

St. Mary's, Fleetwood Newsletter

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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): should you wish to receive the sacrament of reconciliation – please call Fr. Michael on 01253 873331 / 07956 614967

29th August 2021 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Father of light, giver of every good word of truth sown in our hearts by your Son,
that we may rightly understand your commandments, live your law of love,
and so offer you worship that is pure and undefiled.*

*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.*

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

Sunday 29 th	8.30am	People of the Parish
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am	John Brady (A.D.)
Monday 30 th		Church Closed
Tuesday 31 st	2.00p.m. 7.00p.m.	Funeral Liturgy for Robert Martin Norah Veronica & Francis Porter(H&B.D./P.)
Wednesday 1 st September		Church Closed
Thursday 2 nd	10.00am-12 noon	James O'Hagan – lately dead followed by Private Prayer
Friday 3 rd St. Gregory the Great	10.00a.m.	Frank Hobday (M.J.M.)
Saturday 4 th St. Cuthbert	10.00am-12 noon	Ted Baines (M.J.M.) followed by Private Prayer
Sunday 5 th	8.30am	People of the Parish
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am	Kathleen McGinley (F.C.)

Cleaners/Reader/Ministers

Week Commencing: 5th Sept.

Readers: 8:30 Mass: Anne

10:30 Mass: Judith

Ministers: 8:30 Julia & Helen

10:30 Geoff & Kath

Children's Liturgists:

Cleaners:

Previous Mass Attendance

Sunday 22nd - 8:30 – 29

10:30 - 55

YouTube: 14

Facebook: 23

Previous Collections

Weekly Collection: £259.38

Candles: £19.13

Church Flowers: £

St Anthony: £14.62

Restoration Fund: £14.10

World Needy: £10.27

St Mary's 200+ Club Winners

July Winners

£100 - 220 – Norman Wynn

£60 - 91 – Helen Carter

£30 - 121 – Elaine Porteous

Well done to everyone who has won!!

Would you like to Join our 200+ Club? Please let Fr. Michael know – funds raised goes towards the upkeep of the Church. Be in it to win it.

Please would J. Sheridan contact the 200 Club with their new address, either through Fr. Michael or the Red Box at the back of Church.

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Please remember in your prayers

Sick: Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephan Barretto, Vera Berry, Irene Blyth, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carredu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Antony David Dunn, Sarah Finley, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Liam Edward Lenihan, Alison Lyons, Gerry McCaul, Doreen McGinley, Joan Moss, Michael O'Sullivan, Kathleen Pendleton, Bob Rawcliffe, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Summer van Bogerien, Frank Ward, David Wilkinson, Fred & Mary Wylie

Housebound / Care: David Ball, Thomas Ball, Bridget McCann, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Doris Roberts, Pamela Warwick

Those who have recently died: Robert Martin

Anniversaries: Jack Hearty, Frank Hill, Agnes Stott, Thomas Raynor, John Cross, Cissie Bidle, Catherine Brown,

Latest News

St Mary's - Restoration Update

Following recent negative comments about restoration of the Presbytery, it is perhaps a good time to give an update on what is happening at St Mary's. We have a restoration committee (Fr Michael, Steve Price, Matthew Cowell and Geoff Stubbs) who throughout the pandemic have been working to restore both the Church and Presbytery to their original condition.

Yes, the Church is in desperate need of repairs, but after careful assessment, the Presbytery is of greater need. The roof is leaking and both chimney stacks are leaning. Fr Michael has to place buckets in the upper rooms to collect the water when we have heavy rain.

Both buildings are Grade II listed which means we cannot just make simple repairs. We need what is called a Faculty Application, which ensures that any repairs or restoration meets strict guidelines set by the Historic Churches Committee (HCC).

We have employed Rob Harrington, an architect, who has produced extensive plans to restore the Presbytery. He has made a recent Faculty Application to the HCC who have approved the proposed works. Wyre Borough Council have granted Listed Building Consent. The Diocesan Trustees have approved the work and necessary funds secured.

There is a Pre-Contract Meeting next week and we anticipate work to replace the roof and partly re-build the chimney stacks will commence next month.

We agree the Church interior is looking sad, however plans are in progress to restore it.

Firstly we need to make the building watertight. This week a further Faculty Application has been made to the HCC to repair the rainwater goods - i.e. gutters and downpipes and external masonry - i.e. re-pointing and replacing damaged stonework as necessary. In addition we propose to replace the finial cross and repair the leaded windows.

Next time you visit the Church you will see a public notice regarding our application, pinned to the front door and attached to the railings.

Once the exterior works are complete we will concentrate on replacing damaged plasterwork and re-painting the interior. Faculty Application has already been granted for the replacement of damaged plaster, both in the porch and by the Cardinal Allen window, however this cannot be done until the outside works are complete.

All the proposed works come at great expense and we are extremely grateful to have received grant support together with a generous legacy in addition to our existing Church funds to cover the cost.

These are exciting times. Please bear with us.

Many thanks to donators and helpers at Sunday's Jumble Trail - £349.95 was raised.

Next Pastoral Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 1st September at 7pm. Council Members

Barbara Lynch (Chair), Fr. Michael, Peter Connor, Matthew Cowell, Anne Duxbury,

Ania Morgan, Steve Price, Sammy Ranasinghe, Geoff Stubbs