

## Diary

**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup>. August:** S.P.U.C meeting at 6 p.m. at Emmanuel Church, Lofthouse Way. The guest speaker will be Peter Smith who works full-time for S.P.U.C.

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup>. to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org) or telephone 016973 45623 or e-mail [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org)

### Red Mission Boxes

Did you know that you can claim Gift Aid on your donations? There are forms at the back of church which give full details of the scheme. You can get in touch with Peggie Ball on 875549 or Audrey Armour on 875503.

### The Gaza Crisis – from Cafod

Please help to stop the violence in Gaza and provide aid to families who are in great need. Write to the Foreign Secretary, The Right Honourable Philip Hammond, asking him to show stronger support for a comprehensive and permanent ceasefire, to help secure humanitarian access to the people who are suffering and to work with other Governments to find a long-term solution to the Israeli – Palestinian conflict. The address is The Foreign & Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH or simply **sign the Cafod petition** on the table at the back of church. "We have to continue tirelessly to pray for peace but prayers alone are not enough. There must also be a serious effort to reach a peace accord." Bishop William Shomali, Auxiliary Bishop of Jerusalem. **All monies in the World Needy box, from now until the end of September, will go to Cafod for the relief of suffering in Gaza.**

### Parish Property

Last summer, Father Joseph commissioned a survey of the parish property. This was restricted to the church building itself so it did not include the presbytery or the parish grounds. I received the report in late autumn. Its findings can be summarised as follows.

Repairs "of the utmost priority" are estimated to cost £37,500. Other repairs which are "important and should be addressed within eighteen months" are estimated to cost £30,960. The total repair costs over five years are estimated at £100,000 inclusive of V.A.T. and fees.

At this point, I have not taken the matter any further but we do need to start thinking seriously about this before too long. It is not something I am qualified to do on my own. Please think about volunteering your help and advice, especially if you have a particular expertise. Thank you. *Father Michael*

**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**

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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 & Holy Communion

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

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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, 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 book your place or go to the website: [www.palazzola.it](http://www.palazzola.it) to find out more about this beautiful 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, 17<sup>th</sup>. and 24<sup>th</sup>. September**. Please put the dates in your diary! Attending these meetings does **not** commit you to undertaking this ministry!

## Liturgies for the week 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. August, 2014

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish Joan Boylan <i>R.I.P.</i> (D. & K.)
Monday (25 <sup>th</sup> ) of week 21	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday (26 <sup>th</sup> ) of week 21	7 p.m.	Jim McCann <i>R.I.P.</i> (B.M.)
Wednesday (27 <sup>th</sup> ) <b>St. Monica</b>	10 a.m.	Eileen Hearty <i>R.I.P.</i> (A.N.)
Thursday (28 <sup>th</sup> ) <b>St. Augustine</b>	10 a.m.	Ann Finley <i>R.I.P.</i> (H.S.)
Friday (29 <sup>th</sup> ) <b>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</b>	10 a.m.	Dot Cropper <i>Lately dead</i> (M.S.)
Saturday (30 <sup>th</sup> ) of week 21	10 a.m.	Michael John Hearty <i>Anniversary</i> (K.H.)
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish Eileen Cheetham <i>R.I.P.</i> (A.A.)

### 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, Dave Parker, Andrew Pearson, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Abraham Victory, Winifred White;

» **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 John Joseph Dicks, and those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Celia Houten, Joseph McGarvey, Geoff Tonge, Knud Veje, Irena Ward.

### 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. As stated elsewhere in this newsletter, in September, Simon Stewart is giving a two-part series here on this subject. This is a golden opportunity to find out more without committing yourself!

## Read next Sunday's Gospel for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (31<sup>st</sup>. August)

### Matthew 16 : 21-27 the Cross of Jesus

What a turn-around! Last Sunday, Peter was being congratulated on, at last, realising that Jesus was the Christ. He was promised the keys and authority to make decisions valid in heaven. Now, Jesus shoos him away and tells him that he is Satan, the Tempter. Why the change? Jesus had told Peter that his role as Christ Messiah was to suffer and die in order to achieve his purpose and Peter shied away from it. What is that particular soft option which you find it so easy to take? What is the difficult task Christ is asking of you and you are avoiding? We are no better than his first disciples! It happens twice more in the gospel that Jesus foretells his passion and, each time, the disciples simply fail to understand. Each time, Jesus puts it bluntly that you cannot be a Christian without following Jesus in carrying a Cross. We see people suffering the whole time, physical disabilities, breakdown of relationships, heartless treatment from others, financial worries – and then we grouse at a twinge of pain or a hurtful word. Carry the Cross behind Jesus? Yes, of course I will, but if you don't mind, I'll just take that section which is well padded and fits my shoulder nicely. No point in unnecessary splinters in my neck!

**What is the heaviest Cross in your life? How can you share it with Jesus?**

### ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 17<sup>th</sup>. August

23 Karen Dallas £50  
13 Sue & Tony Galvin £15

### Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>. August

Mass Attendance: 158 (86, 72)  
Offertory: £531.76  
Candles: £328.46  
Church Building Fund: £114.19  
Books & Papers: £18.99  
St. Anthony: £139.07  
Flowers: £15.40  
World Needy: £124.75

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*Week beginning 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.