



### Parish News & Events

Key: SM = St Mary, SG = St Gregory, OLSM = Our Lady & St Michael,

<b>Sat 13 Jan</b>	<b>Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
17.45 SM	<i>Confessions</i>
18.00 SM	Mass (People of the Parish)
<b>Sun 14 Jan</b>	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
09.15 SG	<i>Confessions</i>
09.30 SG	Mass (Catherine Evans)
10.30 OLSM	Mass (Mike & Joan Briers)
18.00 OLSM	Mass (James Fallon)
<b>Mon 15 Jan</b>	<b>Monday of week 2</b>
09.00 OLSM	Mass (Beatrice Donovan & Family)
18.00 OLSM	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
<b>Tues 16 Jan</b>	<b>Tuesday of week 2</b>
09.30 SM	<i>Adoration</i>
10.00 SM	Mass (Beanie McLaughlin)
18.00 OLSM	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
<b>Wed 17 Jan</b>	<b>St Anthony</b>
11.30 SG	<i>Lectio Divina</i>
12.00 SG	Mass (Kathleen Brady & Family)
18.00 OLSM	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
18.30 OLSM	Mass (Jim & Theresa Irving)
<b>Thur 18 Jan</b>	<b>Thursday of week 2</b>
10.00 SM	Mass (Eileen Crowe)
18.00 OLSM	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
<b>Fri 19 Jan</b>	<b>St Wulstan</b>
11.30 SG	<i>Adoration</i>
12.00 SG	Mass (Braniff & Irving Families)
18.00 OLSM	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
<b>Sat 20 Jan</b>	<b>St Fabian &amp; St Sebastian</b>
10.00 OLSM	Mass (Robert (Bob) Smith)
10.30 OLSM	<i>Confession, Adoration &amp; Rosary</i>
<b>Sat 20 Jan</b>	<b>Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
17.45 SM	<i>Confessions</i>
18.00 SM	Mass (Joseph & Margaret Woodall)
<b>Sun 21 Jan</b>	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
09.15 SG	<i>Confessions</i>
09.30 SG	Mass (Mary & Harry Pape)
10.30 OLSM	Mass (Rose Moss)
18.00 OLSM	Mass (People of the Parish)

### Sanctuary Lamps (week beginning 14.01.24)

OLSM: People of the Parish

SM: None **Sacred Heart Altar:** None

Lady Altar: None SG: None

Most dates are available for 2024, please contact Sharon in the parish office.

**Please remember in your prayers those who died recently. Susan Castleton. The sick & housebound:** Catherine Wilson, Mabel Tognarelli, Doreen Doran, Fletcher Ditchburn, Anne Braniff, Dennis Castleton, Jack Gullen, Veronica Tubman, Joan Rodgers, Margaret McAleavey, Ibrahim Tobby Shsha, Maureen Dolan, Brendan McManus, Donald Pettitt, Linda Tallentire, Mary Cronolly, Gilbert Carruthers, Marie Blair, Mary Murphy, Jim Cunningham, Geoff Williamson, Helen Bailey and Joan Ainsworth. **And those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Jean Williamson, Michael Morgan, Ian Marsh, Francis Delaney, Sally Veronica Needn, Beanie McLaughlin, Janice Johnston, John Burns, Bernard Langstaff, Dora Burke, Alma Corrie, Winnie Donnelly, Brenda Bennett, Cavan McKenzie, Mary Quinn, Thomas Wood, Alan Graham and Sydney Musgrave.

**Parish Finance.** Offertory Income for December £6468.60. Online donations to WSMP £120. Details for online banking: Account - LRCDTR Christ the Good Shepherd. Sort Code: 40-27-02. Account No. 91752146.

