

DIOCESE and OTHER NEWS and EVENTS

Castlerigg Manor: Easter Retreat 13 - 16 April, open to year 9 upwards. **Family Weekend 28 - 30 April**. Open to all families. **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 19 - 29 July**. Open to ages year 11 upwards. Prices from £650 by coach (flight information to follow). For more information see website www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/lourdes-2017

26 - 29 Sept 2017: Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, led by Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. Cost £265, 3 nights full board (sharing). Closing date 22.6.17, contact Paul Briers 01946 834834. Please book early to avoid disappointment. See poster at back of church.

Foodbank. See poster at back of each church for the Foodbank 40p for 40 days challenge this Lent. 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/ Carton 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.

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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CLERGY and SCHOOLS

CHRIST the GOOD 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

Being unable to care for your children must be one of the most devastating problems to face. Not having access to food, water, shelter, being unable to stop the pain, and seeing no end For some we know this is the reality. Throw into the mix war and hostility, preventing aid being given to the right people, and the horror grows. Good intentions, generosity and kindness disappear before your eyes like water poured into the sand. Impossible situations hit us all, it's just that they aren't always on such a scale, and they don't always have lives hanging on them. Prayer, Faith, holiness can seem pretty useless faced with grim reality. It might be as simple as a broken relationship, an accumulation of those little problems – and then the last straw – it might be a situation at work that won't go away. What real difference does Jesus make? This Sunday we witness a miracle in slow motion. We also see how the miracle divides people, bringing new problems. You just can't win! As we come closer to Holy Week and Easter, mindful of so many problems in our own lives and culture, and disasters in the lives of others, keep in mind that some miracles happen in slow motion, almost unnoticed unless you have eyes and Faith to see.

Our prayers go out to those killed and injured in the recent terrorist attack in London. We pray for the Police and Emergency Services who stand between us and danger on so many occasions. May the Lord keep them safe.

This weekend there will be an appeal at all Masses for Aid to the Church in Need.

Parish Service of Reconciliation with opportunity for individual Confessions. Wednesday 5 April 7pm Our Lady and St. Michael.

A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify Mrs Mary Graham (605162), or Sharon at OLSM Priory (602114) of the following:

1. If you are no longer a tax payer or you paid insufficient tax during 2016/17 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on **all** your donations given under Gift Aid to **all** charities during the tax year (at the current basic rate of tax 20%, for every £1 net donated charities can reclaim 25p. **It is the responsibility of the donor to pay any shortfall**).
2. If you want to cancel your declaration.
3. Change of name or home address (all parishioners should notify us of change of name or address, Thank-you).

Sunday Morning Hymns

	SG	OLSM
Entry	610	143
Offertory	90	495
Communion	40	72
Recessional	209	544

LITURGY and PRAYER

Please pray for all who are sick, especially 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, Sheila Wolstenholme, Christine Thompson, Jan Wojcik, Mary Slater, retired Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue, Pauline & Joe Hodgson, Alex Glaister, Keith Daglish, Molly Doran, Marion Gray, Richard Johnston, Canon John Watson, Gerard Sloan, Gillian Jardine, Cath Wilson and Barbara Jones.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently. Karen Anderson Murray Krebbs. Elizabeth McMullen, Funeral Service at Distington Crematorium, Monday 27 March 11.15am. Letitia Mary Henderson, Funeral Service Thursday 30 March, 11am Our Lady & St Michael's church.

And those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Kevin Byrne, Dennis Hardie, Dick Johnston, John McCrea, Hilda Grisdale, Margaret Wise, Celia Rayner, Margaret Haughin, Gerald Burke, Vincent McGuckin, Danny Wilson and Pauline Turner.

Baptism. Those wishing to have their children baptised are required to give 6 weeks notice. This will enable us to arrange the necessary preparation.

