

Diary

UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH: These meetings will resume on Friday 8th January. ALL WELCOME at 4.00p.m. in the presbytery. The session will last about an hour and a half.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

After discussion with the Parish Pastoral Council I have decided to depart from the centuries-old tradition of the Church for Christmas Mass times, i.e. Midnight, Dawn & Day. It seems this no longer fits in with the way many people, perhaps especially families with young children, celebrate the Christmas Feast. In particular the relatively few children at the Christmas Masses in the last 2 years suggests that it's worth trying something different. So, as previously advertised, the Mass times will be:

CHRISTMAS EVE: 5.30 p.m. – Carols

6.00p.m. – Family & Children's Vigil Mass of Christmas Eve.

12 midnight – **Midnight Mass**

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9.30 a.m.

Please celebrate Christmas fully and begin your celebrations with Christmas Mass.

A very joyful and happy Christmas to you all. Fr. Michael

Happy 104th Birthday to Nellie Wilson!!!!!!

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 13th December 2015
No. 100 Irene Davies £ 50
No. 73 Susan Bartlett £ 15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 175
8:30 – 74
10:30 – 101

Offertory: £ 417.11
Candles: £ 105.43
Books/Papers: £ 15.25
St. Anthony: £17.87
Flowers: £21.56
World Needy: £ 55.33

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Week beginning 27th December

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy
Children stay in church

Refreshments after Mass
Doreen & Kathleen

Carols At Milton Lodge with St. Mary's
Folk Group Monday 21st Dec. 7pm



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Sunday Mass 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Weekdays except Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Mass

Tuesday: 6:40 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Mass

Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Celebration of the Word

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist : Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20TH DECEMBER 2015

**Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us?
Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in
your Son.**

**As we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts
leap for joy at the sound of your Word, and move us
by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.**

**We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.**

Welcome families and friends to St Mary's. Join us in the Millennium Room
for refreshment and community social time after 10.30am Mass.

SUNDAY 20 th December	8.30 a.m.	Jimmy Dunlop (B.D.)
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	People of the Parish Advent Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction
MONDAY 21 st	10 a.m	Patrick, Margaret & Pat McGinley (D&K)
TUESDAY 22 nd	7 p.m.	Maria's Mum, Dad & Nanna (M.R.)
WEDNESDAY 23 rd	10 a.m.	Funeral Mass of Jacqueline Lawn
THURSDAY 24 th Christmas Eve	10 a.m	Richard Hearty (MH)
	6.00 p.m.	Dennis Halloran Anniversary (J.H.)
	12 a.m.	Jack Wilding (J.W.)
FRIDAY 25 th Christmas Day	9.30 a.m.	Margaret & Arthur Smith R.I.P. (A.&M.)
SATURDAY 26 th St. Stephen	12 noon	Deceased members of the Donnelly & Taylor Families (C.T.)
		Blessing of MARRIAGE of Tanyia Forshaw & Robb Kerr
NEXT SUNDAY 27 th December Feast of the Holy Family	8.30 a.m.	Denis Lupton R.I.P. (A.L.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers

»all the sick, especially Pastor Steve Bond, Elsie Clapp, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, Carl Tomlinson, Winifred White, Baby Zephen (Mumbai).

»the housebound and those in care, especially: David Ball, Peggie Ball, Thomas Ball, Bessie Burns, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P.Warwick and Nellie Wilson.

»>those who have died recently: Jacqueline Lawn, Norah Heaney, Veronica Rickman, Thomas Houton, and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Joe McCann, baby Alexander Kay, Pat Power, Stephen Ball, Norman Muscroft, Elizabeth Russell, Barbara Dickins, Richard Hearty, Mary Scott, Katie Gilchrist, Annie Hallworth (Jnr), Canon W. Watterson, Jack Hale Wilding, Joseph Donnelly, Jeff Roscow.

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 27th December 2015 The Holy Family Luke 2: 41-52 The Child Jesus in the Temple**

Reflect **After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.**

This little incident, the only one told of Jesus' youth, has two attractive lessons for us. Firstly, it is a joy to see Jesus behaving just like any other twelve-year-old. He was a real child, and a child of that age goes off exploring, adventuring, unhesitatingly sure that the all-powerful, all-knowing parents will know where he or she has gone; parents, meanwhile, worry themselves sick at the unexplained disappearance of their child. Mary, the young mother, knows her son and the ways of the twelve-year-old. She does not scold or expostulate, but just accepts what he says with love and relief. Secondly, Jesus' reply gives us a glimpse of his relationship to the Father. The phrase 'with my Father's affairs' may equally well be translated 'in my Father's house', but either translation indicates Jesus' total absorption with his Father.

What does it mean to be "busy with my Father's affairs"? What changes would this make in your life?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Red Mill Hill Mission Boxes: Just to remind you, please to bring your boxes for emptying after either Sunday Mass in January. Thank you, Audrey and Anne.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tanyia Forshaw and Robb Kerr whose marriage is to be blessed in our Church this coming Saturday.

Cake Sale : Many thanks for your support. £174 was raised. A marvellous amount !

