

Diary

Friday 11th March – "SHARING OUR FAITH" : A small group meets every Friday at 4.00p.m. in the Presbytery to discuss various aspects of our faith. Members of the parish, as well as people who are interested in becoming Catholics, are ALL WELCOME.

FLEETWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN LUNCHES. Poster with all Lenten Lunch venues on display in the porch. £197.45 was raised at St. Peter's, many thanks to those who came.

Named envelopes at the back of church are for Eucharistic Ministers and Children's Liturgists. They are for reference only, please collect. Thank you, Sheila and Anne.

Boarbank Hall, 11th-13th March – Time to Reflect – "Furness and the Cistercians" 19th March – 2nd April – Holy Week and Easter Week. Book early **015395 32288**

Marriage Care - Do you believe in supporting marriage?

www.marriagecare.org.uk

Day of Recollection on the Eucharist and the Jubilee of Mercy.

with Fr. Raphael S.S.S. Blessed Sacrament Father Saturday March 12th at St. John Vianney's Parish Centre, Blackpool. 10a.m. Mass at noon. Bring packed lunch, drinks provided. Tel: 01253 692562

Thursday 12.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by soup & a roll

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 28th February 2016

No. 184 Sue Tipping £150

No.223 Joan Watthey £75

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **192**

8:30 – 60

10:30 – 132

Offertory: £440.95

Candles: £116.86

Books/Papers: £18.04

St. Anthony:

Flowers:

World Needy: £72.35

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Week beginning 13th March

Church Cleaning

*Children's Liturgy
No group*

Refreshments after Mass

Kath & Maureen

Welcome families and friends to St Mary's. Join us in the Millennium Room for refreshment and community social time after 10.30am 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.**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

6th March 2016

God of compassion, you await the sinner's return and spread a feast to welcome home the lost.

Save us from the temptations that lead away from you, and draw us back by the constancy of your love, that we may take our place in your household and gladly share our inheritance with others.

Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

SUNDAY 6th March Fourth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	Mary & Leo Heap (J.& W. B.)
	10.30 a.m. 4pm	People of the Parish Evening Prayer & Benediction
MONDAY 7th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 8th March	7.00 p.m.	Frank Hobday (M.J.M.)
WEDNESDAY 9th	10.00 a.m.	Jimmy Dunlop (B.D.)
THURSDAY 10th	10.00 a.m. 12.30pm	Rose & Joe Murphy (M.J.M.) Stations of the Cross Led by Year 6 pupils
FRIDAY 11th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
SATURDAY 12th	10.00 a.m.	Frank Hobday (P.& R.L.)
NEXT SUNDAY 13th March Fifth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	Margo Gibbs (nee Rogers) (J.R.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers



»**all the sick**, especially Pastor Steve Bond, Elsie Clapp, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Peter Fogg, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, Mary Holden, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Trevor Sandford, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Marie Slater, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, Winifred White, Baby Zephen (Mumbai). »**the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Peggie Ball, Thomas Ball, Bessie Burns, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P.Warwick. >>**those who have died recently**: John Byrne,

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Robert Gillingham, Eric Withey, Mary Myerscough, Thomas Worthington, Billy Allen, Hilary Fox, Mary Winkley, Thomas George Rooney, Fr. John Armour, Bob Garrett, Thomas Bamber, Bertha Drury, Joseph Stamp, Steven Nolan, Thomas Byrne

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 13th March 2016 Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Luke 15: 1-3. 11-32 The Prodigal Son

Why this reading from John in the middle of the Year of Luke? All the other gospels during this Lenten season have been from Luke. The answer is that it is an independent, floating story which does not even fit into the Gospel of John. In early manuscripts of the gospels this story moves around and is found in various places before it becomes anchored as an example of Jesus' teachings just after he says, 'Our Law does not allow us to pass judgement on anyone without first giving them a hearing' (John 7:51). It is appropriate for this Year of Luke because the tone of the story and the theme of welcome for the repentant sinner are both thoroughly Lukan, a theme which is constantly stressed in Luke's Gospel (for example, in the Parable of the Prodigal Son). What did Jesus write on the ground, or was it that he was just doodling to allow the accusers time to reflect on their self-righteousness? The latter is certainly one of the main concerns of St Luke's Gospel, where it is made clear that you cannot be a follower of Christ without first admitting your sinfulness: when Peter meets Jesus, he tells Jesus to go away, because he (Peter) is a sinner; Zacchaeus recognises that he is a sinner and promises to make multiple restitution for his embezzlements; the woman at the supper weeps for her sins at Jesus' feet.

Why do you think Jesus wrote on the ground? Do I find myself judging others too quickly and too often?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

SATURDAY 19th March – CONFIRMATION PREPARATION in "The Green Hut" at St. Wulstan's from 11.30a.m. – 12.30 p.m. All candidates must try to be present. Thank you.

Lenten Ecumenical Study Groups for 5 weeks – THE PSALMS - Prayers for Today's Church in St. Wulstan's Green Room on Tuesday 8th March at 12 noon and in the Millennium Room at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 9th March at 7:30p.m. Info: 876176

FLOWER ARRANGERS – HELP IS NEEDED ON A FORTNIGHTLY BASIS. We have an eager new recruit, more are welcome. You do not need to be an expert, just an enthusiast. Please speak with Fr. Michael or Bill.

Many thanks for recent donations: a bequest of £1,000 to the parish was received from the estate of Ray Melville; £1,000 was donated anonymously for the Church building Fund; £33.20 was left in baskets at the back of church after the funeral of Suzanne Harris; £50 was given in memory of Nellie Wilson and a further £45 was donated to the recent Survive – M.I.V.A. appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

Easter Flowers –Any donations towards the to decorate the church for Easter flowers will be gratefully received. Donations can be given to Fr, Michael or Deacon Bill. Many thanks