

## Diary

**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 [scuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:scuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org)

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>. September:** **Vocations Discernment Weekend** – Do you think God may be calling you to something more in your life? Ever thought of the Priesthood? At Our Lady & St. Joseph, Carlisle, there will be a weekend for those discerning a vocation in the Diocese of Lancaster. For more information, contact Father John Millar (*assistant vocations director*) at [jwmillar1@gmail.com](mailto:jwmillar1@gmail.com) or on 01228 521509.

### 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.

### Forty Hours Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

This takes place **this weekend, 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>. September** and lists are available for you to sign up for a time of prayer on these days. There are still many gaps. Please contribute to the flowers for this weeken by putting what you can in the slot marked flowers at the back of church or hand your donation to Bill or Michael.

### The Gaza Crisis

**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

**Please think about volunteering** your help and advice about the essential works described two weeks ago, especially if you have a particular expertise. Thank you.

**Miscellaneous items available:** During the last twelve months, I have been trying to go through all the rooms and most of the drawers in the presbytery. In the course of this, I have come across **four medals of St. Maria Goretti**. Two of them are in good condition. The other two have a small relic on the reverse side. If you would like one, please let me know. Also available is a **four-drawer, good quality, metal filing cabinet** which is surplus to requirements. It is in good condition, contains some files but, unfortunately, does not have a key. If you can make use of it, please let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise, it will be disposed of. Left at the back of church recently was a **full set for Holy Communion in the home**. It comprises a tray, crucifix, candle sticks, candles, etc. Again, if you would like it, please let me know. *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.**



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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.**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7<sup>th</sup>. September, 2014

### New Parish E-mail Address & Website

**Our new website is now live at [www.stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk](http://www.stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk) – please take a look.** Those people who have seen it seem to be quite impressed with it. I hope you are too. Our thanks go to **Joan Bailey** who designed and created it. Please note that the parish also has a new e-mail address : [parish@stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk](mailto:parish@stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk) **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 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Richard Jones <i>birthday memories</i> (C.J.) The People of the Parish
Monday (8 <sup>th</sup> ) NATIVITY of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday (9 <sup>th</sup> ) of week 23	7 p.m.	John Smith <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday (10 <sup>th</sup> ) of week 23	10 a.m.	In thanksgiving (J. & B.)
Thursday (11 <sup>th</sup> ) of week 23	10 a.m.	John Smith <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday (12 <sup>th</sup> ) of week 23	10 a.m.	Eileen Hearty <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.C.)
Saturday (13 <sup>th</sup> ) St. John Chrysostom	10 a.m.	John Smith <i>R.I.P.</i>
The EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Richard ( <i>R.I.P.</i> ) & Margaret Hearty <i>wedding anniversary</i> (M.H.)

### 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, baby Casey Williams (*grand-daughter of friends of Michael's*);

» **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, Nigel Edwards (*son of Deacon Tony of Sacred Heart Parish*), Peter Edwards, Canon Nick McArdle and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Peter Baldwin, Edna Benson, Monica Crewdson, Jack Galvin, Francis Lord, Alice Murray.

### 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 Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14<sup>th</sup> September)

### John 3 : 13-17 The Son of Man must be lifted up.

In this gospel-reading, we are listening-in to a conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, a Pharisee who came to Jesus by night (presumably because he did not want his colleagues to know. Do you mind your colleagues knowing that you are a Christian?). Jesus is talking about an incident during the Exodus journey described in our first reading today, when the Israelites were struck by a plague of snakes. Moses hoisted a bronze snake on a pole as a recovery-totem. It sounds superstitious but presumably to depend on this "totem" was an expression of trust in God. Jesus now says that this snake is to be seen as a promise of the salvation to be won by trusting in his Cross. The Cross remains our sign of victory. To wear it and welcome it is, in our increasingly material world, a statement of where our heart and our confidence lies. However, the Cross is not complete in itself. Some people find it 'morbid' or 'morose' but to Christians it contains also the victory and reassurance of the Resurrection. The Cross makes sense not by the crumpled figure on the wood but by God's acceptance of that obedience. The triumph of the resurrection is too glorious to be represented by anything visible.

**What place do representations of Christ raised on the cross have in your own life and home?**

### ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 31<sup>st</sup> August

200 Diane Edwards	£150
113 Maureen Chew	£75

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Mass Attendance: 179 (83, 96)  
 Offertory: £489.56  
 Candles: £118.55  
 Books & Papers: £42.38  
 St. Anthony: £5.97  
 Flowers: £26.69  
 World Needy: £49.07

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*Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September*

**Church Cleaning**  
**Liturgy of the Word with Children**  
**Refreshments after Mass**

*No information available at the time of going to press.*

## 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 or e-mail [infor@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:infor@catholicsingles.org.uk) for more information.