

Diary

The great fifty-day Feast of Easter continues!

Monday, 20th April: Election Hustings at St. Nicholas' Church, 7.30 p.m. – your chance to question the local candidates – questions can be submitted at 7.15 p.m.

Saturday, 25th April: "As a protest against the abortion of huge numbers of unborn babies which takes place in our country, local S.P.U.C. members are going to stand, at intervals, along the pavement in front of Blakpool Tower, holding placards so that passing traffic can see them, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please consider joining us – you will be very welcome. Placards will be supplied." Audrey Armour

Sunday, 26th April: Cake Sale after Masses today – make sure you bring your purses/wallets, as there will be good things to buy!! Monies raised will go towards parish funds. Bakers, please support us by baking something to sell and by bringing them to church early on the Sunday morning (or you can drop them in at the presbytery on Saturday afternoon).

First Holy Communion Preparation Sessions begin today after 10.30 a.m. Mass.

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.

Wednesday, 22nd July: "Celebrating an Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan - We are hoping to run a coach trip to Gawsorth 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.



PLEASE take this newsletter home with you as a useful reference! There are changes to the normal liturgies to take note of!

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.

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

19th April, 2015

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

Easter Raffle

Thank you very much to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets. A total of £555.50 was raised for parish funds. Thank you. There are still some prizes to be collected – please check the list.

Lent Cafod Collections

The Lent Family Fast Day collection raised £425.75 for Cafod. During Lent, the World Needy box at the back of church contributed a further £630. Both amounts have been forwarded to Cafod. This total means that, with the Government matching our fundraising pound-for-pound, Cafod will receive a total of £2,111.50 because of our fund-raising efforts. Thank you for your generosity to the world's poorest people.

Liturgies for the coming week: 19th – 26th April

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Marjorie Morgan (T. & A.M.)
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction
Monday of third week of Easter (20th)	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday of third week of Easter (21st)	7 p.m.	Joseph "Sonny" Smith <i>R.I.P.</i> (K.M.E.)
Wednesday of third week of Easter (22nd)	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	David Wilding <i>Anniversary</i> (J.W.) Deanery Mass for Eastertide at St. John's, Poulton
Thursday ST. GEORGE (23rd)	10 a.m.	Brendan Wright <i>Anniversary</i> (J.B.)
Friday of third week of Easter (24th)	12.30 p.m.	Funeral Mass for Raymund Melville
Saturday ST. MARK (25th)	10 a.m.	Richard Wright <i>Anniversary</i> (J.B.)
FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER	8.30 a.m.	Norah Rathbone <i>R.I.P.</i> (B. & A.)
	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, Andrew Pearson, 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, Sheila Mullen, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Catherine (Reenie) Sharp, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;



» **those who have died recently**, **Susan Bird**, **Jeffrey Holden** (*a friend of Kathy's*), **Raymond Melville**; also for **those whose anniversaries are in the coming week**: Stanley Duxbury, Basil Greer, Gladys & Bernard McRoberts, Samuel Morrison, Mary Skitterall, John Snasdell, Mary Tomlinson, Doreen Walmsley, David Wilding, Brendan Wright, Richard Wright.

Easter Flowers

The floral decorations in our church are always beautiful – thanks to the team of arrangers. **Easter, the greatest feast in the Church's year which lasts for fifty days!**, should see our church decked out in its finest 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. Also, **the Easter garden** needs to be kept fresh and so any contributions would be most welcome for that. They can be brought to the presbytery. Thank you.

**Next Sunday's Gospel
for the Fourth Sunday of Easter (3rd May)**

John 10 : 11-18 The Good Shepherd

Each year, on this 4th Sunday of Easter, there is a reading from John about the Good Shepherd. To think of ourselves as woolly and cuddly sheep, obedient to the shepherd, would be a mistake. Sheep are renowned as being silly, contradictory creatures, always starting off in the wrong direction, getting themselves into tangles and difficulties. In the Holy Land, they are scraggy beasts, pastured on rocky and often dangerous ground, amid boulders and cliffs, threatened by wild animals and marauders. It was not simply a matter of the shepherd sitting on a rock and idly playing his pipe. He needed to be on the alert to save the sheep from hurting themselves. So Jesus, as the good shepherd, is kept well occupied by our foibles, our stubbornness, our mistakes and our fears. Again, as in this Sunday's other two readings, there is the reassurance of a close relationship with the Father. Jesus knows us intimately, just as he knows the Father. It is questionable whether, in real life, a shepherd should lay down his life for his sheep. What would happen to the remainder of the flock? But it is an expression of Jesus' whole-hearted devotion to the flock that he shepherds.

What is a shepherd's job with the sheep? How can Jesus act as your shepherd? Who do you think of as shepherds in your life? What do you value most in those who guide you?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 5th April

111	Mrs. N. Rathbone	£50
45	Mr. & Mrs. J. Donnelly	£15

for 5th April

Mass Attendance: 377

for 12th April

Mass Attendance: 167 (80, 87)

Offertory: £595.66

Candles: £119.24

Books & Papers: £15.41

St. Anthony: £9.22

Flowers: £13

World Needy: £46.57

In memory of Joan Rayworth: £25

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Week beginning 26th April

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Refreshments after Mass

No information available at the time of going to press.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring these to church on Sundays in April for counting. Thank you.

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.