



### Parish News & Events

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

<b>Sat 16 Mar</b>	<b>Vigil: 5th Sunday in Lent</b>
17.45 SM	Confessions
18.00 SM	Mass (People of the Parish)
<b>Sun 17 Mar 24</b>	<b>5th Sunday in Lent</b>
09.15 SG	Confessions
09.30 SG	Mass (Maureen McDonald)
10.30 OLSM	Mass (Gerald Vytialingam)
18.00 OLSM	Mass (Beanie McLoughlin)
<b>Mon 18 Mar</b>	<b>Monday of 5th week in Lent</b>
10.00 OLSM	Mass (Moyra Morton)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
<b>Tues 19 Mar</b>	<b>St Joseph</b>
09.15 OLSM	St Joseph's whole school Mass
09.30 SM	Adoration
10.00 SM	Mass (Ellen Thompsett)
12.00 OLSM	Funeral - David Richards
14.00 OLSM	Wedding - Dean & Rachel
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
<b>Wed 20 Mar</b>	<b>Wednesday of 5th week in Lent</b>
11.30 SG	Lectio Divina
12.00 SG	Mass (Ann Oliver)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
18.30 OLSM	Mass (Margaret Youngusband)
<b>Thur 21 Mar</b>	<b>Thursday of 5th week in Lent</b>
10.00 SM	Mass (Denise & Ron Hurley)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
18.30 SG	Reconciliation Service
<b>Fri 22 Mar</b>	<b>Friday of 5th week in Lent</b>
08.00 SJ	Mass in St Joseph's School
11.30 SG	Adoration
12.00 SG	Mass (John Quinn & Family)
18.00 OLSM	Evening Prayer
18.30 OLSM	Stations of the Cross
<b>Sat 23 Mar</b>	<b>Saturday of 5th week in Lent</b>
10.00 OLSM	Mass (Pauline Brown)
10.30 OLSM	Confession, Adoration & Rosary
<b>Sat 23 Mar</b>	<b>Vigil: Palm Sunday</b>
17.45 SM	Confessions
18.00 SM	Mass (Michael Eilbeck)
<b>Sun 24 Mar 24</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
09.15 SG	Confessions
09.30 SG	Mass (People of the Parish)
10.30 OLSM	Mass (Brendan & Brenda O'Donnell)
18.00 OLSM	Mass (Tony O'Hare)

#### Sanctuary Lamps (week beginning 17.03.24)

**OLSM:** In Loving Memory of Mary Byrne

**SG:** Thanksgiving

**SM:** In Loving Memory of Brenda & Brendan O'Donnell

**Sacred Heart:** In Loving Memory of Sandra Crowley

**Lady Altar:** Birthday Memories of Pat Parker

**Please remember in your prayers those who died recently.** David Richards, Funeral Service Tuesday 19 March, 12 noon, Our Lady & St Michael's church. **The sick & household:** 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, Mary Cronolly, Gilbert Carruthers, Marie Blair, Mary Murphy, Jim Cunningham, Geoff Williamson, Helen Bailey, Joan Ainsworth and Michael Davidson **And those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Elizabeth McMullen, George McKeown, William Turner, Kevin Rourke, Joan Diamond, Jean McDonald, Margaret Youngusband, Margaret Martin, Brenda Hawley, Pat Henderson, Marie Wright, Michael Bell and Ann O'Neill. **Finance.** Offertory income for February £6810.43; WSPM donations for February £120; White Fathers £1376.09. Online banking details: Account - LRC DTR Christ the Good Shepherd. Sort Code: 40-27-02. A/c No. 91752146

**And we are into Passiontide!** The statues and crosses are now covered, the flowers are taken away, and music kept to a minimum as we enter the last stage of Lent and as we are invited to walk with Jesus into His Hour, the hour of His Passion. This week there are a number of significant events to help us to enter into this time:

- Dramatic re-telling of the Gospel of St Mark on Sunday 17 March at 4pm at St Mary's Westfield. The event falls into two halves of 45 minutes each, with a break in-between for refreshments.
- **Soup Lunch** on Wednesday 20 March at St Gregory's after the midday Mass, in support of CAFOD
- **Lenten Scripture Group** on Wednesday 20 March at St Gregory's at 7.15pm, a prayerful reading of the Gospel.
- Our Parish **Lenten Reconciliation Service** with Adoration and the opportunity for individual **Confession** at 6.30pm at St Gregory's on Thursday 21 March. Lent is nothing if it is not about repentance and conversion, and the Lord Himself gives us the opportunity to rid ourselves of all the weights that we bear in life through this beautiful sacrament of Confession. Even if it has been years and years since your last Confession, or you think you have forgotten what you are meant to do, do yourself a favour and let the Lord release you from your woes. Confession is the sacrament of Freedom and the door to deep inner healing, and the best thing of all, it is free! If you cannot make this time, please don't be afraid to ask one of the priests for Confession or come to one of the other usual parish times for Confession.
- **Stations of the Cross** with the Parish Prayer & Social Group on Thursday 21 March at 7.15pm and on Friday 22 March at 6.30pm in Our Lady & St Michael's.
- **Witness in the Square**, an event organised by *Churches Together*, at the Hub in Workington town centre at 12 noon on Saturday 23 March. Half an hour of hymns, readings and prayers, and handing out of palm crosses to passers-by.

**Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday.** Mass of the Last Supper in Our Lady & St Michael's church, **7pm**, with washing of feet (sign-up sheet at the back of the church), followed by *Pesaha Appam* in the Stella Maris Room led by the Keralan community.

**Good Friday.** Stations of the Cross, **10am** in St Gregory's church and Celebration of the Lord's Passion at **3pm** in Our Lady & St Michael's church. **Holy Saturday.** Polish blessing of foods at **12 noon** and the Easter Vigil in Our Lady & St Michael's church at **7.30pm**. **Easter Sunday Masses - 8.30am** in St Mary's church, **9.30am** in St Gregory's church & **10.30am** in Our Lady & St Michael's church. **No Sunday evening Mass**

**Parish Schools. Congratulations** to Mrs Danielle Douglas who has been appointed Headteacher for St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Harrington and to Sheryl Slack who has been appointed as Headteacher for St Gregory's and Executive Lead for disadvantaged groups for the *Mater Christi Trust*.

**Over 55s Lunch** - Helena Thompson Museum, Tuesday 19 March, 12 noon. Phone Marion on 01900 605417

**Thank you.** Fr Peter Smith from the *White Fathers* Mission would like to thank all our parishioners for their warm welcome last weekend and your generous donations of £1381.09 to help with their mission.

**Parish Craft Workshops.** Learning new skills and sharing your skills with others – initial meeting Wednesday 17 April 1-3pm in Stella Maris room. Please see poster in each church for more details or contact Ann Leigh or Ann Diamond.

**Parish coffee morning** selling Fairtrade Goods, Monday 25 March 10.30am, in the Stella Maris Room.

**Offertory Envelopes 2024/25** will be available for collection from the back of each church next weekend. **Data protection** - If you don't wish your envelopes to be placed at the back of church showing your name and address please contact Sharon in the parish office. **A Gift Aid tax claim** is being prepared for submission to HMRC for the tax year 06.04.23 to 05.04.24. Please notify Sharon of the following:

**1.** If you are no longer a tax payer or you paid insufficient tax during 2023/24 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities in any one 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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to 'England's Nazareth'**, the National Shrine at Walsingham (Norfolk) with Bishop Paul Swarbrick, 2-6 September 2024. Coach leaving from Workington, cost no more than £500 all inclusive, contact Deacon Charlie to book place: charlie.conner@lrcd.org.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.*