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

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

Stations of the Cross (3pm each Sunday)

26 March	St. Gregory	2 April	St. Mary
		9 April	OLSM

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS - WEEK BEGINNING 26 MARCH**SM:** Kevin Byrne**OLSM:** Special Intention **SG:** Kevin & Gerald Burke

Dates Available March, April, May: None. June: OLSM - 25. SG - 18. SM - None. July: OLSM - 23. SG - 16, 30, SM - 9, 23, 30. Aug: OLSM - 20. SG - 13, 20, 27. SM - 6, 13, 20, 27. 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. (Please let us know which church you would prefer).

Finance

Offertory Collection £1735.07
Lent Cafod Fast Day £433.11
Thank-you for your continued support & generosity.

TIMES OF MASS FOR NEXT WEEK

Key to Masses: SM = St Mary's, SG = St Gregory's & OLSM = Our Lady & St Michael's

Sat 25 March 6.00 SM	Annunciation of the Lord Kevin Byrne	Thur 30 March 10.00 SM	Thurs of 4th Week in Lent Gerard Rooney
Sun 26 March 9.30 SG	4 Sunday in Lent People of the Parish	Fri 31 March 10.00 OLSM	Fri of 4th Week in Lent Anne Torley
10.30 OLSM	Kitty Dury (Nee McCormish)	12.00 SG	Joe Reilly
6.00 OLSM	Maureen Dobinson	Sat 1 April 10.00 OLSM	Sat of 4th Week in Lent Bill & Margaret Hennelly
Mon 27 March 10.00 OLSM	Mon of 4th Week in Lent Lynne Farrington	6.00 SM	Rosaline & David Hoare (Golden Wedding)
Tues 28 March 10.00 SM	Tues of 4th Week in Lent John McCrea	Sun 2 April 9.30 SG	5 Sunday in Lent John & Bridget Sloan
12.00 SG	Esme O'Connor	10.30 OLSM	Ted Lancaster
Wed 29 March 12.00 SG	Wed of 4th Week in Lent Annie & Tom Graham	6.00 OLSM	People of the Parish
6.30 OLSM	Thurgood & Telford Families		

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Envelopes 2017/18: Envelopes are available for collection from the back of each church, If your box of envelopes is missing please let Sharon know at the Priory and we will track them down for you. **Please do not use your new envelopes before Sat/Sun 8/9 April 2017.** If you haven't got, and would like envelopes, please fill in the form at the back of each church.

The latest minutes from the Parish Pastoral Council are on each church notice board.

Sick/Housebound. A number of our parishioners are no longer able to come to Mass because of age or infirmity. If you know of such parishioners and they wish to receive Holy Communion please let our priests or Sister Eleanor know.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Thurs 30 March: New Evangelisation Initiative, Alpha, 7pm, Banklands Hall.

Sun 2 Apr: Second collection for the Buildings & Maintenance Fund. **First Holy Communion Candidates: SG -** meet after 9.30am Mass. **OLSM -** meet in Banklands Hall, 11.45am (session 7).

Mon 3 Apr: Stations of the Cross Service in St Gregory's Church at 2pm. Led by St Gregory's year 4 with the whole school attending. Parishioners are also more than welcome to attend.

Tues 4 Apr: St. Gregory's Over 55s Lunch, 11.45am. Numbers to Mary Harrison on 64295 by Thursday 30 March.

Fri 7 Apr: Schools close for the Easter Holidays.

Sun 9 Apr: Palm Sunday (There will be **NO** Church Parade).

Tues 11 Apr: Altar Servers' Rehearsal, 6pm in OLSM church. All volunteer servers to attend if serving the Triduum.

Thurs 13 Apr: Volunteers for Washing of the Feet. We are looking for four volunteers from each community to have their feet washed during the Mass of the Lord's Supper. If you would like to volunteer then please put your name down along with a contact number on the list at the back of each church. Thank-you.

Paul Briers MC

Wed 26 Apr: Building & Finance Committee meet in OLSM Priory 7pm.