

DIOCESE and OTHER NEWS and EVENTS

Castlerigg Manor are looking for young volunteers to join the gap-year team from January to summer 2017. This is a life changing opportunity to live in community and work with young people, transforming their lives through encounter with Christ. We are looking for young people aged 18+ with a commitment to their faith and a desire to share this with other young people. See www.castleriggmanor.co.uk or email team@castleriggmanor.co.uk

22 - 29 Aug 2017: Visit to Shrine at Medjugorje, £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/ 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.

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

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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

Advent Reconciliation Service. Wed 14 December 7.15pm at Our Lady and St. Michael's. Have I got time for this? To be honest, I've been meaning to get round to it for some time, but it's not happened yet. If not this week then when? A little effort on my part will be rewarded by hearing those words, 'Go in peace. Your sins are forgiven.' It isn't just about forgiveness – it's also about healing. I've been hurt by other people's sins. Sticks and stones can break my bones . . . but words can do untold damage too, and they have done, and continue to. I hurt inside, even if it doesn't show on the outside. Christ is longing to place his gentle hand where you hurt and make it better. Make the effort. Let others know. It will be worth it.

This week's Gospel. John in prison, chained in a stinking black hole, and his hope is dying. Last week he was in the vast open spaces of the wilderness. He's a broken man. No Christmas down there. Is this how it will end? We know he was executed in prison. He never saw the light of day again. And yet, he played his part. He was dear to Christ. Let Christmas remind us of the eternal light of God's love, bringing strength and new life to every victim of sin. Let it go deep.

Parish Council. I welcome Fran Teasdale, Marek Balog and Chris Diamond onto the Parish Council. I am grateful for them having agreed to do this valuable work.

Fr Swarbrick.

This Sunday Parade Sunday OLSM - Brownies reading, followed by CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD ADVENT FETE & RAFFLE - The Advent Fete takes place today after the 10.30am Mass (Fete will open at 11.45am), in Banklands Hall/ Stella Maris Room. Come along and enjoy, there's lots on offer and plenty to eat! (help needed to clear away afterwards please). Thank-you to everyone who has helped and donated goods/money in some way with the Fete and Raffle. Full results will be posted on church notice boards next week.

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

Sanctuary lamp restoration OLSM. This lamp looks magnificent after having been restored and cleaned, a fitting condition for something designed to give glory to the Blessed Sacrament.

Heating at OLSM. At a cost in the region of £21,000 we have new boilers in the church at OLSM. It will never be tropical but should get us through the winter. Come the summer, radiators will replace the fan-heaters. Thank-you for the on-going support

Eucharistic Ministers from OLSM parish are reminded to collect the new rota from the sacristy. It came into operation last week.

Sunday Morning Hymns

	SG	OLSM
Entry	8 v 1-3	133
Offertory	90	524
Communion	570	523
Recessional	268	686

FINANCE

Offertory Collection for last week £1698.88
 Buildings & Maintenance £294.65
 Christmas Flowers £210.00
 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.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently. Jim Wilson. Sally Talbot. John McAleavey, Requiem Mass, Friday 16 December, 1pm, Our Lady & St Michael's church.

And those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Janet Bailey, Robert Stevenson, Joseph Byrne, Teresa Taylor, Margaret Wilson, Pauline Chorley, Joseph Woodall, Brian Rourke, Michael Fisher, Lawrence Scoon, Barbara Robinson, Ria Rooney, Veronica Bell, George Surtees, Teresa Grisedale, Tony Grisedale and Michael Wright.

Baptism. Please pray for Grace Olivia McAdam who will be baptised Sunday 11 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.

Forthcoming Weddings. Congratulations to Richard McGill and Toni Wilson who will be married at Our Lady & St Michael's church on Monday 19 December at 2.15pm. We wish them every happiness.

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 11 DEC

SM: James & Maria Rooney **OLSM:** Pauline Chorley

SG: Deceased Members of Rita Hamilton's 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. (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.

Please note Mass on Tuesday 13 December, St Mary's, will be at 12 noon.

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 10 Dec 6.00 SM	Saturday of Advent, Week 2 Peter Hodgson Snr & Peter Hodgson Jnr	Thur 15 Dec 10.00 SM 12.00 SG	Thursday of Advent, Week 3 Joseph & Margaret Woodall Annie Eccles
Sun 11 Dec 9.30 SG 10.30 OLSM 6.00 OLSM	3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday R & D Jardine Vincent Swarbrick People of the Parish	Fri 16 Dec 12.00 SG 1.00 OLSM	Friday of Advent, Week 3 In Thanksgiving Requiem - John McAleavey
Mon 12 Dec 10.00 OLSM	Monday of Advent, Week 3 Teresa & Tom Taylor	Sat 17 Dec 10.00 OLSM 6.00 SM	Saturday of Advent, Week 3 Bert & Eva Fagan Joe & Mary Byrne
Tues 13 Dec 12.00 SM	St Lucy Annie & Tom Graham	Sun 18 Dec 9.30 SG 10.30 OLSM	4th Sunday of Advent Trudie Gullen Peter Maguire, William & Elizabeth Downey People of the Parish
Wed 14 Dec 12.00 SG 6.30 OLSM	St John of the Cross George & Edith Canavan Jack Lannaghan	6.00 OLSM	

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Lancaster Diocesan Directories are now available from our church piety stalls - Price £3.

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 volunteers for 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!

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Tues 13 Dec: St Mary's School Carol Service, 10am, St Mary's church. St. Gregory's Over 55's Lunch, 11.45am. You must have booked your lunch, contact Mary Harrison on 01900 64295.

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. Yippee!!

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

Tues 10 Jan: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm in OLSM Priory.