

## Diary

**TODAY, Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November:** Feast of Christ the King. There will be Adoration of the Holy Eucharist at 3.00p.m. This will be followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.00p.m.

**DEANERY ADVENT CELEBRATION** at 7.00p.m. on **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, in St. Wulstan's Church.

We are warmly invited to join the Deanery community at this opportunity to reflect on our life of faith and to explore the faith history of the Church. The celebration will be prepared and led by staff and pupils and staff from cardinal Allen High School. ALL WELCOME

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November : UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH

Recently a couple of people have spoken to me, wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith and perhaps becoming members of the Church. So, starting this coming Friday, there will be a series of discussions and reflections on different aspects of the Catholic Faith. If you are interested in learning more about it, you will be very welcome.

Practising Catholics, non-practising Catholics and newcomers to the Faith are ALL WELCOME at 4.00p.m. in the presbytery on Friday. The session will last about an hour and a half.

### ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

#### For 15th November 2015

No. 100 Irene Davies £ 50  
No. 201 David Hughes £ 15

#### LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 155  
8:30 – 59  
10:30 – 96

Offertory: £ 350.33  
Candles: £ 105.98  
Books/Papers: £ 10.32  
World Needy: £ 42.07  
St. Anthony:  
Flowers: £12.38

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*Week beginning 29th November*

*Church Cleaning*  
*J. Jackson & M. Tew*

*Children's Liturgy*

*Refreshments after Mass*  
Doreen & Kathleen



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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.

## CHRIST THE KING

### 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

**Almighty and eternal God, to Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, you have granted everlasting dominion and a kingship that shall not pass away. Remove from every desire for privilege and power, that we may imitate the sacrificial love of Christ our King and, as a royal and priestly people, serve you humbly in our brothers and sisters. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.**

Welcome families and friends to St Mary's. Join us in the Millennium Room for refreshment and community social time after 10.30am Mass.

*Week 34, beginning 22nd November 2015*

<b>SUNDAY 22nd November</b> <b>Christ the King</b>	8.30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for exam success (A.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 23rd</b>	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
<b>TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions</b>	11 a.m.	Funeral Mass for Dennis Taylor
	7 p.m.	Lawrence Mongale R.I.P. (B.McC.)
<b>WEDNESDAY 25th</b>	10 a.m.	Fr. Bernard Hearty Anniversary (M.J.M.)
<b>THURSDAY 26th</b>	10 a.m.	Renie Sharp R.I.P. (A. & M.)
<b>FRIDAY 27th</b>	10 a.m.	Rose & Joe Murphy R.I.P. (M.J.M.)
<b>SATURDAY 28th</b>	10 a.m.	Pennington & Dyscus Families R.I.P.
<b>NEXT SUNDAY 29th November</b>	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow R.I.P. (J.B.)

*Please remember in your prayers*

»**all the sick**, especially Pastor Steve Bond, Elsie Clapp, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Laura & Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Norah Heaney, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Trevor Sandford, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, Carl Tomlinson, Winifred White, Baby Zephen (Mumbai).

»**the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Peggie Ball, Thomas Ball, Bessie Burns, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P.Warwick and Nellie Wilson.

»**those who have died recently**: Joan Mulvaney, Maudie Mary Duffe, Dennis Taylor

**and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Elizabeth Harrison, Brian Andrews, Ronald (Ron) Gardner, Sheila Haidlinger, John Kay, Monica Rose, Veronica McManus, Jane Monica Cartmell (nee Collinson).

**THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel**

*Read* **The Gospel for Sunday 29th November 2015**  
**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Your liberation is near at hand**

*Reflect* **After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.**

*With this reading we begin the Year of Luke, for his Gospel provides the readings for almost all the Sundays of the liturgical year which begins today. We begin towards the end of the Gospel, for Luke sees the destruction of Jerusalem as the symbol and foretaste of the final liberation at the coming of Christ. The incomparable nature of this day is represented by the cosmic disturbances, the collapse of all we regard as most stable and reliable, the eruption of the ocean and the upheaval of the solar system. For Luke, cosmic events mirrored political and ecclesial events. The sack of Jerusalem by the Romans was certainly a decisive moment in the history of the Church, when the possibility vanished forever of the Church remaining a branch of Judaism. In this sense it was a liberation for the gentile churches for which Luke was writing his gospel. Jerusalem's destruction is also a symbol of the final liberation from the toils of evil in which humanity is embroiled, and so of the final triumph of Christ. It is a day for which we must prepare by our whole life, for revelation gives us no hint of when it will occur. The only hints are through images of unexpected suddenness, like a trap being sprung (as here), or a thief in the night, or the pains of labour coming without warning on a pregnant woman.*

**What does Jesus mean by all this catastrophic turmoil in the universe? Is there any reason for you to fear it?**  
**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Bishop Michael is coming to St. Mary's to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for both Fleetwood parishes on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, at 7.00p.m. Any child or youngster of secondary school age can put themselves forward to receive the sacrament. Any adult who has not been confirmed will also be welcome to prepare to receive the sacrament..

Would **all** prospective candidates please put their **request in writing** to Fr. Michael, along with relevant contact details? Thank you.

**N.B.** About this time last year I received written requests from the following: Emily Bowman, Imogen Reader, Danny & Anita Morgan, Phoebe Paul, Eliza and Abbie Webster. I will presume that these candidates are still interested, unless I hear otherwise. Thanks !

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster - Advent Prayer and Reflection.** You are invited to join the Little Sisters of the Poor at Garstang Road, Fulwood between 10am. and 3.30pm. The theme is "Listen anyone who has ears to hear" Luke8.08. The day will be led by Fr. Kevin Lowry. Tel: 01772 715495

