturday of second week of Easter (18 th)	10 a.m.	Rick Taylor <i>R.I.P.</i> (K.T.)
THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Marjorie Morgan (T. & A.M.)
	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, Geoffrey Holden (*a friend of Kathy's*), 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, Sheila Mullen, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Catherine (Reenie) Sharp, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;

» **those who have died recently**, Susan Bird, Father John Cunningham, Joan Hawksworth, Raymond Melville.



**Next Sunday's Gospel
for the Second Sunday of Easter (12th April)**

John 20 : 19-31 Jesus in the Upper Room

Two aspects of this meeting of the disciples with Jesus are especially striking. This is the last scene of the gospel of John, for chapter 21 is an appendix added later. At the end of this gospel, before the concluding reflection, Thomas gives the only direct acclamation in the New Testament of Jesus as God. Nowhere else is Jesus directly hailed as 'God', though there are other ways in which readers come to recognise Jesus as God. So, in a way, this acclamation of the Risen Christ is the climax of the New Testament. Secondly, it is striking that Jesus' final blessing is of peace and forgiveness. The mission of all Christians is to bring peace and forgiveness to a troubled world. Throughout the Bible, God is a God of forgiveness. The Old Testament consists of a series of covenants of forgiveness each, in turn, broken by God's chosen people: the covenant with Noah after the Flood, the covenant with Abraham, the covenant with Moses after the worship of the Golden Calf and finally, the new covenant promised by Jeremiah when unfaithful Israel is exiled to Babylon. Christianity is not for the perfect but for sinners. Forgiven sinners must bring forgiveness to all those around them.

How can you bring Jesus' blessing of peace and forgiveness to the world around you?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 29th March

89 Arthur & Marina Smith £100

for 22nd March

Mass Attendance: 186 (76, 110)

Offertory: £417.69

for 29th March

Mass Attendance: 165 (55, 110)

Offertory: £479.47

Candles: £258.45

Books & Papers: £20

St. Anthony: £8.84

Flowers: £32.41

World Needy: £119.22

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Week beginning 12th April

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Refreshments after Mass

Kath & Maureen`

Red Mission Boxes

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

Thank you.

Also for **those whose anniversaries are in these coming two weeks**: David G. Bamber, Greta Blane, Gerald Byrne, Sheila Bywater, Angela Carr, Frances Collinson, Jane Godfrey, Margaret C. Greer, Celia Hayward, Joseph Ignatius Kennedy, Terence McCann, Michael McDaid, Patrick McGinley, Andy Mitchell, Patrick Peter O'Neill, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Mary Preston, John Scott, Eunice Singleton, Beryl Skitterall, Mary Skitterall, Doris Stamps, Mary Tomlinson, Ronald Tomlinson, Tom Twiggs, Doreen Walmsley, Trevor Wilson.