

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

22nd October

No. 204 Duncan Lofthouse £ 50

No. 172 Lucy Wilson £ 15

29th October

No. 72 Helen Blade £ 100

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance:

8.30 -

10:30 - 77

Offertory: £439.89

Candles: £109.44

Books/Papers: £6.40

St. Anthony:

Building Fund: £18.34

World Needy: £59.55

PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR A
Volume 2 – Pg. 149
Sunday Preface II - "The Mystery of Salvation",
p.66

Eucharistic Prayer II – p.24

Week beginning 12th November

Readers: Anne D. / Lorraine R.

Ministers: Ania M. / Bridget McC.

Judith H. / Charlie W.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Lorraine R./ Ania M.

Refreshments after Mass

Doreen and Kathleen

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

After consulting a few people I have, with some reluctance, decided that we should not go ahead with this year's Christmas Fair. At this stage I think to try to go ahead without Bill's organisation at the heart of things would risk disaster. If we had more time to adjust to the situation, it might be different but, as things stand, I think we need to cancel it.

Please keep Bill in your daily prayers and pray he has a full and speedy recovery. Thank you.

Fr. Michael

In preparation for our **150th Anniversary Mass** on 24th November, it is thought that a thorough clean to make our beautiful church sparkle would be in order. Please come and "lend a hand" on **Saturday 18th November at 11:30 a.m.** All three cleaning groups will be there and any extra volunteers for this special occasion would be appreciated. Bring a duster, many hands make light work!

New Ministers rotas are at the back of church, please take a copy.



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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.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th November 2017

Sovereign God, we have no father but you, no teacher but Christ.

Conform our lives to the faith we profess, preserve us from arrogance and pride, and teach us in Christ the greatness of humility and service.

We make our prayer 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.

Sunday 5th Nov. Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	Mary Waring (T.G.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
MONDAY 6th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 7th	7.00 p.m.	Beryl Skitterall (A.S.) Birthday memories
WEDNESDAY 8th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
	1.45p.m.	Funeral Liturgy for Teresa Anne "Annie" Grieg
THURSDAY 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10.00 a.m.	Alexander Carus (A.A.) (Audrey's father)
FRIDAY 10th St. Leo the Great	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
SATURDAY 11th St. Martin of Tours	10.00 a.m.	Paddy & Kathleen Donnelly (M.J.M.)
Next Sunday 12th Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Bridget Jackson (B.B.) Lately dead

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephania Barretto, Brian Simms Greta Carus, Elsie Clapp, Max Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Mark Earnshaw (Kathy's brother), Anne Edwards, Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Joan Moss, Michael O'Sullivan, Margaret Pendleton, Bob Rawcliffe, Lidia Romanowska, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Harry Slater, Mark Surelock, Josie Tester, Frank Ward, Winifred White, Bill Wright

» **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, Pamela Warwick



> **those who have died recently**: Annie Grieg, Frank Lowe, John Quirke, Brian Simms, Mavis Smith

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Terry Atkinson, Frank Ball, Ken Vaughan, Peter Bamforth, James Burns, Maureen Ward, Mary Donnelly, Steven Avery, Mary Smith, Mollie Muldowney, Henry Foley, Harry Stedman, Francis Shine, George Hampton, John Syms, Tony Lavelle, Betty Mitchell, Edith Winstanley, Connie Wright, Robert Kirby, Dennis Taylor

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 12th November "The Ten Wedding-Attendants" (Matthew 25:1-13)**

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

Of course they weren't bridesmaids! According to the custom of the time the girls were attendant on the bridegroom, to greet him with their lamps as he arrived at the wedding-reception. Anyway, half of them weren't ready, let him down, and then found themselves shut out. There is a subtle difference between the parables given in Mark's and Matthew's gospels. In Mark they are all about the sudden coming of God's Kingship in history, at the time of Jesus. Jesus proclaimed that the crisis was now. In him God's reign had arrived: it was time to take drastic action. Matthew's parables take a longer-term view: there will be a final judgment at the end of time, for which we, in the Church and in the course of history, must prepare. Some will and some won't. Some will be found to be wheat, others to be weeds. When the catch of fish comes in, some fish will be thrown away, some kept. Some will be sheep and others goats. Each year, as the liturgical year draws to a close, the Church reminds us of this. And the End will be sudden and unpredictable, like a burglar on the one night I forgot to lock the door, or like a mouse-trap snapping shut, or like the unpredictable moment of birth pangs.

Am I ready for the coming of Christ? What does it mean to be like the wise bridesmaids and have oil in my lamp?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

Thursday 9th November - Pastoral Parish Council meeting in the Millennium Room at 7p.m.

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED: During the month of November it is our custom in the Catholic Church to remember and pray for our family, relatives and friends who have died. The Church encourages us to visit the cemetery where our loved ones are buried or their ashes are interred. As the second Book of Maccabees reminds us: it is a "holy and devout" thought to pray for the dead "so that they might be released from their sin."

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*