



**PARISH OF**  
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**MORECAMBE**

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**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**Ascension Thursday**

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	St Patrick's	6.30pm	May and Arthur Alred
Sunday	Good Shepherd St Mary's	8.30am 10.30am	Vincent Halpin and June Preston For the parishioners
Monday	St Mary's	<b>10.00am</b>	Arthur Holman
Tuesday	St Patrick's	10.00am	Maria Villarejo
Wednesday	Good Shepherd	10.00am	Bernard McEvoy

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Holy Day of Obligation

	St Patrick's School St Patrick's	11.00am 6.30pm	Lancs Infirm secular Clergy Annie McShane
Thursday	St Mary's St Mary's Good Shepherd	9.30am 12.10pm 7.00pm	Broughton Catholic Charitable Soc. Marjorie and Albert Jones Ann Shuttleworth
Friday	St Patrick's	10.00am	Gladys Tyson
Saturday	Good Shepherd St Patrick's	10.00am 6.00pm	Kathleen Campsey Bernadette Bibb
Sunday	Good Shepherd St Mary's	8.30am 10.30am	For the parishioners Ann Porter

## 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, Anthony Mullen, Marian Taylor and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

### Anniversaries

Dom Gregory Bainbridge OSB, Veronica Mayall, Arthur Holman, Marjorie Jones, John Thornton, Eamon Cushen, Shaun Kelly, Sean Gallagher, Joan Loughhead, Fred Wilde, Tommy Hill, John Tyrrell, William Crayston, Peter Stott and all those whose anniversaries occur between 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May.

## 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

Thursday            The Ascension of The Lord – **Holy Day of Obligation**  
Saturday            Sts Nereus & Achilleus or St Pancras (optional)

*Please note the Mass on Monday is at 10.00am (not the usual Bank Holiday time of 12.10pm)*

## LAST WEEK

**Attendance**      406                      **Collection**      £1,318.24 (inc. standing orders)

## LATELY DEAD

Parishioners have asked prayers for relations and friends lately dead:

**Edith Ashton**

**LEGION OF MARY**      Meetings on Tuesdays at St Patrick's following Mass.

**Cuppa & Chat**            Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am, St Patrick's hall. All welcome.  
**Bingo**                      Monday nights in St Patrick's hall. Doors open at 7.00pm.  
**200 Club**                  Week ending 28/04/18: 1<sup>st</sup> – Elizabeth Fitton  
   2<sup>nd</sup> – Mr Henderson    3<sup>rd</sup> – Ann Doherty

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



## DEMENTIA AWARENESS

Many of us have friends or family members who are living with dementia. If you would like to learn more about dementia, come along to an information session at St Patrick's Church Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm to 7.30pm or at St Mary's Church Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm to 3pm. Please let Liz know which session you will be attending – T. 400212. Tea & coffee available. Everyone welcome.

## THE ROSARY

During the month of May the Rosary is prayed publicly at St Mary's, led by the Legion of Mary, each Thursday at 11.30am prior to Mass.

**THANK YOU** to the parishioner who has donated £100 to Church funds.

## PIANO CONCERT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Catholic Chaplaincy at 7pm with internationally acclaimed pianist, Alessandra Pompili. **All donations to Aid to the Church in Need.**

**Please keep in your prayers those children preparing for the Sacraments of  
1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and Holy Communion.**

## **HISTORY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is the denial of Christ's Resurrection.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later.

Today, Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

## **DEANERY CYCLE TRIP**

An event for keen cyclists on Saturday 23 June, 55 miles taking in all the churches of the Deanery, with a stop-off at Wallings Ice Cream Parlour. If you know of any enthusiastic cyclists who would like to join this adventure, please contact Andrew Dennison at St Mary's Morecambe.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

*Altar Servers' pilgrimage, St Mary's, Fernyhalgh.*

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

*Modern Slavery & Faith, a public conversation.*

St Peter's Church, Heysham, 7.30pm.

<https://modernslaveryandfaith.eventbrite.co.uk>

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May

*Castlerigg sponsored walk.*

**WELCOME** to our visitors at Church this weekend.

