



## Parish News & Events

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

<b>Sat 27 Jan</b>	<b>Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
17.45 SM	Confessions
18.00 SM	Mass (The McLaughlin Family)
<b>Sun 28 Jan</b>	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
09.15 SG	Confessions
09.30 SG	Mass (Janice Johnston)
10.30 OLSM	Mass (Stanley Lawson)
18.00 OLSM	Mass (People of the Parish)
<b>Mon 29 Jan</b>	<b>Monday of week 4</b>
10.00 OLSM	Mass (Very Special Intention)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
<b>Tues 30 Jan</b>	<b>Tuesday of week 4</b>
09.30 SM	Adoration
10.00 SM	Mass (Tony O'Hare)
<b>Wed 31 Jan</b>	<b>St John Bosco</b>
11.30 SG	Lectio Divina
12.00 SG	Mass (Irene Ditchburn)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
18.30 OLSM	Mass (Joe & Clare Brew)
<b>Thur 1 Feb</b>	<b>Thursday of week 4</b>
10.00 SM	Mass (Tom Carr)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
<b>Fri 2 Feb</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>
08.00 SJ	Mass in St Joseph's School
11.30 SG	Adoration
12.00 SG	Mass (Jimmy, Margaret & Peter Robinson)
12.00 SM	Requiem - Kathleen Shaw
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
<b>Sat 3 Feb</b>	<b>St Blaise</b>
10.00 OLSM	Mass (David & Moya Doyle)
10.30 OLSM	Confession, Adoration & Rosary
<b>Sat 3 Feb</b>	<b>Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
17.45 SM	Confessions
18.00 SM	Mass (People of the Parish)
<b>Sun 4 Feb 2024</b>	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
09.15 SG	Confessions
09.30 SG	Mass (Gertrude Hickman & Family)
10.30 OLSM	Mass (John & Elizabeth Trainor)
18.00 OLSM	Mass (Michael Mattinson)

### Sanctuary Lamps

(week beginning 28.01.24)

OLSM: Birthday Memories Alice Denwood

Lady Altar: People of the Parish

SM: None

SG: None Sacred Heart: None

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

**Please remember in your prayers those who died recently. Mary Cecilia Alexander. Kathleen Shaw,** Received into St Mary's church Thursday 1 February, 5pm. Requiem Mass Friday 2 February, 12 noon. **The sick & housebound:** Catherine Wilson, Mabel Tognarelli, Doreen Doran, Fletcher Ditchburn, Anne Braniff, Dennis Castleton, Jack Gullen, Veronica Tubman, Joan Rodgers, Margaret McAleavey, Ibrahim Tobya 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:** Clare Brew, Anne Connor, Richard Jenkinson, Kay McCarron, Mary Wordsworth, Jemma Brown, John Smith, Edward Duxbury, Frank Dolan, Leslie Bennett, Paul Milburn and Margaret Robinson.

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

**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, at the back of church or from Ann Diamond. In addition, *Adamas Voces* will be singing at next Sunday's Mass at Our Lady & St Michael's and there will be sung **Evensong** at 3pm, a beautiful service of sung psalms and antiphons. Everyone is welcome.

**Blessing of throats** on the Feast of St Blaise, Saturday 3 February, after the morning Mass and before the time of Adoration and Confessions.

**Healing Service with the sacrament of the anointing of the sick and Benediction** on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunday 11 February at 3pm, at St Gregory's church, followed by refreshments. Please could family and friends offer lifts to those elderly or housebound who would like to attend the service, and those who are fit and healthy, park on the streets so as to give priority parking to those who are less agile. This service is especially for those who are suffering in any way, old or young, mentally, physically, spiritually, and everyone in the parish and wider community is welcome.

**Sacramental Programmes. Confirmation** (for Y6 and over) Saturday 8 June at 10am, **First Holy Communion** for children at St Patrick's, Saturday 15 June at 10am in Our Lady & St Michael's church. Saturday 22 June at 10am for St Mary's School at St Mary's Church and St Gregory's school at St Gregory's church. 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 by the 1 February at the latest.

**Fire Warden Training** on Saturday 10 February, 10am, at Stella Maris parish room. We are required to have a team in each church trained to help evacuate the church in case of an emergency during Mass. It makes sense for our welcomers and a few others to be trained up, reminded of some basics, and given the skill to operate fire extinguishers, etc. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

**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.

**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 supply of envelopes just for special collections, if you would like a box of these please contact Sharon as soon as possible.

**Thank you** to all those who donated to the recent special collections held in the parish- The Crib collection raised £487.57 for *Friends of the Holy Land*, supporting the minority Christian population in the land of Christ's birth. Donations from the Memory Tree for *Mary's Meals* raised £1443.60 which will be doubled by the Government feeding 150 children for a year in their schools and enabling them to escape poverty. The Diocesan Poor Mission collection raised £251.17, Youth Sunday £208.81 and the collection for the SPUC White Flower appeal raised £258.36. We would also like to thank those very generous parishioners who have donated to various fundraising initiatives held in the parish over the year, in particular the £5805 which has been raised to enable renewal of the toilets and kitchen facilities in St Mary's church hall.

**Wanted.** Thank you to those who donated bicycles for teens in the parish, we have had enough donated for the boys but are short of 3 or 4 bicycles for girls.

**Wanted:** Base for a double bed, second hand vacuum cleaner. With sincere gratitude for all donations. Please let me have the items directly. **Sister Eleanor 01900 602028**

**The Parish Coffee morning** on Monday 29 January has been cancelled.

## Other News and Events

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

*Come, Holy Spirit!  
Give us the grace today to rise up,  
to open wide the doors,  
to go out of ourselves so as to  
draw others to Christ,  
to be disciples and to make  
disciples, that we may walk in your  
ways joyfully and build up Your  
Church across West Cumbria.  
We make this prayer through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*