

Diary

The great fifty-day Feast of Easter continues!

Sunday, 3rd May: First Holy Communion Preparation second session is today after 10.30 a.m. Mass.

Wednesday, 6th May: Years 4 and 5 from St. Mary's School will be joining us for the 10 a.m. Mass today.

Deanery Mass for Eastertide at Sacred Heart, Thornton, 7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend. So far, at the three Masses there have been, attendance by parishioners from St. Mary's has been disappointing.

Friday, 8th to Sunday, 10th May: Discover your vocation – a weekend of discovery at Our Lady & St. Joseph's, Carlisle. This weekend is for males, 16+, who are interested in discovering their vocation in the Church. For more information, contact one of the vocations team: Father Darren on 01772 719604, priest@lancastervocations.org or Father John on 01228 521509.

Encounter – a weekend with the Cor et Lumen Christi Community at the Old Convent, Wigton: "What would happen if we really gave ourselves to God's presence with deep expectation? How often do we make space to encounter him?" For more information or to register contact the Community at stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org.uk or on 016973 45623 or at www.coretlumenchristi.org.uk

Friday, 29th to Sunday 31st May: "The Crossing" from Hynning to Boarbank across the Bay – this event is for young people between 18 and 35 and includes a walk across Morecambe Bay. For more details, see the poster at the back of church or contact hynningbookings@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01524 732684.

Wednesday, 22nd July: "Celebrating an Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan - We are hoping to run a coach trip to Gawsforth Hall near Macclesfield – it all depends on numbers and the interest shown. The concert is outdoors and is set in beautiful grounds by the lake side. A small buffet will be provided and people are invited to bring their own wine and a garden chair. The all-inclusive cost of the trip will be around £35, depending on numbers. There will be a list at the back of church after Masses on Sundays for those interested to sign up." The Parish Pastoral Council

Evening Prayer of the Church

will be celebrated here at **4 p.m.** on **all** the Sundays of Eastertide, beginning on the Second Sunday of Easter, and will include Adoration of the Holy Eucharist & Benediction.



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.

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

3rd May, 2015

Father Michael and Deacon Bill
wish you all the continued blessings of this
joyful Eastertide!

Holiday to 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 have now advertised this with those people who have travelled with us before and **places are going quickly**. I need to confirm the numbers for this holiday by the end of June so, **if you are interested, please pick up the leaflet at the back of church and fill in the booking form as soon as possible**, putting it through the presbytery door along with a deposit of £250 to secure your place. You can go to the website: www.palazzola.it to find out more about this beautiful place.

Liturgies for the coming week: 3rd – 10th. May

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER	8.30 a.m.	Anthony Peter Flanagan <i>R.I.P. (T.M.)</i>
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction
Monday The ENGLISH MARTYRS (4th)	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday of fifth week of Easter (5th)	7 p.m.	Jack Wright <i>Anniversary</i>
Wednesday of fifth week of Easter (6th)	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Joan Rayworth <i>R.I.P. (A.D.)</i> Deanery Mass for Eastertide at Sacred Heart, Thornton
Thursday of fifth week of Easter (7th)	10 a.m.	Gertrude Loughnan <i>Anniversary (J.W.)</i>
Friday of fifth week of Easter (8th)	10 a.m.	Joan Hawkswrth <i>R.I.P. (M.J.M.)</i>
Saturday of fifth week of Easter (9th)	10 a.m.	Dennis Halloran <i>R.I.P. (J. & J.B.)</i>
SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER	8.30 a.m.	Kathleen Mary Wilcock <i>Anniversary. (K.M.W.)</i>
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially Peggie Ball, Pastor Steve Bond, Fred Chew, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Laura & Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Michael O'Sullivan, Ebony 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, Gerry & Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Catherine (Reenie) Sharp, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;



» **those who have died recently, David Gough, Dennis Hawes, Jeffrey Holden, Lena Livesey, Jack Rushworth**; also for **those whose anniversaries are in the coming week**: William Archer, Arthur Benns, Robert Bromilow, Winifred Faulds, Anne Greenhalgh, Margaret Harding, Jessie R. McCartney, Benjamin Pickering, Jean Robertson, Alec Simpson, Susan Swan, Harry Thornley, Kenneth Valentine, Kathleen Mary Wilcock, Jack Wright.

Easter Flowers

Easter, the greatest feast in the Church's year which lasts for fifty days!, should see our church decked out in its finest, including the Easter Garden, and so contributions towards the flowers for this lengthy feast will be gratefully received. Please give them to Michael or Bill or put them in the slot at the back of church. Thank you.

Next Sunday's Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (17th. May)

John 15 : 9-17 loving like God

Like so many of the great discourses of Jesus in the gospel of John, today's reading is not a shorthand record of Jesus' words but will have been written up after the event. Most probably, there were several slightly different versions of what Jesus said at the Last Supper. In any case, one can see that the author has in mind two different contexts: Jesus' own historical situation at the Last Supper and the situation of the early Church, where the disciples are being tested hard in their mission. They need encouraging by Jesus' own example of his sacrifice and by his promise of real friendship; they are friends, not servants, specially chosen by Jesus to bear fruit that will last. So we, too, are welcomed as friends, chosen and commissioned by Jesus to go out and bear fruit but reminded that we must be prepared to pay the price. There is no fruit without pruning. Jesus had just given the example of service by washing the feet of his disciples. If we are to share the joy of Jesus, we must be ready to join him also in laying down our lives for our friends.

Do we ever have to make hard choices for Christ?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 26th. April

109	Jo Wright	£150
123	Betty Brady	£ 75

Mass Attendance: 188 (78, 110)

Offertory: £464.23

Candles: £105.94

Books & Papers: £8.15

St. Anthony: £15.38

Flowers: £10.17

World Needy: £51.31

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Week beginning 3rd. May

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Refreshments after Mass

No information available at the time of going to press.

Cake Sale

Thank you to all who baked and provided cakes. Thank you to all who came and bought. The cake sale, last Sunday, raised **£120** for parish funds.

15 to 17 year olds: Is God calling you?

Have you ever wondered what God's plan is for you? Have you ever thought that God may be calling you to serve his people as a priest? If your answer is "yes" to one or both of these questions, then why not contact the Vocations Team and begin to discover what God's plan is for you? Contact Father Darren Carden: priest@lancastervocations.org or telephone 01772 719604.

PLEASE take this newsletter home with you as a useful reference!