

Diary

The annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is **TODAY**, Sunday 11th September. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Michael Campbell. Tea consisting of ham salad, homemade cake, tea or coffee will be served in the Civic Hall at Cleator Moor at a cost of £8.50 per head. Poster in the porch.

The Big Walk : 9th – 11th September

Our annual pilgrimage to join the diocesan pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady, Cleator. A group of young people, aged 16 and over, will walk across the Lake district and through Ennerdale valley, praying and sharing their faith amidst some of the most beautiful scenery in the U.H. Places are limited, £70 per person.

Brave of Heart – A Weekend Journey for Men. Come and find all that God has prepared for your masculine heart – Inspiring & challenging talks, Fellowship & sharing with other Christian men, walk in the Lake District and much more!
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September 2016, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, 016973 45623 www.coretlumenchristi.org

SONGS OF PRAISE will be hosted by Blackpool Salvation Army Citadel in St. Christopher's, Hawes Side Lane, Blackpool on Sunday 25th September at 4.30p.m. Everyone is welcome.

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 7th September 2016

No.178 Margaret Hearty £ 50
No. 67 Andrew Lydon £15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **144**

8:30 – 64

10:30 – 80

Offertory: £ 404.95

Candles: £155.00

Books/Papers: £13.10

St. Anthony: £10.61

Building Fund: £26.76

World Needy: £56.97

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Week beginning 18th September

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

L. Reader & A. Morgan

Refreshments after Mass

Jo & Helper



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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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th September 2016

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you
bring home the found.

Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the
tenderness of your forbearing love. Grant us delight
in the mercy that has found us and bring all to
rejoice at the feast of forgiveness.

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.

Sunday 11th Sep. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	Catherine "Renie" Sharp (G.S.)
	10.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Turner, Melling & Carter families
MONDAY 12th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 13th St. John Chrysostom	7.00 p.m.	Celebration of the Word
WEDNESDAY 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
THURSDAY 15th Our Lady of Sorrows	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
FRIDAY 16th Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
SATURDAY 17th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Next Sunday 18th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	Margaret & Arthur Smith (A. & M.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers



»**all the sick**, especially: Elsie Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Laura Finley, Peter Fogg, Marion Gerrard, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, Mary Holden, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Maria Romanowska, Trevor Sandford, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Marie Slater, 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**: Anne Baines, Pastor Steve Bond, Marie Davis, Marjorie Ettles, Anthony Garland, Phyllis Hadgraft and Hugh Lafferty.

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Peter Baldwin, Monica Crewdson, Alice Murray, Francis Lord, Doreen Derbyshire, Peter Baldwin, Mary Aldred, Peter Stefani, Mary Christina "Tina" Armour

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 17th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary**

Time

Luke 161-13 The Dishonest Steward

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

This parable can be deeply disquieting if we take it as an allegory, that is, if every element in the story is meant (as in Matthew's Parable of the Wheat and the Tares) to have an equivalent in reality. We can't have God praising the steward for his frauds! No, the point of the story is simply the steward's energy and inventiveness, his shrewdness as a 'child of this age'. A lot more thought often goes into how to make money than into how to spend it to the best advantage of others! The danger and encumbrance of wealth is such that skill and imagination is needed in using it to live justly here on earth and to prepare ourselves for life in heaven. The full brilliance of the story is even more subtle: Jews were forbidden to lend to Jews at interest. The steward cuts off the interest from the bills of his master's debtors, for oil was commonly lent at 100% interest, and wheat at 25%. It was easy to return olive oil adulterated with cheap sesame oil, but if I scatter handfuls of chaff in the grain I give you back, you will spot it immediately. So the steward makes his master obey the Law! The sayings added at the end hit the nail on the head: no slave can serve two masters, God and money.

Is there anything in your life which prevents you from fully serving God?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

HOME MISSION SUNDAY, 18th September 2016

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated today and is themed: Proclaim the joy of love. On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. Please support them with your prayers.

Young Adults' Retreat : 28th – 30th October

A new venture for the youth service, an open retreat at Castlerigg for young adults (sixth form and older). An Opportunity for our young people to come together and discover more about their faith alongside others of their own age. £65 per person.

www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events

English Heritage Weekend. Various places of interest in the town including St. Mary's Church will be open this weekend to welcome visitors to have a look at the history of Fleetwood and its buildings.