

9 - 11 Dec: Advent Retreat. For more information Contact Castlerigg.
www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events

22 - 29 Aug 2017: Visit to Shrine at Medjugorie, £580pp sharing, £690 single room. Contact Rev B Loveland 01539 563391 or Fr Loughran 01772 719604.

Foodbank. There is a box at the back of St Mary's, St Gregory's and OLSM churches for items of food to help people in crisis. **Shopping List.** Milk (full fat or semi-skimmed UHT), 1ltr carton UHT Fruit Juice, jar/sachet Pasta Sauce, Biscuits/Snack Bars, Cereal (medium size boxes), Tinned Meat, Tinned/Carion Tomatoes, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Soup (no cuppa soup), Tinned Rice Pudding, Instant Mash Potato, Tinned Sponge Pudding, Sugar, Jam, Medium bags dried Pasta, Tea Bags/Coffee (medium) **No low calorie food.**

Newsletter. Items for the weekly newsletter should be emailed to: info@workingtoncatholicchurch.co.uk for the attention of Sharon.

CONVOY AID ROMANIA

Clothing for Romania can be delivered to Barbara Jones, 7 Gordon Street Workington. Tel: 01900 65306

HEALTH & SAFETY.

Information is at the back of each church giving details on how to contact the emergency services. Headlights, First Aid Kits and Accident Log Books are situated in each church Sacristy. Please note the First Aid Kits are for minor injuries only.

Beware thieves! Please don't leave valuables on display in your cars. All cars are parked at owner's risk. Be aware that thieves have been known to enter church during Mass and steal from unattended handbags.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Our Parish has 6 Safeguarding Representatives. Names and telephone numbers are on the notice board at the back of each church should you wish to contact them. Alternatively you may contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Jane Robinson, 218 Tulketh Road, Ashton, Preston, PR2 1ES. Tel: 01772 728433

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CHRISTtheGOOD SHEPHERD

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The newsletter of the Catholic churches of Our Lady Star of the Sea & St. Michael, St. Gregory & St Mary, Workington, a parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lancaster—Charity Number 234331

Second Sunday of Advent: 2nd collection for the Building & Maintenance Fund. *If you wish to Gift Aid your Donation please use a My Gift to Christ Envelope (available at the back of each church) and mark 'Building & Maintenance'.*

Advent Reconciliation Service. Wed 14 December 7.15pm at Our Lady and St. Michael's. Come Lord Jesus! Is our Advent prayer. The worry is that we don't really mean it. But then if God takes us seriously and does come what next? If we invite someone to come and stay with us we must prepare a place for them. So it is with Christ. Prepare a place for the Lord in our homes this Christmas. We must also prepare a place for the Lord in our hearts by prayer and fasting, by cleaning up and making the place presentable (as best we can). We do it for our guest. Here is a chance for Confession. Priests from neighbouring parishes will be here to help. It's so easy to do everything except that which is most needed. Christ doesn't want a place in our shed or somewhere at arm's length. He wants a place in your heart.

Parish Council. Following on from last week, we have three names for new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Given that we have three vacancies to fill I think we can dispense with voting. My thanks go to those who took part and especially to those willing to be nominated. Prayers please as we move on.

Fr. Paul S

CHRIST THE GOOD SEHPHERD ADVENT FETE - Due to circumstances beyond our control the Fete will now take place in Banklands Hall/Stella Maris Room 11.45am. For practical reasons we will be setting up the Fete on **Sat 10 Dec, 1pm, help is needed please to set up and man the stalls.** Items for sale will still be gratefully received, especially bottles, unwanted gifts, toys, books, toiletries, white elephant goods etc they should be placed in the chests available in each church porch or brought to OLSM Priory. **We would also appreciate cake stall items to sell on the day.** (Help also needed to clear away on the Sunday please). Please take and display a poster. **Parish Advent Raffle Sun 11 Dec. When Returning Tickets,** place stubs in an envelope with cash (or cheque made payable to '*Christ the Good Shepherd*'). Envelopes can be posted through OLSM Priory letterbox or placed in the collection plates. **Please return unsold tickets to the back of each church in order that others may take and sell them. The Draw will now take place in Banklands Hall.**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES.

Christmas Eve, 24 December

6.30pm - Vigil Mass St Mary's

6.30pm - Vigil Mass OLSM

10.00pm - Night Mass St Gregory's

Christmas Day, 25 December

9.15am - Morning Mass St Mary's

9.30am - Morning Mass St Gregory's

10.30am - Morning Mass OLSM

St Stephen's Day, 26 December

10.00am - Morning Mass OLSM

Training for Eucharistic Ministers. Wednesday 11 January evening. This is advance notice for all Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. If you've got your new diaries . . . put it in!

Please note the 10am Mass on 9 December will be held in St Mary's, Harrington, due to the St Patrick's School carol Service being held in Our Lady & St Michael's church.

Soup & Pud. The December Soup and Pud and Christmas Meal will be postponed until the new year.

Sunday Morning Hymns

	SG	OLSM
Entry	8 v 1-3	575
Offertory	730	499
Communion	383	813
Recessional	567	243

FINANCE

Offertory Collection for last week £1577.37
 Diocesan Poor Missions £494.38
 Thank-you for your continued support and generosity.

