

Diary

Friday, 15th August: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patronal feast and a holy day of obligation – there will be a feast day celebration of Mass at 7 p.m. followed by a social gathering in the millennium room. Please come to honour Mary, our patron, on this, her greatest feast.

Friday, 12th to Sunday 14th September: "Brave of Heart" – a weekend journey for men at the Old Convent, Wigton, with life changing talks, praise, worship and fellowship, Mass and the opportunity for Reconciliation (*donation only after £5 registration fee*) – for more details, visit www.coretlumenchristi.org or telephone 016973 45623 or e-mail stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

This on-line course is not just for Catholic teachers. Participants following the course include parish catechists, school governors, university students and any student who wants formal accreditation of their studies in the Catholic Faith. Starting with an introductory module (*which goes on-line from 15th September*), the course modules cover the following subjects: the Old Testament, the New Testament, Jesus Christ, the Church, the Sacraments, Christian morality, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Christian identity in contemporary society. The students will be led by Christine Smith, an experienced tutor. Two information leaflets and application forms are available at the back of church or take a look at Lancaster Diocese On-line Learning currently at <http://vle.dles.lancsngfl.ac.uk>

The Sacrament of Confirmation

We would like to invite Bishop Michael to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's next year, 2015, preferably during Eastertide. As you probably know, the Bishop will only come to celebrate Confirmation in an individual parish if there are twelve candidates or more. Would anyone who is of secondary school age or over and would like to be confirmed, please hand your details to Bill or Michael. We need to know your name and contact details as well as some details about the place of your Baptism and the approximate date. So far, we have four applicants.

World Youth Day in Krakow, July 2016

Fifty places are available for young people from this Diocese. The age range is 16 to 23 years. The all-inclusive cost is £750 for the week as well as preparation weekends. Join millions of young people from around the world for the event of a life-time! For more information, visit www.castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.worldyouthday.com/krakow-2016
For parents: "The best thing I did in eighteen years of bringing up my son was to buy him a ticket for World Youth Day."

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.



St. Mary's, Fleetwood

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Parish Priest: **Fr. Michael Murphy**

Deacon: **Rev. Bill Wright**

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 & Holy Communion

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

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd August, 2014

New Parish E-mail Address

Please note that the parish now has a new e-mail address which you can begin using straight away. Eventually, the old one will be dispensed with. The new address is parish@stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk. Soon, we will have a new website up and running – more details later. If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail – saving on our printing costs – please e-mail the new address with your name, address and contact telephone number and we will begin sending you the newsletter straight away.

Holiday at the Villa Palazzola, 6th to 13th June, 2016

I have booked to take a group out to the Villa Palazzola, a little to the south of Rome in the Alban Hills, in 2016 for a holiday. The setting is beautiful and relaxing and there are opportunities to explore the local area as well as to go down into Rome for a day. I am giving parishioners of St. Mary's the first opportunity to book their places for a returnable deposit of £50. Please pick up the leaflet at the back of church to find out more and to book your place.

Father Michael

A Church for Children Too

Simon Stewart, a lay chaplain at St. Mary's College in Blackpool and an experienced adult education worker, will give a **two-part series** for people involved in the Celebration of the Word with Children. It will take place here, in St. Mary's, on **Wednesdays, 17th and 24th September**. Please put the dates in your diary!

Liturgies for the week 3rd – 10th August, 2014

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish Patrick McQuade <i>Latelty dead</i> (T. & M.P.)
Monday (4 th) St. John Vianney	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word & H.C.
Tuesday (5 th) of week 18	7 p.m.	Joe McCann <i>R.I.P.</i> (B.M.)
Wednesday (6 th) The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD	7 p.m.	Deanery Mass at St. John Southworth - therefore, there will be no 10 a.m. Mass here
Thursday (7 th) St. Edmund Arrowsmith, St. Ambrose Barlow & Companions, Lancaster Martyrs	10 a.m.	Brian Eardley <i>R.I.P.</i> (C.E.)
Friday (8 th) St. Dominic	10 a.m.	Paul Brackell <i>Latelty dead</i> (M.S.)
Saturday (9 th) ST. TERESA BENEDEICTA of the Cross	10 a.m.	Kathryn Morris <i>Latelty dead</i> (I.C.M.)
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Shaun McCann <i>Anniversary</i> (B.M.) The People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially Althea Armour, Pastor Steve Bond, Deborah Carr (*Maureen McGarvey's daughter*), Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Laura Finley, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Alison Lyon, Michael O'Sullivan (*son of a friend of Michael's*), Dave Parker, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Abraham Victory, Winifred White, and baby Cillian Patrick Wilson;

» **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Thomas Ball, Hilda Brookes, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Dennis Halloran, 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, **Joanne Baker, Joan Boylan, Paul Brackell, Father John Hawkins, Father Joe Hothersall, Keith Kitchen, Patrick McQuade, Elizabeth Marie Quirke, Sally Penton, John Barry Phelps, Cornelius Revere, Cliff Wilkinson**, and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Tom Byrne, Pauline Gerrity, Gerard J. Kennedy, Patrick Leonard, Mary Josephine Powell, Kathleen Richardson, Francis Rogerson, Sarah Wilkinson.

Celebration of the Word with Children

This is the more accurate term for what is often called "Children's Liturgy". Whatever you call it, this is a very important and valued part of our Sunday worship. It provides the opportunity for the children at Sunday Mass to reflect on the Sunday scripture readings and to pray at a level appropriate to them. At a brief meeting, earlier this year, with the present team of people involved in this important ministry, I was asked to appeal for more volunteers to help with it. Most of the people involved have been doing it for a long time. Some are no longer able to do it and gaps are appearing when it is not

possible to celebrate it. **Please think about becoming involved.** You will not be left on your own but will work with others who are experienced.

Read next Sunday's Gospel for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (10th August)

Matthew 14 : 22-33 Jesus & Peter on the water

The Christian people are often depicted as a boat, with Peter at the helm. As in a boat, everyone has their part to play: kids to bring the excitement and the challenge, parents to take the responsibility, grandparents just to be there to comfort and reassure. Without Jesus, the disciples were getting exhausted, frustrated and probably bad-tempered and quarrelling. When Jesus appears everything changes: first, terror and awed amazement, then Peter rushes to meet him – and loses confidence, only to be swiftly rescued. How does Jesus come to me? In the joys of family? In the unwelcome criticism of an angry neighbour who tells me the truth about myself? In the worries of a job or the agonies of a failed relationship? In the staggering beauty of creation? In physical pain? In all these situations, we may discover God's presence and without that presence we cannot expect to cope. Jesus does not force himself upon us. He just jogs us, and says, 'Here I am if you want me.' He may disappear into the sea-mist again for a time and we may sink into the water like mistrustful Peter. But it all ends with a welcome and a recognition that Jesus can help, even in a life-threatening situation.

Why is Peter such a good role-model for us?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 27th July

57 Jill Drake £100

Sunday, 20th July

Mass Attendance: 134 (76, 58)

Offertory: £398.91

Sunday, 27th July

Mass Attendance: 187 (79, 108)

Offertory: £549.33

Day for Life: £72

Church Building Fund: £22.49

Sally Penton's Funeral: £23.73

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Week beginning 10th August

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Refreshments after Mass

No information available at the time of going to press.

Socks!

The clients at the soup kitchen in Lytham Road, Blackpool, would be glad to have your surplus socks if you would like to donate them. Also, anyone willing to join the teams of helpers would be very welcome. Please ring 875503.