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SUNDAY 11TH MARCH 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	St Patrick's	6.00pm	For the parishioners
Sunday	Good Shepherd	8.30am	David Holman
	St Mary's	10.30am	Kevin and John Brownlee
Monday	St Mary's	9.30am	Dec'd Cooper family
Tuesday	St Patrick's	10.00am	Victor Howard
Wednesday	Good Shepherd	10.00am	Stan Chapman
Thursday	St Mary's	12.10pm	Frank Hughes
Friday	St Patrick's	10.00am	Winnie Burns
Saturday	Good Shepherd	10.00am	Dennis Nellany
	St Patrick's	6.00pm	Dominic Clayton
Sunday	Good Shepherd	8.30am	For the parishioners
	St Mary's	10.30am	David Gardner

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sarah Melville, Marie Robinson, Delma Summers, Win Ward, Patrick Garaghty, Mary Rose Martin, Louis Rowan, Hilda Krajewski, Marie Birkett, Valerie Powlton, Calvin Nicholson, Karen Guerrero, Dorothy Waters, Bridget Hanley, Shirley Cannon, Ron Burke, Tony O'Callaghan and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

Please let me know if any of the above names should now be removed.

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Noel Pate, Fr G Farrell, Francis Simm, Victor Howard, David John Holman, Joan Roberts, Harry Cooper, Sybil Stewart, Alanna Duffy, Rose Shaw, Anthony Derek Barker, Gerard Murphy, Victoria Thornton, Jennifer Wilson, Margaret Townson, William Donovan, Digger Lee, Margaret Brear, Barbara Calvert, John Friel and all those whose anniversaries occur between 11th and 17th March.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION - SATURDAY

Good Shepherd	10.30am to 11.00am
St Mary's	11.30am to 12 noon
St Patrick's	5.15pm to 5.40pm



FEASTS THIS WEEK

Saturday	St Patrick, Patron of Ireland
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LAST WEEK

Attendance	377	Collection	£1,325.77 (including standing orders)
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LATELY DEAD

Parishioners have asked prayers for relations and friends lately dead:

Brian Ward

LECTIO DIVINA - Thursdays 7.30pm St Mary's Presbytery. All welcome.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

With very great regret the day arranged for this Friday can no longer go ahead.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY THE ROSARY

- at St Mary's school on **Wednesday 21st March** at 1.30pm. Refreshments provided afterwards. All welcome!

Stations of The Cross on Friday at The Good Shepherd at 7.00pm.
Holy Hour today (Sunday) and next Sunday at St Mary's at 2.30pm.



A very happy Mothering Sunday to all our mothers!

LEGION OF MARY

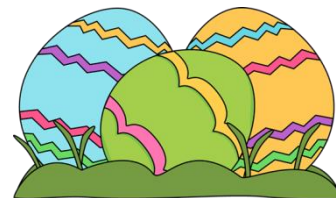
Meetings on Tuesdays at St Patrick's following Mass.

RE INSPECTION

This took place a little while ago at St Mary's. I am pleased, though not surprised, to be able to say that the Overall Grade is judged to be **Good** with the comment "St Mary's is clearly a good Catholic school with dedicated headteacher, staff and governors."

AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Join the Year 6 children for a craft afternoon and Easter Egg hunt on Wednesday 28th March at 1.30pm. Lifts available – T. 823815



Cuppa & Chat
Bingo
200 Club

Monday 19th March, 10am, St Patrick's hall. All welcome.
Monday nights in St Patrick's hall. Doors open at 7.00pm.
Week ending 03/03/18: 1st – Mrs M Payne
2nd – Debra Swarbrick 3rd – Joyce Stewart



Refreshments available in St Mary's hall after the 10.30am Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion (they must be in the juniors) this year **you need to contact Canon Cooper (Telephone 410501)**. Sessions have begun and continue each Tuesday in school from 3.30pm to 4.15pm). The First Holy Communion Masses will be on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of June.



"The APF red boxes are once again due to be emptied and the contributions given to us or left with Canon Cooper by 2nd of April. Please ensure that each contribution is clearly marked with the giver's or collector's name." *Mavis and Eddie Kingsley*

ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT PAUL SWARBRICK

Eight people put forward their names to go into the draw to attend the ceremony at Lancaster Cathedral. The lucky ones are:

Marie Mitchell, Ken & Sue Raftery, Dom & Maria Ruscillo and Sandra Burgess. (If for any reason you are no longer able to attend please do let me know as there are clearly two on the waiting list).

Parishes are requested on the evening before the Episcopal Ordination (8th April) to have an hour of prayer for the intentions of the new Bishop and for the needs of the Diocese.

POPE FRANCIS

On Tuesday 13th March it will be 5 years since Pope Francis was elected. Please keep him daily in your prayers.



PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Each year before Christmas and before Easter, there is a very short service in Church prior to an opportunity for individual confession – with a number of priests available. There is no better way of preparing for the Easter feast than by making a good confession so please do not miss this opportunity and bring your children or others along with you. 7pm Thursday 15th March.

ADVANCE NOTICE...

Penitential Service (Confessions) Thursday
at 7.00pm (St. Mary's)

Holy Saturday 30th March
6.30pm Easter Vigil (St. Mary's)

Easter Day 1st April
8.30am **The Good Shepherd**
10.00am **St. Patrick's**
11.30am **St. Mary's**



CAFOD

So far the total from the recent Family Fast Day is **£2,665.30**. A final total will be given soon.

ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP

St Mary's Playgroup are holding an Easter family fun day on Easter Monday (2nd April). We are in need of donations for raffle and tombola prizes. If you can help at all please contact Sue Nicholson on 07715 597 469. Details of the fun day can be found on the notice board at the back of church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 21st March Piano Concert at Lancaster University Catholic Chaplaincy, 7.00pm. Free admission.
Friday 20th April OLCC Concert for Uganda, 7.00pm.
Monday 28th May Castlerigg sponsored walk.

WELCOME to our visitors at Church today.

The Parish in the Lancaster Diocese. Registered Charity No. 234331

