

## Diary

TODAY, Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October - There will be an appeal and a retiring collection in aid of the Volunteer Missionary Movement. Please be generous. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - *St. Mary's School Harvest Festival Mass at 10:00a.m.*

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October: Diocesan Education Council Meeting at 7.00p.m. in St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster. Everyone involved in the work of Catholic Education is warmly invited to this annual celebration.

Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Postcard Campaign as you leave Mass next Sunday. Please take a card as you leave. Thank you.

St. Mary's Catholic Academy's Sixth Form Open Evening is on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30p.m.



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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.

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Lord, tireless guardian of your people,  
always ready to hear the cries of your chosen ones,  
teach us to rely, day and night, on your care.  
Support our prayer lest we grow weary. Impel us to  
seek your enduring justice and your ever-present  
help.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God for ever and ever.

### ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

#### For 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016

No. 24 Marjorie Belk £ 50  
No. 60 Donna Hartley-Page £ 15

#### LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 161

8:30 – 60

10:30 – 101

Offertory: £488.16

Candles: £140.13

Books/Papers: £13.66

St. Anthony: £10.72

Building Fund:

World Needy: £56.99

### PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR C

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Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October

#### Church Cleaning

Anne Towler Group

#### Children's Liturgy

L. Reader & A. Morgan

#### Refreshments after Mass

Doreen & Kathleen

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b>	8.30 a.m.	Richard Jones Anniversary (C.& P.J.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St. Ignatius of Antioch</b>	10.00 a.m.	Service of the Word
<b>TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St. Luke</b>	7.00 p.m.	John Smith
<b>WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m. <b>1 p.m.</b>	Private Intention (J.&B.) <b>Funeral Service of</b> <b>Stephen Clark</b>
<b>THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Smith (D.&K.)
<b>FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Intentions of Jo Wright (J.&S.D.)
<b>SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Margaret O'Grady (T.&M.P.)
<b>Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b>	8.30 a.m.	Elizabeth Risely Anniversary on 30 <sup>th</sup> (S.R.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

***Please remember in your prayers***



»**all the sick**, especially: Elsie Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Laura Finley, Marion Gerrard, Jacob Gray, Veronica Greer, Joseph Higgins, Mary Holden, June Jagger, Rosemarie 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, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P. Warwick



>>**those who have died recently**: Danny O'Neil, John McColgan

**and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Edward Woods, Margaret Mary Winstanley, Margaret Mary Melville, Patrick Crehan, Peter John Dines, Doris May Roberts, Patrick Bissett, John McGurk, Joan Hearty, Jamie Sorrell, Winnie Buxton, Edith Harris, Annie Cartmell, Eileen Scott, Margaret Pilkington, Frances Smith, Baby Martin Cawley, Bernard McBride

**THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel**

*Read* **The Gospel for Sunday 23rd October 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time Luke 18: 9-14 The Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

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

*These two figures in today's Gospel are stock characters, sketched with Luke's brilliant wit and sensitivity. The gospels invariably give the Pharisees a bad press: after the destruction of Jerusalem they were the only surviving branch of Judaism and so, for the evangelists, they represent the vigorous opposition of Judaism to Christianity at that time. The Jewish historian, Josephus, paints a sympathetic picture of them, and Matthew's picture of them as the personification of hypocrisy may be a caricature of their scrupulosity concerning the observance of the Law. Jesus played them at their own game in his careful interpretation of scripture, presenting them with a rich and profound understanding of God's Word. The question must be asked: was Jesus a Pharisee too? Pre-occupation with exact observance of rules can often appear to outsiders as hypocrisy. In Jesus' time a tax-collector was the epitome of malpractice and the abandonment of all decent standards: he worked for the hated Roman occupying power; he had to make his own living by extorting excessive tax. So this parable is one more example of Jesus' reversal of expected values, and his outreach to those generally despised (to the woman notorious in the city as a sinner, to the woman taken in adultery, to Zacchaeus and to the 'good thief'). It beautifully fulfils the first reading, demonstrating that the prayer of the humble 'pierces the clouds'.*

**Take some moments to reflect on these words from the Gospel: "God be merciful to me, a sinner". Through these words, what is God saying to you?**  
**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

**Please return your Harvest Fast Day envelopes as soon as possible. Thank you.**

**Christmas Fair** – It's the time of year when we ask for donations for goods to sell at the Fair. We would be grateful for any of the following items to sell on the stalls. **Toiletries; Groceries; Fancy Goods; Bottles for the Bottle Stall; Toys and Games; Paper Back Books (please no manuals); DVDs & CDs; Sweets etc. Not forgetting to ask cake bakers to be at the ready.** Your help and support is very much appreciated.

**Don't forget Raffle tickets available at the back of church.**

**Grand Draw – Christmas Fair:** Can you donate a prize for the Grand Draw or make a contribution to the "Star Prize" of £100? If you can please add your name and gift to the list at the back of church. Thank you.