**Crib Offerings.** This year Bishop Paul would like the Crib Offerings to be used for the Friends of the Holy Land. [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

### This Sunday is the Day of Prayer for Peace.

Please join the chorus of prayer throughout the world for peace today; take up your rosaries and pray for Ukraine, for Gaza and the Holy Land. There are other places too which barely hit the headlines. Over Christmas 200 Christians were massacred in northern Nigeria by Boko Haram, and there is ongoing conflict in many other parts of Africa, in Yemen, in Syria, in Afghanistan. A white wreath has been donated to Our Lady & St Michael's church to remind the whole parish to pray for peace in our world, in our families and in our hearts.

**White Flower Appeal 2024.** The *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* will be holding its appeal this weekend, helping to protect the sanctity of life. Baskets for the appeal will be at the back of each church at the end of Mass.

**Thank you** to all those who supported the altar servers retreat with last week's collection. Twenty-one altar servers had the opportunity to enjoy an overnight retreat at Castlerigg, meeting other altar servers from across the Diocese. Your generosity and support of our altar servers and all young people in our parish is very much appreciated.

**Adamas Voces Concert.** We welcome back this fantastic international choir, hailing from Scotland, Wales, Ireland and across England. Just over a year ago they amazed us with a Christmas concert which took us all to Heaven and back. This time they are performing a Concert to close the Season of Epiphany and Candlemas on Saturday 3 February at 7pm in Banklands. Please spread the word around and invite your friends, £8 tickets £5 under-18s, available from the Parish Office, the back of church or Ann Diamond.

**Thinking of becoming Catholic, or maybe you know someone who is interested?** We will be beginning our journey of faith programme shortly for those who want to find out more about the Catholic faith and would like to become full members of the Church. Please see one of the priests or contact the parish office.

**Sacramental Programmes.** Dates for **Confirmation** (for Y6 and over) Saturday 8 June at 10am, and for **First Holy Communion** for children at St Patrick's on Saturday 15 June at 10am in Our Lady & St Michael's church, and Saturday 22 June at 10am for children of St Mary's School at St Mary's Church. (St Gregory's school to be announced). Any child or young person who does not attend a Catholic school but who would like to make their First Holy Communion (Year 3 or above), or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6 or above), please contact the parish office for registration by the 1 February at the latest.

**Open Door.** St. Gregory's church Mondays at 9am. St Mary's church hall, Harrington, Thursdays at 10.30am & Stella Maris room every Friday at 10am.

**Over 55s Lunch,** Helena Thompson Museum, Tuesday 16 January, 12noon. Telephone Marion 01900 605417.

**Live Streaming.** Please note the address for live streaming has changed. The new address [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live) will be effective immediately with the old address still being available to assist in the transition. [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) will no longer work after 20 February 2024.

**Offertory Envelopes 2024/25. The Offertory Envelopes for use from Sunday 7 April 2024 will soon be on order.** For those who use online banking we have a small supply of envelopes just for special collections, if you would like a box of these please contact Sharon as soon as possible. From April to October 2023 HSBC has charged the parish £1211.10 for depositing cash/cheques. Please consider donating via Standing Order/online banking as the parish is charged much less for these methods of donating. If you wish to cancel your offertory envelopes please contact the parish office.

**Wanted:** Items for new born babies, equipment e.g. cot, pram, buggy, baby bath, etc. baby clothes new or used up to the age of 3 or 4. Educational games up to aged 14, toys (not soft toys). Chests of drawers, wardrobes, curtains, sofas, new duvets 12-15 tog (no other bedding needed at this time) kitchen utensils, pressure cookers, cutlery, crockery. With sincere gratitude for what you will donate. It is best if you let me have the items directly. **Sister Eleanor 01900 602028**

**Wanted.** Has anyone got any second-hand bikes that would be suitable for teenagers? Please see one of the priests.

### Other News and Events

**CAFOD** are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or [lancaster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:lancaster@cafod.org.uk) or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk)

**Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage, 23-30 July,** led by Bishop Swarbrick, contact [info@joewalshstours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalshstours.co.uk) or 0808 189 0468. There is also a coach for youth which will include a day of sightseeing in Paris, go to: [youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk)