

Diary

Thursday, 30th October: Christmas Fair Bottle Stall Quiz Night, with pie and pea supper in the Millennium Room at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £4. Get your team of four people together. Come and join in the fun which will include a raffle, "One for the Pot" and Irish bingo!

Monday, 3rd November: This year, the Feast of All Saints is transferred from Saturday, 1st November to Sunday, 2nd November. Accordingly, the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) is transferred from Sunday, 2nd November to Monday, 3rd November so, because of the importance we Catholics attach to praying for our dead, Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. next Monday instead of the usual Celebration of the Word. The Church strongly encourages us, either on All Saints' or All Souls' Day, to visit our local cemetery and pray for all who are interred there, especially for the members of our own families and for our friends. It would also be good to mark the occasion by taking some flowers to place on their graves. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Saturday, 15th November: St. Mary's Parish Christmas Fair. Raffle tickets are now on sale and you are asked to take some to try and sell to family and friends. There is a list at the back of church if you wish to donate a prize for the Grand Draw, either a gift or money towards the Star Prize. Items are needed to sell at the Fair and you are asked if you could donate something for the various stalls and suggestions are: toiletries; groceries; good as new items; bottles (such as wine, etc.) for the bottle stall; paperback books; toys or games (complete and in good condition); sweets and chocolates. Cake bakers will be asked nearer the date to bake some of their delicious cakes either for the Cake Stall or to sell with the refreshments. **The Christmas Fair is our main fund raising event and without your help it wouldn't happen, so you are asked to support it in any way you can.**

Friday, 28th to Sunday, 30th November: The Cor et Lumen Christi Community invite you to join them for "The Living Word". This conference will address how we can meet God in the Scriptures and receive new life from them. It will include in-depth and inspirational teaching on: the Power of Scripture; Revelation – the voice of God from the heart of the Church; Jesus the Messiah – deepening our relationship with him; using the Bible to grow in Prayer. All are welcome! The event is offered on a donation-only basis. Some accommodation is available at www.coretlumenchristi.org or on 016973 45623 or via e-mail at stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org

Sunday, 14th December: Blackpool Male Voice Choir will be giving a concert in aid of St. Mary's Building and Restoration Fund. More details later. Please make a note of the date.

The Ebola Epidemic in West Africa

All monies in the World Needy box, from now until the end of the Church's Year (Saturday, 29th November), will go to Cafod for their appeal to provide aid to West Africa during the ebola outbreak. Please be generous, as always.

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.



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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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th October, 2014

Praying for the Dead

It is a long-established Catholic custom to pray, especially during the month of November, for our relatives and friends who have died. On Remembrance Sunday, we pray especially for all who have died in conflicts and wars, especially the two world wars.

Christians have prayed for the dead from our earliest times. It is a tradition that stretches back into the Old Testament, as we can see from the Second Book of Maccabees: "Therefore, Judas Maccabees made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin." (11 Macc. 12 : 45)

Church teaching encourages the practice of honouring and praying for the dead: "And so, from the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in intercession for them, above all, in the Eucharistic Sacrifice." (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

As last year, the November Book of Remembrance will be placed near the altar throughout the month. This Sunday, the Book of Remembrance, with some of this year's additions, will be available at the back of church. **Please check that the relatives and friends** whom you wish to be prayed for have been included. Write the names of any who are missing on the list which will be provided.

After discussion with the Parish Pastoral Council, it was suggested that a Liturgy of Prayerful Remembrance be celebrated on Sunday, 16th November at 4 p.m. This is an opportunity for the **whole parish community** to come together to remember, honour and **pray** for our dead. We will try to pray by name for those who have died in the last twelve months or so. I will be personally inviting the families of those people whose funerals have taken place in St. Mary's during the last year.

The Liturgy itself will, hopefully, be simple, reflective and a source of comfort and hope for people who are grieving.

*Liturgies for the week commencing 26th. October – 2nd.
November, 2014*

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Judith Anne Tilling <i>Anniversary</i> (J.W.)
Monday (27 th .) of week 30	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday (28 th .) STS. SIMON & JUDE	7 p.m.	Cliff Earnshaw <i>Anniversary</i> (K.M.E.)
Wednesday (29 th .) of week 30	10 a.m.	John Smith <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.S.)
Thursday (30 th .) of week 30	10 a.m.	Jack & Mary Casey <i>Anniversary</i> (J. & B.)
Friday (31 st .) of week 30	10 a.m.	Elizabeth Tamara Risely <i>Anniversary</i> (S.R.)
Saturday (1 st .) of week 30 ALL SAINTS' DAY	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Mollie Earnshaw <i>Anniversary</i> (K.M.E.)

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially 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, Mark Surelock, Winifred White, baby Casey Williams;

» **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 Dennis Lupton, Ken Porter and those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Winifred Brookes, Father Francis Carter, Ellen Cavanagh, Cliff & Mollie Earnshaw, Mary Teresa Green, Mary Heap, Mary Heaton, James Horsfall, Joseph McCormack, Hilda Reilly, Elizabeth Tamara Risely, Margaret Robinson, Francis Stanton, Judith Anne Tilling, Anthony Thompson.

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 about to invite all our previous travellers as well as to inform other parishes of this opportunity so, if you wish to book a place, please do so using one of the forms from the back of church and put it through the presbytery door along with a returnable deposit of £50 **as soon as possible**. Go to the website: www.palazzola.it to find out more about this beautiful place. *Father Michael*

**Next Sunday's Gospel
for the Feast of All Saints (2nd. November)**

Matthew 5 : 1-12 the Beatitudes

These eight blessings stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing, possible only if the hand of God is upon us. That is why the first and the last beatitudes knit them all together with 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father and these are ways of living that kingship. For each of the beatitudes, do you know someone in the parish or elsewhere in your life who exemplifies that particular attitude? Or is there a saint whom you consider typifies each of these beatitudes for you? What is your own favourite beatitude? Jesus illustrates the beatitudes in various incidents in the gospels: he enters Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king; he shows love in his welcome to sinners; he brings peace to those tortured by disease or contempt; he manifests purity of heart in his single-minded pre-occupation with his Father's will; finally, he accepts persecution for what he knew to be right. All Christians may suddenly find themselves face to face with similar shattering challenges.

Which of these 'beatitudes' do you most lack? Which would you most like to acquire?

**ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS
for 19th. October**

211	L. Parker	£50
154	M. Lupton	£15

Mass Attendance: 181 (81, 100)
Offertory: £506.51
World Missions collection: £139.90
Candles: £251.77
Books & Papers: £17.98
St. Anthony: £24.90
Flowers: £16.46
World Needy: £164.70
Donations (funerals, etc.): £38.37
Building Fund: £130

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Week beginning 26th. October
Church Cleaning
Liturgy of the Word with Children
J. Wright & S. Thwaites
Refreshments after Mass
Doreen & Kathleen

Anniversaries of Death

In an effort to bring our list of anniversaries up-to-date, **I would be grateful if you could let me have the names of any relatives, friends, etc. who have died in the last two years and give me their dates of death.** The names of these people will be added to the anniversaries list and to the Book of the Dead for November prayers. **This is your last chance!!**