

Diary

Friday 4th March– "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.

FLEETWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN LUNCHES. Poster with all Lenten Lunch venues on display in the porch. £197.45 was raised at St. Peter's, many thanks to those who came.

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 :

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

Monday 28th February – Leading a Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion.

Clothing for the Lenten Collection for "International Aid Trust" would be appreciated. Lists of suitable clothing are available at the back of church. Thank you, Audrey

During 2015 St. Mary's raised £822.90 for the Mill Hill Red Mission boxes. Many thanks.

Thursday 12.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by soup & a roll

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 21st February 2016

No. 219 C.& C. & L. Wilson £50

No. 55 Lorraine Reader £15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: ?

8:30 – 63

10:30 – ?

Offertory: £512.82

Candles: £120.71

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony:

Flowers:

World Needy: £56.23

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Week beginning 6th March

Church Cleaning

Kathleen McGinley's Group

Children's Liturgy

J. Jackson & M. Tew

Refreshments after Mass

Jo & Marion



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Priest: **Fr. Michael Murphy**

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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 IN LENT

28th February 2016

**God of salvation, we stand before you on holy ground,
for your name is glorified and your mercy revealed
wherever your mighty deeds are remembered.**

**Since you are holy and forbearing, turn us from every
rash and shallow judgment to seek the ways of
repentance.**

**We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, holy and mighty 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.**

SUNDAY 28th February Third Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4pm	Norah Heaney (J.&B.) Evening Prayer & Benediction
MONDAY 29th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 1st March St. David	7.00 p.m.	Mary & Raymond Madij (A.M.)
WEDNESDAY 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow R.I.P. (J.B.)
THURSDAY 3rd	10.00 a.m. 12.30pm	Jimmy Dunlop (B.D.) Stations of the Cross Led by Year 6 pupils
FRIDAY 4th	10.00 a.m.	Tony Flanagan Anniversary (T.N.)
SATURDAY 5th	10.00 a.m.	Richard Hearty (D.& K.)
NEXT SUNDAY 6th March Fourth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	Mary & Leo Heap (J.& W. B.)
	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, Peter Fogg,

Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, Mary Holden, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, 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**: Peggy Bamber, John Byrne,

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Francis Hodkinson, Helen Teresa Cumpsty, Alice McAuley, Margaret Lennox, Ellen Acton, Veronica Christina Snasdell, Joan Wallbank, Alan Helsby, Ann Ashton, Rita Brookes, Hannah Coxall, Walter Bee, Dorothy Rose

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 6th March 2016 Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Luke 15: 1-3. 11-32 The Prodigal Son

Who is the hero of the story? What should its title be? Some call it the parable of the Powerless Father, for the father is powerless to do anything but welcome his son. Clearly the principal message of the parable is that we can count on God's forgiveness, whatever we do. The contrast is also between the two sons. The younger insults his father: all he thinks about is his inheritance, as though he wished his father already dead. All the same, the father is eagerly on the watch, and forgets all his dignity to run and welcome his returning son. And to persuade the elder son to join in the party, the father even leaves his dinner-guests at table, going out into the field to urge the jealous elder brother to join in. Forgiveness and love is his whole motivation. The elder son responds to his father with insults ('That son of yours' he says), inventing guesses about sexual loose-living, of which there is no suggestion in the story of the younger son. It is a splendid example of Luke's delicate, witty and subtle characterisation.

Which brother comes out of the story best? Have you ever felt like the elder brother? What picture of God does Jesus present in the Parable of the Prodigal Son?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

SATURDAY 5th March— 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 in St. Wulstan's Green Room on Tuesday 1st March at 12 noon and in the Millennium Room at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 2nd March at 7:30p.m. Info: 876176

FLOWER ARRANGERS – HELP IS NEEDED ON A FORTNIGHTLY BASIS. We have an eager new recruit, more are welcome. You do not need to be an expert, just an enthusiast. Please speak with Fr. Michael or Bill.

Many thanks for recent donations: a bequest of £1,000 to the parish was received from the estate of Ray Melville; £1,000 was donated anonymously for the Church building Fund; £33.20 was left in baskets at the back of church after the funeral of Suzanne Harris; £50 was given in memory of Nellie Wilson and a further £45 was donated to the recent Survive – M.I.V.A. appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

Easter Flowers –Any donations towards the to decorate the church for Easter flowers will be gratefully received. Donations can be given to Fr, Michael or Deacon Bill. Many thanks