

Diary

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday **1st September** at 7p.m.

2nd -4th September This is St. Mary's weekend for 'Quarant Ore' 40 hours of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to donate an offering for flowers for the altar please give it to Bill.

Arrangements for next year's **150th Celebrations** are well underway (see leaflets at the back of church). If you gave a photograph to Barbara Lynch for next year's calendar, please contact her on 07545429894 and she will return it.

The annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator will be on Sunday 11th September. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Michael Campbell. Tea consisting of ham salad, homemade cake, tea or coffee will be served in the Civic Hall at Cleator Moor at a cost of £8.50 per head. Poster in the porch.



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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.**

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th August 2016

God and judge of all, you show us that the way to your kingdom is through humility and service.

Keep us true to the path of justice and give us the reward promised to those who make a place for the rejected and the poor.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 21st August 2016

No.98 Irene Davies £ 50
No. 110 Matthew Cowell £15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance:

8:30 – 58

10:30 – 95

Offertory: £525.83

Candles: £148.91

Books/Papers: £12.84

St. Anthony: £15.97

Building Fund: £-

World Needy: £21.03

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Week beginning 4th September

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

No group

Refreshments after Mass

Doreen & Kathleen

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

Sunday 28th August 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	Peter Edwards (JE)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
MONDAY 29th The Passion of St. John the Baptist	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 30th	7.00 p.m.	Sean Tomlinson (HS)
WEDNESDAY 31st	10.00 a.m.	Bernadette Wright (J&SD)
THURSDAY 1st September	10.00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (B&JG)
FRIDAY 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Richard Hearty (MH)
SATURDAY 3rd St. Gregory the Great	10.00 a.m.	Kingsman David Shaw (MM)
Next Sunday 4th Sep. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	Barbara Brown (J&AM)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers



»**all the sick**, especially: Elsie Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Laura Finley, Peter Fogg, Marion Gerrard, Joseph Higgins, Mary Holden, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Maria Romanowska, Trevor Sandford, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Marie Slater, Mark Surelock, Winifred White,

»**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**: Audrey Cross, Pastor Steve Bond

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Celia Houten, Irena Ward, Jack Hearty, Frank Hill, Agnes Stott, Thomas Rayner, John Cross, Isobel "Cissie" Bidle, Catherine Brown,

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 4th Sept. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Luke 14: 25-33 The Cost of Discipleship

Reflect **After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.**

*Jesus does not pull his punches, and here delivers a series of devastating body-blows to anyone who is looking for easy discipleship. All through this journey which culminates in Jesus' own death at Jerusalem the cost of discipleship has been a recurrent theme: 'Let the dead bury their dead' (13th Sunday), the Parable of the Rich Fool (18th Sunday), 'From one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded' (19th Sunday), 'Father against son, son against father' (20th Sunday), and now 'Hate father and mother' and 'Give up all your possessions'. A certain amount of the vigour of these demands may be attributed to a Semitic (Hebrew/Aramaic) mode of expression (they would often use superlatives and rarely use comparatives), but there is no doubt about the absolute demands made on the disciple. When Jesus made these demands he knew what lay ahead of him, and was only asking his disciples to follow his own course. We must count the cost before beginning to build the tower. Most of us have, of course, already started to build the tower by responding to Jesus' call. There is no turning back from the plough (13th Sunday); only pray for a courage and loyalty which exceed our own powers. **Why does Jesus use such fierce language? What is the hardest thing about trying to be a disciple of Christ?***

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Did you know we are on Facebook? St. Mary's Church Fleetwood

Some videos of the Folk Group and the interior of the church. Thank you, Matthew Calendars and Mugs celebrating St. Mary's 150th Anniversary are on sale after Masses. Calendars £5, Mugs £4

There are new lists available at the back of church **for Eucharistic Ministers Raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair** are now on sale each weekend. Please take some to sell to family and friends.

Quarant Ore is a special time for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which will be exposed after Mass on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Can you please ensure that the church is not left empty during the day and if you can spare 15 minutes for a visit please put your name on the list at the back of church.