

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 26th March 2017
No. 222 £ 100 Bert Pirie

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance:
8.30 – 50
10:30 – 110
Offertory: £ 531.72
Candles: £ 127.81
Books/Papers:
St. Anthony: £ 17.15
Building Fund:
World Needy: £ 96.05

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Week beginning 9th April
Readers : Anne D. / Kath S.
Ministers: Megan S. / Colin R.
Kath d'S. / Anne T.

Church Cleaning
Irene Rankin group

Children's Liturgy
Judith & Maureen

Refreshments after Mass
Doreen & Kathleen



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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.

Fleetwood Churches Together –Final Lenten Lunch this week is on 7th at Trinity Baptist - lunch available from 11.45a.m. Donations will go to “Save the Children”. Thanks go to Scotch Bakery for generously donating the rolls.

Tickets for the Dinner Dance on 6th May are available after Masses from Bill or Anne (Traidcraft stall). For those who have paid a deposit £20 is owing for each ticket. It is **NOT** a black tie event. Music will be provided by the JAGS. Already 80 people have made their reservations! Don't miss out!!

SONGS OF PRAISE - please place your choice of hymn on the available form and into the red post box at the back of church a.s.a.p. Thank you

Stations of the Cross we will join the children in school at **12:15 p.m.** on **Wednesday**. Refreshments will be provided

“MILES OF SMILES”- Don't forget to reserve your seat for the outing on Friday 19th may. A deposit of £10 is needed when you book. Full details are on flyers on the table at the back of church.

Offertory Envelopes - Please collect your boxed envelopes. They are at the back of church.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

2nd April 2017

Merciful God, you showed your glory to our fallen race by sending your Son to confound the powers of death.

Call us forth from sin's dark tomb. Break the bonds which hold us, that we may believe and proclaim Christ, the cause of our freedom and the source of life, who loves and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

Sunday 2nd Fifth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Patsy Briggs (J&BW) Evening Prayer & Benediction
MONDAY 3rd	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 4th	7.00 p.m.	Anne McGreevy (F&G)
WEDNESDAY 5th	10.00 a.m.	Raymond & Mary Madij (AM)
	12.115pm	Stations of the Cross in School
THURSDAY 6th	10.00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Mary Francis (K&NMCC)
FRIDAY 7th	10.00 a.m.	Anne Roe (GR)
SATURDAY 8th	10.00 a.m.	Patricia Nixon
Next Sunday 9th Sixth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Anne Rose (BB)

Please remember in your prayers



>>**all the sick**, especially: Zephan Barretto, Greta Carus, Elsie Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Mark Earnshaw (Kathy's brother), Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, Mary Holden, June Jagger, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Joan Moss, Michael O'Sullivan, Trevor Sandford, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Josie Tester, Frank Ward, Winifred White.

>>**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**: Pauline Lavelle

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: John Ashton, Mavis Adams, Michael McDaid, Anne Roe, Mary Tomlinson, Jane Godfrey, Doris Stamp, Trevor Wilson, Patrick O'Neill

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday
Matthew 21: 1-11 Jesus enters Jerusalem**

Today's liturgy concentrates on two very different events, the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as Messianic King and the events of a few days later which culminated in his agonising and shameful death. This seeming end-point was to be reversed by the explosion of new life in the Resurrection after three days, an explosion which constituted God's vindication of Jesus' loving obedience and the affirmation that it has overcome and wiped out the sin of Adam, human sin. How much time did Jesus spend in Jerusalem? The Gospel of John recounts four separate visits to Jerusalem, whereas Mark (and Matthew and Luke, who follow Mark's outline) compresses all Jesus' Jerusalem ministry into one visit, inaugurated by the solemn entry, as narrated in the gospel we hear today before the procession with palms. This event is recounted by the evangelists in the light of their fuller understanding of Jesus after the Resurrection. We see the colourful, festal atmosphere of crowds going up to Jerusalem, waving palm branches as banners in their enthusiasm and singing as they march. Jesus and his disciples join in. But it may be only later that the significance of this event was grasped: this entry was the fulfilment of the prophecy of Zechariah about the messiah coming into his inheritance, to complete his God-given mission and to proclaim peace to the nations. Matthew especially, writing for a community steeped in Judaism, actually quotes the prophecy and also the psalm-verse about 'him who comes in the name of the Lord'. He stresses that Jesus is this Son of David, whose eschatological kingship is about to be established.

Next week is known as Holy Week: how and when will you take time to listen to God and grow in holiness?

Diary

"Understanding our Faith" - Next meeting Friday 7th April at 4p.m in the presbytery. All welcome.

LENT ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY -

Tuesdays of Lent in St. Wulstan's Green Room at 12noon and Wednesdays of Lent in St. Mary's Millennium Room at 7p.m. Theme:-" Receiving Christ in Five Different Ways"

Holy Week Services There are lists at the back of church for the different ministries for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and The Easter Vigil. If you are willing to take part please add your name in the appropriate place on the lists.

Times of the services: Holy Thursday 7pm.; Good Friday 3pm Easter Vigil 8pm

Altar Servers Please can you do your best to attend all the Easter Services