LITURGY and PRAYER

Please pray for all who are sick, especially Winnie Lewis, Kathleen Sydney, Connie Berwick, Eileen Quinn, Mike Boak, Mary Johnston, Fletcher Ditchburn, Mary Ackerley, Reg Ackerley, Lynn Craine, Margaret Fearon, John Bechelli, Wilma Lace, Joan Houghin, Mary Ryan, Gerald Sharkey, John White, Billy Hennelly, Sheila Wolstenholme, Christine Thompson, Jan Wojcik, Mary Slater, retired Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue, Pauline Hodgson, Alex Glaister, Keith Daghish, Molly Doran, Marion Gray, Richard Johnston and Canon John Watson.

And those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Frank Briers, Francis Cremins, Anne Collins, Annie Hawley, Ronnie Jardine, Barbara Robinson, Josephine Norman, Sheila Rumney, Margaret Telford, John & Rhys Murray, Norah Finn, Neil Magean, Harry O'Neill and Esther Bales.

Baptism. Please pray for Katie Rose Ashcroft who will be baptised Sunday 4 December, 12 noon, Our Lady & St Michael's church. Those wishing to have their children baptised are required to give 6 weeks notice. This will enable us to arrange the necessary preparation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation. 11 - 11:25 Saturdays OLSM, on request at St Gregory's and St Mary's.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday morning will be dedicated to Vocations for the Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious and Consecrated Life.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS-WEEK BEGINNING 4 DEC

SG: Holy Souls **OLSM:** Neil Magean
SM: In Memory of the Cantley Family

No dates left for 2016. A suggested donation of £10 for each intention is much appreciated. If you are a tax payer and you wish to Gift Aid your donation please complete a My Gift to Christ Envelope (available at the back of each church) and mark Sanctuary Lamp. (Also, please let us know which church you would prefer).

Mass Intentions: Please note all Mass Intentions for Christmas Eve, Evening Mass and Christmas Day are now booked. Also Sunday Masses are fully booked until after the New Year.

TIMES OF MASS FOR NEXT WEEK

Key to Masses: SM = St Mary's, SG = St Gregory's & OLSM = Our Lady & St Michael's
Please take careful note of which church Mass will be held.

Date	Time	Church	Event
Sat 3 Dec	6.00	SM	St Francis Xavier Sheila Rumney
Sun 4 Dec	9.30	SG	2nd Sunday of Advent Andrew Ainsworth
	10.30	OLSM	Claire Louise Dempster
	6.00	OLSM	People of the Parish
Mon 5 Dec	10.00	OLSM	Monday of Advent, Week 2 Annie Hawley
Tues 6 Dec	10.00	SM	Tuesday of Advent, Week 2 Nora Rooney
Wed 7 Dec	12.00	SG	St Ambrose Juila McCourt
	6.30	OLSM	Alan Muldrew
Thur 8 Dec	10.00	SM	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Fr Brian Gilmore
	12.00	SG	Elizabeth Cantley Snr
Fri 9 Dec	10.00	SM	Friday of Advent, Week 2 Neil Magean
	12.00	SG	Tom Lace
Sat 10 Dec	10.00	OLSM	Saturday of Advent, Week 2 Margaret Telford
	6.00	SM	Peter Hodgson Snr & Peter Hodgson Jnr
Sun 11 Dec	9.30	SG	3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday R & D Jardine
	10.30	OLSM	Vincent Swarbrick
	6.00	OLSM	People of the Parish

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Christmas card Scout mail. This weekend (4 Dec) is the last weekend for the Christmas card delivery service. Thank-you for allowing us to deliver your Christmas greetings. The boxes will be removed from the churches following Sunday Masses.

Christmas Flowers OLSM, SM & SG: Donations for Christmas flowers will be gratefully received. Please mark envelope Christmas Flowers and place in with the collection. Thank-you.

Poinsettia - We would welcome donations of green and red poinsettias to decorate our sanctuaries and churches this Christmas. If you would like to donate one in memory of a loved one place a card with their name in the plant and bring to church for the **weekend of 17/18 Dec, (not before).** **Please note volunteers are needed for each church to water and look after the plants, otherwise they are wasted. Names to the clergy please.** We have a volunteer for OLSM.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Wed 7 Dec: Buildings & Finance Committee meet in OLSM Priory 7pm.

Fri 9 Dec: **St Patrick's School** Carol Service, 10am OLSM, all welcome. **St Gregory's School** KS1 Christmas Performance, 1.30pm, in SG church. **Concert given by Flimby Male Voice Choir at St Gregory's church,** 7pm. (With light refreshments). Tickets £5 from Church or ring 64295 or 604919.

Sat 10 Dec: Set up for the church Fete, 1pm Banklands Hall. The more helpers the merrier!

Sun 11 Dec: Advent Fete & Raffle, Banklands Hall, 11.45am. **Parade Sunday** - Brownies Reading.

Tues 13 Dec: St Mary's School Carol Service, 10am, St Mary's church. St. Gregory's Over 55's Lunch, 11.45am. Numbers to Mary Harrison on 01900 64295 by 8 Dec.

Wed 14 Dec: 7.15pm Advent Reconciliation Service with Confessions, OLSM.

Thurs 15 Dec: Nativity Tableau led by Yr 3 St Gregory's School, 2pm, in SG church.

Fri 16 Dec: St Joseph's School Carol Service, 11.30am, OLSM Church. Schools close for the Christmas Holidays.

Sun 18 Dec: Family Candlelit Carol Service. 3pm, OLSM.