

## Diary

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

**TODAY - Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November** : Advent Service at 6p.m. in St. Wulstan's arranged by Fleetwood Churches Together. All welcome.

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 4/5 from St. Mary's School will join us for the 10.00a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November**: A CHRISTMAS MARKET will be held in St. Mary's School from 3:30p.m. There will be a wide range of Christmas gifts on sale, as well as mince pies & mulled wine. If you would like to hire a table, it will cost £10 & booking forms are available from the school office. ALL WELCOME.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - *English Touring Opera Music That Moves Bach's St. John's Passion at the Salvation Army Citadel, Raikes Parade, Blackpool at 7.30p.m. Further details from Jim Follett on 01206 870943*

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Parish Finance Team meeting in the Presbytery

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

### ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

#### For 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016

No. 162 Maureen Kempster £ 50  
No. 133 Margaret McCartney £15

#### LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **131**

**8:30** - 59

**10:30** - 72

Offertory: £627.32

Candles: £111.58

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony: £8.21

Building Fund: £15.29

World Needy: £53.10

### PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR A

**Volume 1 - Pg. 82**

**Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **Church Cleaning**

Irene Rankin group

#### **Children's Liturgy**

Children stay in church

#### **Refreshments after Mass**

Jo & A.N. Other



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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.**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27<sup>th</sup> November 2016

God of majesty and power, amid the clamour of our violence your Word of truth resounds; upon a world made dark by sin the Sun of justice casts his dawning rays.

Keep your household watchful and aware of the hour in which we live. Hasten the advent of that day when the sounds of war will be for ever stilled, the darkness of evil scattered, and all your children gathered into one.

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.

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>(Cycle A)</b>	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Rose & Joe Murphy (M.J.M.)
	3 – 4 p.m.	Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Benediction
<b>MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00 p.m.	Margaret Smith R.I.P. 90th birthday thoughts
<b>WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St. Andrew</b>	10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow (J.B.)
<b>THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	10.00 a.m. <b>11.00 a.m.</b>	Richard Hearty (D.&K.) <b>Funeral Liturgy for Maria Leadbetter</b>
<b>FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Patsy Briggs</b> N.B. Also prayers for success in exams
<b>SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	10.00 a.m.	Margaret & Arthur Smith (A.&M.)
<b>Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Alan Tipping (S.T.)
	3 – 4 p.m. 4 p.m.	Adoration of the Holy Eucharist 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 Davies, Ida Groves, Fr. Dick Kinlen, Maria Leadbetter, David Ward **and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Jane Monica Cartmell, Tom Sheridan, Brian Wood, Terence Keating, Ada M. Greer, Margaret Fishwick, Mary Hartley, Gladys R. Maiden, Alan Tipping, Brian Hearty, Frank Turner, Flo Flood, Margaret McGuirk,

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

*Read* **The Gospel for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – John the Baptist's Call to Repentance (Matthew 3:1-12)**

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

*'Repentance' seems an unattractive word. It conjures up images of morose brooding over past sins and failures, a negative idea. This is not what John the Baptist proclaimed. His message was wholly positive. In Hebrew and Greek the concept of 'repentance' is about a change of behaviour, a change of direction. John is calling on his listeners to change their ways, to change their scale of values, their whole direction of life. To reinforce his message he wears the clothes worn by Elijah, the prophet whom Jewish tradition taught was to return to announce the final coming of the Lord. John proclaims his message in the desert, that apocalyptic landscape of the arid and bare Jordan Valley, below sea-level, where merchants would be crossing the Jordan on the road to the East. So John makes a deliberate claim to be this final prophet and to be preparing a way for the Lord. We see Jesus as the Messiah, the loving Saviour, but John was not at this point proclaiming this Jesus. He was proclaiming the threatening and imminent arrival of the sovereignty of God, when rotten trees would be cut down and evil swept away to be burnt in unquenchable fire. If we are to be open to the arrival of the Kingship of God, we may need to look to our own scale of values.*

**Is my scale of values compatible with those of the Kingship of God? How far do they coincide?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

*Please remember also in your prayers during November all the members of our armed forces who gave their lives for our freedom, especially the members of our parish whose names are on the memorials near the Lady Altar.*

**"The Art of Dying Well"** is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. It was launched in November - the traditional month of remembering and praying for the dead.

[www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org)

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