

Diary

Sunday, 30th November: **First Sunday of Advent** – today, there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund.

Wednesday, 3rd December: **St. Mary's School Christmas Market** begins at 6 p.m. (*more Christmas shopping!!*) – stalls are just £5 (*contact the school on 878445 if you're interested*), otherwise, just come along and enjoy the market and pick up a few more Christmas presents!

Deanery Advent Service led by Cardinal Allen High School at Sacred Heart church, Thornton at 7 p.m. You are warmly invited to join the Deanery community and the staff and students of Cardinal Allen to mark the beginning of Advent in this special way.

Tuesday, 9th December: **St. Mary's School Key Stage One Nativity Play** – there are two performances at 2 & 6 p.m.

Deanery Advent Talk – Reflections on the Themes of Advent, given by Martin Bennett at 7 p.m. at English Martyrs' Parish Hall, High Cross, Poulton. All a welcome!

Sunday, 14th December: **Blackpool Male Voice Choir** - **sadly**, we have had to postpone this concert until the spring/summer.

Thursday, 18th to Saturday, 20th December: **Christmas Tree Festival at Trinity Methodist Church** – the festival is open from 2-8 p.m. on Thursday, 2-5 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is £1 for adults and 50p for children. Refreshments are available. For more details, see the poster at the back of church.

9th to 16th May, 2015: **A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje led by Sister Philomena Dunning**. The cost of the pilgrimage is £439 on a half-board basis and sharing a room. For more details, refer to the poster in the church porch.

Parish Christmas Fair - Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

Prize	Ticket Number	Name/telephone
star Prize £100	2602	Nikla Diamante
red wine	4617	E. Hughes, 17, Laidleys Walk
chocolate biscuits	0913	Elaine Porteus
blue handbag	0912	Elaine Porteus
game	0189	M. Carter
bucks' fizz	1817	Hayley Connor
Fox's biscuits	0170	M. Carter
D.V.D. game	0822	875822
white wine	4654	777578

Unclaimed prizes will be at the back of church on Sunday or can be claimed from the presbytery (34, Kemp Street) during the week. Once again, many thanks!

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

Presbytery: 34, Kemp Street, Fleetwood FY7 6JX

☎: 01253 873331

e-mail: parish@stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk

website: www.stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk

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

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

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

First Sunday of Advent 30th November, 2014

The Breaking of Bread

As we know from chapter two of the Acts of the Apostles, the "breaking of bread" is the oldest name we have for what we now call "the Mass" or the "Holy Eucharist".

In their excellent document, *Celebrating the Mass*, the Bishops of England and Wales have this to say about the "breaking of bread": "The action of 'fraction' or 'breaking' of the bread which, in apostolic times, gave its name to the Holy Eucharist, will bring out more clearly the force and importance of the sign of unity of all (the faithful) in the one bread and of the sign of charity **if one bread is distributed among all the congregation.**"

Following the Bishops' guidelines, we will soon be using larger altar breads for the celebration of Mass. This will enable the bread at Mass to be more clearly seen by everyone, especially when it has been consecrated and the priest holds up the Body of Christ for everyone to look at and adore. It will also express more fully the action of "breaking" or "fraction" and probably be closer to the action of Jesus himself at the Last Supper. (*c.f the communion hymn: This is my Body, **broken** for you.*)

Father Michael

A new Liturgical Year begins

Please note that this Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. This is the beginning of a new Church year, the year of Mark (year B), when we concentrate, for the most part, on reading the Gospel of St. Mark. "Advent has a two-fold character for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and, likewise, is a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight." (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, n. 39*)

Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered Charity Number 234331

Liturgies for the week 30th November – 7th December, 2014

First Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	John Darville <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.R.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction
Monday (1 st) of Advent week 1	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday (2 nd .) of Advent week 1	12.30 p.m.	Funeral of John Brooks N.B. there will be no evening Mass!
Wednesday (3 rd .) of Advent week 1	10 a.m.	Alan Tipping <i>Anniversary</i> (S.T.)
Thursday (4 th .) of Advent week 1	10 a.m.	Kingsman David Shaw <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.M.)
Friday (5 th .) of Advent week 1	10 a.m.	Deceased Wilkinson family (M.S.)
Saturday (6 th .) of Advent week 1	10 a.m.	In thanksgiving <i>students</i> (M.A.)
Second Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	Annie Peoples <i>R.I.P.</i> (B.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially Peggie Ball, Pastor Steve Bond, Deborah Carr (*Maureen McGarvey's daughter*), Fred Chew, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Kathy Eaglesham, Laura Finley, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, Alison Lyon, Michael O'Sullivan, Andrew Pearson, Joe Scott, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, 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 Balshaw Brooks**, and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: William Baldwin, Margaret Fishwick, Flo Flood, Ada M. Greer, Mary Hartley, Brian Hearty, Peter Irving, Terence Keating, Gladys R. Maiden, Margaret McGuirk, Thomas Lionel Morgan, Elizabeth Novo, Alan Tipping, Frank Turner.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Youth Section, 2015

Travel by coach or 'plane to Lourdes joining 80 other young people from across the Diocese. Get to know each other and serve the sick and elderly. You will love it. Check it out at www.castleriggmanor.co.uk under Events. **Please note**, last year, the pilgrimage was full long before the closing date so don't delay in getting forms filled in and deposits sent off! For a booking form, ask Father Michael.

The pilgrimage is from 24th to 31st July, 2015, and will be led by Bishop Michael. **For the adult section**, please see the posters at the back of church.

Next Sunday's Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent (7th December)

Mark 1 : 1-8 Baptism for Conversion

Each Advent has two 'John the Baptist' Sundays: the first when we see John preparing a community for the Messiah, the second when he points out Jesus as the Lamb of God. Today, is the first of these. John chose a point where the busy road from Jerusalem to the East crossed the Jordan River. There, he button-holed all the busy financiers, merchants and other travellers and tourists, warning them to change their ways - and to change them now, before it was too late. 'I am too busy,' no doubt they said. 'I have other things to worry about; I have a wife and family to feed.' John was forming a community of repentance; but not so much a community which wept 'Boo-hoo!' about their sins, as a community of people determined to set their scale of values right. He meant them to stop going in one direction, to turn round and go in a different direction - towards God. Do we give ourselves a moment to pause and ask whether we have our priorities right? Where on that list of priorities does the entry of Christ into our lives come?

John expected Jesus to baptise with fire. Does that mean burning something away? Or warming something up? Or a shining light? What does your baptism mean to you?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 23rd November

24	M. Belk	£50
70	G. McCaul	£15

Mass Attendance: 191 (76, 115)
Offertory: £570.68
Diocesan Youth Service: £123.82
Candles: £215.02
Books & Papers: £14.62
St. Anthony: £13.50
Flowers: 13.09
World Needy: £111.37

PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR B- Year B Volume 1 – Page 82

Week beginning 7th December
Church Cleaning
Liturgy of the Word with Children
J. Wright & S. Thwaites
Refreshments after Mass
Peggie & Co.

Parish Property Matters – an update!

As I have said previously, painting of the railings will begin early in the New Year. If one of their proposed projects were to be cancelled, then the team would come sooner. I have had some quotations but would really appreciate it, if you have experience in this area, if someone could advise me about the best way forward. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you. *Father Michael*