

Diary TODAY – THERE WILL BE AN APPEAL AND RETIRING COLLECTION FOR Survive MIVA

Friday 12th February – “SHARING OUR FAITH” : A small group meets every Friday at 4.00p.m. in the Presbytery to discuss various aspects of our faith. Members of the parish, as well as people who are interested in becoming Catholics, are ALL WELCOME.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: A good while ago we asked for more people to volunteer to be Eucharistic Ministers and there was a good response. However, if anyone else would like to volunteer, you will be most welcome. Please sign the list at the back of Church.

Eucharistic Ministers' Course: 3 short sessions for ALL Eucharistic Ministers will be given on the following dates :

Thursday, 11th February – Being a Eucharistic Minister at Mass.

Monday, 22nd February – Celebrating Holy Communion in the home.

Wednesday, 2nd March – Leading a Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

All sessions will be at 7.00p.m. in the Millennium Room. Thank you!

Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at Sacred Heart, Talbot Road, Blackpool FY1 1LB on Thursday 11th February 2016 at 7p.m. During the Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated and the Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes will be carried in procession. **ALL WELCOME ! See Poster for details.** Thank you, Jackie Scot, organist Sacred Heart

FLEETWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN LUNCHESES St Peter's join with St. Mary's in St.Peter's for the first Lenten Lunch on Friday 19th February. Poster with all Lenten Lunch venues on display in the porch.



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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 IN ORDINARY TIME

7th February 2016

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence angels stand in awe.

Enlarge our vision, that we may recognize your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word.

We ask 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.

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 31st January 2016
No. 93 Doreen McGinley £100

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 163

8:30 – 62

10:30 – 101

Offertory: £445.68

Candles: £99.64

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony:

Flowers:

World Needy: £50.32

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Week beginning 14th February

Church Cleaning

Anne Towler's Group

Children's Liturgy

Judith & Maureen

Refreshments after Mass

Kath & Maureen

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

SUNDAY 7th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	John Smith (L. & J.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
MONDAY 8th February	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 9th	11.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Funeral Mass of Susie Harris Mary & Raymond Madij (A.M.)
WEDNESDAY 10th	10.00 a.m.	Joan Rayworth R.I.P. (CR)
ASH WEDNESDAY	12 noon 7.00p.m.	Jimmy Dunlop (B.D.) Mary Price (F.C.)
THURSDAY 11th Our Lady of Lourdes	10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow R.I.P. (JB)
FRIDAY 12th	10.00 a.m.	Rose & Joe Murphy (M.J.M.)
SATURDAY 13th	10.00 a.m.	Lorraine Cheal
NEXT SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY 1 st Sunday of Lent	8.30 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers



»**all the sick**, especially Pastor Steve Bond, Elsie Clapp, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, Mary Holden, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Bridget McCann, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Trevor Sandford, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Marie Slater, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, 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.

>>**those who have died recently**: Patricia Cooper, Thomas Entwistle, Olive Hudson, Martin Casey, Susie Harris **and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Neville Twiggs, Frank Byrne, James McGuirk, Liz O'Donnell, Winifred Cossey, Gilbert Turner, Christina Smith, John Casey, Kathleen Siddall, Colin Dewhurst



THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 14th February 2016 First Sunday in Lent**
Luke 4:1-13 Jesus is tested in the desert

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

*To remind us that Lent is a time of testing, the gospel reading of the First Sunday of Lent is always about the testing of Jesus. Through our fasting (or whatever that extra offering we make to the Lord during Lent may be) we enter into solidarity with the hardship undergone by Jesus in his Passion. Of course Lent is not a matter of testing out how far we can push ourselves (a sort of macho self-torture). Rather it is a period of preparation for the Passion and Resurrection - just like the forty years of Israel in the desert preparing for the Promised Land, or like the prophet Elijah's forty-day preparation before he encounters God on Mount Horeb, or like the forty days during which Christ prepared the apostles between Easter and the Ascension. The point of Jesus' forty-day fast is to give some force in response to the devil's first temptation. To each of the devil's taunts Jesus replies with a word of scripture: if you rely on God's word you are unshakably safe, for God has created and arranged everything. Matthew and Luke have a different order for the second and third temptations: Matthew climaxes with Jesus as the Second Moses, like Moses seeing all the territories from a high mountain. Luke ends the scene as he begins and ends his gospel, at Jerusalem, the turning-point of the gospel - the place where Jesus rises from the dead and ascends to the Father. We do not live on bread alone. How has the Word of God fed you? In the solitude of the desert Jesus prayed to his Father. Can you find solitude for prayer? What can you do during Lent to come closer to the Lord? **Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB***

LANCASTER ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES : 22nd – 29th July 2016. Prices range from £695 - £715 per person on a shared - room basis for pilgrims going by air; prices range from £545 – 565 for those going by coach. More information is available at the back of church. Please contact Fr. Michael if you want a booking form.

SATURDAY 20th February – CONFIRMATION PREPARATION in "The Green Hut" at St. Wulstan's from 11.30a.m. – 12.30 p.m. All candidates must try to be present. Thank you.

Lenten Ecumenical Study Groups for 5 weeks –

THE PSALMS - Prayers for Today's Church

St. Mary's Church Wednesday 17th February at 7:30p.m.

St. Wulstan's Green Room Tuesday 16th February at 12 noon. Info: 876176

FLOWER ARRANGERS – HELP IS NEEDED ON A FORTNIGHTLY BASIS. You do not need to be an expert, just an enthusiast. Please speak with Fr. Michael or Bill.