

Diary

Fridays at 4p.m. "Understanding our Faith" meeting in the presbytery. All welcome.

Wednesday, 7th December - Deanery Advent Carol Service. This will be held here at St. Mary's at 7.00p.m. Please could we ask that the famous bakers of St. Mary's provide cakes for this occasion. Thank you.

Cardinal Allen Senior Citizens' Christmas Party – will be held on Tuesday, 13th December, in the school hall at 1.30p.m. If you would like to attend, please let Bill or Michael know by Wednesday 30th November.

Tuesday, 20th December - St. Mary's School Carol Service, 6p.m. in church.

A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with St. Clare's Parish, Fulwood, Preston, from 22nd to 29th August 2017. Cost: £580 (sharing a room) or £690 (single room). For more details see the poster in the porch or ring the group leader, Rev. B. Loveland, on 01539 563391.

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 27th November 2016

No. 88 Bill Wright £ 100

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 158

8:30 – 66

10:30 – 92

Offertory: £438.95

Candles: £134.25

Books/Papers: £17.58

St. Anthony: £ 10.19

Building Fund: £7.61

World Needy: £40.68

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Week beginning 11th December

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

J. Jackson & M. Chew

Refreshments after Mass

Kath & Maureen



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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4th December 2016

Your kingdom is at hand, O God of justice and peace; you made John the Baptist its herald to announce the coming of your Christ, who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Give us a spirit of repentance to make us worthy of the kingdom. Let complacency yield to conviction, that in our day justice will flourish and conflict give way to the peace you bestow in Christ.

Grant 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.

Sunday 4th December Second Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Alan Tipping Anniversary (S.T.)
	3 – 4 p.m.	Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Benediction
MONDAY 5th	10.00 a.m.	Diane Amy Dawson (M.McK.)
TUESDAY 6th	7.00 p.m.	Philippa Thomassen (B.&B.)
WEDNESDAY 7th St. Ambrose	10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow (J.B.)
THURSDAY 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 a.m.	Raymond & Mary Madij (A.M.)
FRIDAY 9th	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Wright (J.B.&R.W.)
SATURDAY 10th	10.00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (F.C.)
Next Sunday 11th December Third Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Marion Hartley
	3 – 4 p.m.	Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



»**all the sick**, especially: Elsie Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Jacob Gray, Veronica Greer, Joseph Higgins, Mary Holden, June Jagger, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Trevor Sandford, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Winifred White, Baby Zephen (Mumbai)

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



>>**those who have died recently**: Paul Bywater, Patsy Briggs, Marjorie Cliff, John Clifford, John Davies, Ida Groves, Fr. Dick Kinlen, Maria Leadbetter,

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: William Baldwin, Norah Heaney, Elizabeth Novo, Bernard Javens, Peter Irving, Thomas Lionel Morgan, Alan Houghton, James Goulding, Alex Welch, Doreen Greenwood, Robert Albion

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 11th December 2016 Miracles of the Messiah (Matthew 11:2-11)**

*John the Baptist was expecting a Messiah of judgment, who would cut down the rotten tree and burn the useless chaff. When, in prison, he hears that Jesus is not doing this, he is puzzled and sends messengers to ask if Jesus is really the Messiah. Jesus sends back the message that he is fulfilling the prophet Isaiah – the passage which we hear about in today's first reading. Jesus' understanding was that healing, not punishment, was the task of the Messiah. He goes and seeks out those who need healing, both physically and spiritually. He does not wait for sinners to repent before gathering them into the kingdom; he makes the first advance. Then he turns to praising the Baptist. It is a fascinating point of speculation as to whether Jesus was himself once a disciple of John the Baptist. After all, John says he did not recognise Jesus until he saw the Spirit coming down on him. But he also says that Jesus, who came after him, has passed before him. This is a typical position of a rabbi, leading his disciples, and suggests that John had been Jesus' rabbi, then became his disciple. Jesus was fully man, and even he needed to learn as all human beings do. John the Baptist did all he could to lead others to God. **How, through our actions and attitudes, can we point others to God? How do our lives show that we are preparing for Christ's second coming?***
Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Current Parish Pastoral Council Minutes will be displayed at the back of church.

St. Mary's Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, celebrating the church's 150th Anniversary has had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

It's nearly 2017! - There are only a few St. Mary's calendars with beautiful, colour photographs of our wonderful church's interior remaining. Don't forget to purchase yours. £5 each

Bill's Christmas cards are on sale at the back of church.