

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 25th December 2016

No.16 Delia Hurst £500
No. 223 Joan Watthey £300
No. 141 Julie Francis £ 200
No. 1 Kathryn Dale £100
No. 208 Dave Parker £ 100
No. 121 Elaine Porteous £ 100

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance:

6.30 – 170 Midnight - 55

9:30 – 85

Offertory: £

Candles: £

Books/Papers: £

St. Anthony: £

Building Fund: £

World Needy: £

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Week beginning 8th January

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Children stay in church

Refreshments after Mass

Kath & Maureen



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Priest: **Fr. Michael Murphy**

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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.**

Mary, Mother of God

1st January 2017

Loving God, guardian of our homes, when you entrusted your Son to the care of Mary and Joseph, you did not spare them the pains that touch the life of every family.

Teach us to rely on your word, that in our trials as in our joys we may be clothed in gentleness and patience and united in love.

Make us ever thankful for the blessings you give us through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever.

MICHAEL'S RUBY JUBILEE

"If God spares me" – as my late mother, Rose, would have said! – I shall be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of my Ordination on Sunday, 22nd July, 2018. Presuming that I'm still here in St. Mary's, the focus of the day will be the celebration of the 10:30a.m. Mass. I'd like to follow that up with a few days holiday with family and friends at the Villa Palazzola in central Italy. I've booked the whole Villa from Monday, 23rd July, to Friday, 27th July 2018. If you would like to join me, please let Bill or me know, if possible in writing, as soon as possible.

At this stage we cannot give you any more details, but would like to have an idea of how many people would be interested. If you haven't been to Palazzola, view it for yourself by visiting the Palazzola website at www.palazzola.it

MANY THANKS for your greetings, gifts & good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. The total for the Christmas collection will be published when it's been counted. Meanwhile I wish you every blessing for this coming year. With love and blessings. Fr. Michael.

Sunday 1st January 2017 Mary, Mother of God	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Pendleton Anniversary (M.J.M.)
MONDAY 2nd St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen	12.10 a.m.	Victims of Brazilian air crash & their families
3rd TUESDAY of Christmas Season	7.00 p.m.	Raymond & Mary Madij (A.M.)
4th WEDNESDAY of Christmas Season	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Earley & O'Donnell families (P.& A.O'D)
5th THURSDAY of Christmas Season	10.00 a.m.	Mary, William & Mary Carr (P.O.)
6th FRIDAY of Christmas Season	10.00 a.m.	Hugh Lafferty (F.C.)
7th SATURDAY of Christmas Season	10.00 a.m.	Anne Baines (P.H.)
Next Sunday 8th January The Epiphany of the Lord	8.30 a.m.	Jan & Cecilia Romanowski (M.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, Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, Mary Holden, June Jagger, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Trevor Sandford, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Frank Ward, 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**: Peter Collins (brother of Fr. John Collins), Mary Francis, Joe Holliday, Tom Keleher, Patricia Nixon, Pauline Such

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Ida Pritchard, Nancy Tipping, James Hull, Thomas Ball, Robert Cooper, Mary Ashton, Isabelle Carr, Teresa Porter, Michael McDaid, Arthur Callighan, Hilda Miller, Edward Albert McParland, Teresa Porter, Iain MacDonald, Thomas Buxton, Doris Flaherty, Thomas Bowles, Mary Phyllis Beaver

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 8th January 2017**

The Epiphany Matthew 2:1-12

*The contrast is overwhelming: Herod, the King of the Jews, the nation prepared since all ages to welcome the coming of God to set all things right, fails to recognise the coming of the Lord. Herod is so blind as even to make every attempt to liquidate this herald of the completion of history and of Jewish hopes. By contrast the trio of wise men from the East, the traditional home of natural wisdom, show their conviction that the turning-point of history has arrived by journeying over desert and mountain to welcome and pay homage to the Lord. The evangelist is clear that this is the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy of the coming of peoples from the East to worship to the Lord. Especially in eastern Christianity, the festival of the Epiphany rather than the birthday of Jesus is seen as the manifestation of Christ to the world. 'Manifestation' is the meaning of the Greek word 'Epiphany': it was first used of the public 'manifestation' of the Roman emperor on a state visit, for he was regarded as a deity to whom worship and adoration were due. **Which is the most important day for you, Christmas or Epiphany?***

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

"Understanding our Faith" - next meeting will be Friday 13th January at 4p.m in the presbytery. All welcome.

200 CLUB - In recent years membership of the 200 Club has fallen, and it is felt that the amount of prize money needs to be reduced, as from January 2017. Please consider joining the 200 Club if you are not already a member. It costs £1 weekly. There is a minimum of £65 prize money each week. **JUST A REMINDER TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO PAY ANNUALLY - YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS DUE IN JANUARY. THANK YOU.**

Thank you to all who donated money for the Christmas Flowers in memory of your loved ones. Holy Mass will be offered for the repose of all their souls. £250 was the total donated.

A Special Note for anyone who has been a parishioner of St. Nicholas Owen Little Thornton. The Parish will merge with Sacred Heart Parish on 7th January 2017. To mark this occasion Mass will be offered at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 7th January 2017 a 6.30pm and Sunday 8th January at 10am. At both Masses the intention will be for the newly-merged parish and in thanksgiving for St. Nicholas Owen's clergy and lay people (living and dead), 1974-2017. It is planned to install the statue of St. Nicholas Owen and the Book of Remembrance from the church in Sacred Heart Church. **All Welcome**