

DIOCESE and OTHER NEWS and EVENTS

Sat 15 Oct: Day of Renewal. 10 - 4pm St Clare's Parish Hall, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston. Contact Rev B Loveland 015395 63391

28 - 30 Oct: Young Adults Retreat. A new venture for the Youth Service, an open retreat at Castlerigg for young adults (6th Form & older). £65 pp. for more information see poster at back of each church or contact www.castleriggmanor.co.uk

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/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.**

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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CHRIST the GOOD SHEPHERD

9 Oct - 28 Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass Book Pg 149

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EXTRA-ORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,

Full of mercy to all who call to you.

God's love crosses boundaries. God's Grace is not restricted to Catholics alone, or to Christians or believers. Today's Gospel brings that message home. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, each created person has an immortal soul, and is drawn to know God. We believe this to be true of all people. What we find is that, for whatever reason, some respond more generously than others, some search with more purpose than others. The grateful leper shows us that. I've told you before about a leper who made a deep impression on me through the faith and kindness he showed. Paul Maambo lived at Nkonkola with his son. Paul had been married but his wife left him when he got leprosy. He lost both feet. He also suffered from chronic asthma. He was not able to support his family. His wife left him. Paul was an old man by the time I met him. He lived in dire poverty, sleeping on the earth floor of his hut. His blanket was a sack. His pillow was a stone. His son was able-bodied but a drunkard. He would bring his father bands of metal from packing cases. These Paul would hammer into knife blades. He would make handles out of wood into which he fitted the blades. His son would sell these in the villages to raise money for their basic needs. His son used most of the money to buy drink. I never heard Paul complain about anything. Paul lived about 3km from the local church. He struggled to walk on his crutches and was short of breath, but whenever I went to that out-station for Mass (once every 2 months) he would be the first one there, quietly sitting before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. Mass would start over an hour later once everyone else had arrived. After Mass, if I was driving, Paul would be given a lift home. In spite of misfortune he remained on the best of terms with the Lord. What did he see in the Mass that the rest of us don't? (If you want a good excuse for not coming to Mass having no feet must rank amongst the best!) Paul fell sick. I was called to give him the Last Rites. It was a stunningly beautiful evening in Holy Week. Crossing the stream just below his village fire-flies hovered over the water in which the stars were reflected, heaven wedded to earth! Days later, the local Christians gathered for his funeral Mass on a bare hillside not far from his village. His son moved on. During his life Paul wasn't cured of his leprosy although he received regular treatment. It's as though he didn't need a miracle because he already had the company of Christ. To him that meant everything.

Sisters of Charity of St Paul Selly Park—Romanian Fund. next weekend (15/16 October) leaflets for this year's Christmas Appeal for the **Sisters of Charity of St Paul Selly Park—Romanian Fund** will be handed out after each Mass.

A Day of Prayer 'COME AND SEE' Saturday 12 November 2016, Stella Maris Parish Room. An invitation to grow into a deeper relationship with Jesus. The day will explore ways of praying using the Scriptures. Time: 10.30 – 4.00. Please bring a packed lunch, tea & coffee available. The day is led by Sister Maureen Marston S.P. See posters at the back of all 3 churches. For further information please see Sister Eleanor.

This Sunday is Parade Sunday, Guides Reading at the 10.30am Mass.

FINANCE	Sunday Morning Hymns	SG	OLSM
Offertory Collection for last week £1719.49	Entry	602	268
Walsingham £190.24	Gloria	406	
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.	Offertory	23	499
	Communion	40	98
	Recessional	512	238

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 and Richard Johnston.

And those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Sydney Hetherington, Moya Doyle, Jim Tognarelli, Florence Madden, Teresa Golding, Tom Smith, John Sumpton, Veronica Williamson, James Dustin and John Sowerby.

Baptism. 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 at OLSM. On request at St Mary's and St Gregory's.

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

Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots, OLSM Mondays after the 10am Mass.

First Holy Communion 2017: Initial preparation is beginning for 1st Holy Communion (date to be decided). If you know anyone in Year 3 who does not attend one of our Catholic schools please contact Fr Harrison

Money counters. At each of our three churches we have a small but dedicated group of parishioners who count and record the collections each week. I am most grateful for their dedication. We need reliable volunteers to come forward and help spread the load. If you are willing to help, do please speak with one of the priests. Do it for the parish.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS-WEEK BEGINNING 9 OCT

OLSM: In Memory of Jim Tognarelli

SM: Billie & Miriam O'Kane **SG:** Billie & Miriam O'Kane

Dates available for 2016: OLSM & SG - None. SM - 13 & 27 Nov, 11 Dec. Dates are now available for 2017. 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).

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.

Sat 8 Oct 6.00 SM	Feria People of the Parish	Thur 13 Oct	St Edward the Confessor NO MASS
Sun 9 Oct 9.30 SG 10.30 OLSM 6.00 OLSM	28 Sun in Ordinary Time Billie & Miriam O'Kane Arnold Elliott Florence Madden	Fri 14 Oct 12.00 SG	Feria Tom Smith
Mon 10 Oct 10.00 OLSM	St Paulinus of York John McManus	Sat 15 Oct 10.00 OLSM 6.00 SM	St Teresa of Jesus Jim Dustin Dom Wulstan Probert OSB
Tues 11 Oct 10.00 SM	St John XXIII Isaac Roberts	Sun 16 Oct 9.30 SG 10.30 OLSM 6.00 OLSM	29 Sun in Ordinary Time People of the Parish Gerard & Danny Cunningham Eileen Keough
Wed 12 Oct 6.30 OLSM	St Wilfrid Theresa Irving		

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Parish Grand Christmas Raffle. In the near future we will be printing raffle tickets. As in the past we would appreciate donations for prizes (especially contributions towards the cash prizes which will be very welcome indeed!) We would like to have the tickets printed and ready to distribute by the end of October and need to know what prizes, cash and other, we can offer. Please bring all contributions to the Priory at Banklands. Thank-you!

Lost Property: Gold Earring Found at St Gregory's church. Please see Mary Harrison. **Fair Trade Catalogues** are now available from St Gregory's church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 10 Oct: St Gregory's School Harvest Festival in church, 9.30am. All welcome. **OLSM Church Cleaning** - there will be no cleaning at OLSM this Monday.

Thurs 13 Oct: Soup & Pud, 12.30pm Stella Maris Room, all welcome.

Tues 18 Oct: St. Gregory's Over 55s Lunch 11.45 am. Numbers to Mary Harrison on 64295 by Thursday 13 October.

Thurs 20 Oct: Family History Evening with Fr Harrison, 7pm, in the Stella Maris Room - all welcome.

Fri 21 Oct: Schools close for half-term.

Sat 22 Oct: The parish marriage preparation course will take place in the Stella Maris room, from 10am until 4pm.

Sat 29 Oct: 2016 DEANERY PILGRIMAGE to Holy Door at Lancaster Cathedral. Cost is £12 per person. Please put your name and contact number on the list at back of church.

Mon 31 Oct: Baseline Condition Survey Training Day, 9-4pm, Stella Maris Room, See poster for more details.

Wed 2 Nov: Property & Finance Committee meet in OLSM Priory 7pm.

Tues 15 Nov: Parish Pastoral Council, meet in OLSM Priory, 7pm.

Sun 11 Dec: Christmas Fair and Grand Christmas Raffle