



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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th. July, 2014

Tram Sunday

The local press have hailed this year's "Tram Sunday" as the most successful ever, estimating that 70,000 people poured into Fleetwood for the event. Trying to squeeze my way down Lord Street, it certainly felt like that ! It was also a great success for St. Mary's and a thoroughly enjoyable day all round! Well done!

A vote of thanks must start with Jim who spent days cutting the hedges, mowing the lawns and tending the flower beds. The grounds looked at their best. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who provided bread, butter, the fillings for sandwiches and/or baked or provided cakes. They all looked (*and tasted!*) delicious! Thanks to those who provided milk, sugar, tea and coffee. Thanks to Bill for ensuring we had all the plates, cups, napkins, cling film, etc. that we needed. Thanks to the dedicated and highly organised team who spent all day preparing and serving food and drink. Thanks also to Andrew, Peter and all our willing volunteers from the Nautical College who arranged the tables and chairs, as well as to Andy for providing transport and to Mencap for the loan of them. Thanks to Anne Towler for washing and ironing the table cloths and drying cloths.

Several of our guests told me that they always come to St. Mary's on Tram Sunday for lovely food at a very reasonable cost and a warm welcome! Well done everyone!

Thanks to Tony and Bill for providing the book and card stalls and to Colin for supervising at back of Church and gratefully accepting donations for the use of the toilet.

We took £1,425 on the day with £100 to be deducted for the float. Thank you to Judith and her team for counting it!

Father Michael

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Liturgies for the week 27th. July – 3rd. August, 2014

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Joan Casey <i>sick</i> (A.A.)
Monday (28 th) of week 17	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word & H.C.
Tuesday (29 th) St. Martha	7 p.m.	Brian Eardley (C.E.)
Wednesday (30 th) of week 17	10 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow <i>Anniversary</i> (J.B.)
Thursday (31 st) St. Ignatius of Loyola	10 a.m.	Joan Boylan <i>Lately dead</i> (M.H.)
Friday (1 st) St. Alphonsus	10 a.m.	Eileen Hearty <i>R.I.P.</i> (J. & B.)
Saturday (2 nd) of week 17	10 a.m.	Rick Taylor <i>R.I.P.</i> (L.O'H.)
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Patrick McQuade <i>Lately dead</i> (T. & M.P.)

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 (*a friend of Michael's*), 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, Sally Penton, John Barry Phelps, Cliff Wilkinson**, and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Helen Andrew, Alice Avery, Mary Ann Casey, Norah Clarkson, Barbara Davies, Shaun Dutton, Bernard Hearty, David Loughnan, May Martin, Monica Muscroft, Janet O'Connor, Catherine Smalley, Anne Steadman, Ron Templeton, John Wilson.

Catholic Singles

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single, adult Catholics of all ages to meet, either one to one or through social events. Please telephone 0161 941 3498, visit the website at www.catholicsingles.org.uk or e-mail infor@catholicsingles.org.uk for more information.

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!

Read next Sunday's Gospel for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (3rd. August)

Matthew 14 : 13-21 A Family Day Out with Jesus

Every mother knows the disaster-situation of the family day out when the shops turn out to be closed and the emergency supplies have been left at home. This lot have been following Jesus three days on the trot and there must have been nothing left at all to eat. Jesus turns the disaster into a party for that huge crowd of people. Left to our own resources, we are helpless but Jesus can deal with that. How many were there? We don't know, for the numbers are symbolic. In the Bible, 'twelve' alerts us to the tribes of Israel. So the twelve baskets of scraps show that the crowd is the twelve tribes of Jesus' new Israel. The way Jesus takes the bread and says the blessing must remind any Christian of the Eucharist. So this gigantic field-party was a sort of Eucharist: Jesus at the centre of his people, entertaining them and cheering them. It probably wasn't very orderly. There would have been children enjoying the food and then running around and tripping up themselves and others. An African Mass is often like that, with lots of singing and dancing and celebration. That is why the Sunday Mass is so important: meet your friends and celebrate Christ together!

What does this Gospel teach us about the Eucharist?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 20th. July

71 Duncan Lofthouse £100
164 Peter Connor £15

LAST SUNDAY

No figures available for publication.

Tram Sunday raised £1,325 for parish funds. Thank you to all who helped in raising this fantastic total!

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Week beginning 3rd. August

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Refreshments after Mass

Kath & Maureen

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.

Diary

Sunday, 27th. July: Day for Life – the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life – will, this year, call upon young people, in particular, to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. For more information, visit www.dayforlife.org There will be an obligatory second collection today the proceeds of which will go to the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

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 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.

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."

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.

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.