

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

3rd December 2017

No. 115 Andrew Lydon
No. 75 George Rowe No.91 Helen Carter

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **141**

8.30 - 56

10:30 - 85

Offertory: £490.02

Candles: £87.32

St. Anthony:

Building Fund: £11.35

World Needy: £50.89

PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR B
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Sunday Preface I - "The Two Comings of
Christ", p.51
Eucharistic Prayer II, p.25

Week beginning 10th December

Readers: Julie B. / Diane S.

Ministers: Bridget Mc C. / Colin R.

Judith H. / Charlie W.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Judith & Maureen

Refreshments after Mass

Doreen & Kathleen



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Priest: **Fr. Michael Murphy**

Deacon: **Rev. Bill Wright**

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.**

Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2017

With tender comfort and transforming power you come into
our midst, O God of mercy and might.

Make ready a way in the wilderness, clear a straight path in
our hearts, and form us into a repentant people, that the
advent of our Son may find us watchful and eager for the
glory he reveals.

Grant 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.

ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION: Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools.

Visit: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

150th Anniversary Mass: Thank you to everyone who celebrated last Friday's Mass with the Bishop. Several people have said to me that it was a very beautiful Mass. Thank you especially to Anita and Paula and the Year 6 children who read, to the servers and to the Folk Group.

Thank you also for the wonderful gateau and cake afterwards in the Millennium Room. Fr. Peter Burns from Sacred Heart, Thornton, rang later to apologise for not making it, as did Fr. Billy Bootle, who set off, but got snarled up in traffic in Blackpool. Finally, thank you to Tony Whiteside who, with Geraldine Rawcliffe, arranged the flowers, cooked the Bishop's tea and played the organ!
A man of many talents!

Sunday 10th Second Sunday of Advent Year B	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Intentions of Sr. Evelyn Wilson (C.P.)
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer & Benediction
MONDAY 11th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 12th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
WEDNESDAY 13th St Lucy	7.00 p.m.	Frank and Liz O'Donnell (F. & M.)
THURSDAY 14th St. John of the Cross	10.00 a.m.	Refugees around the World (V.G.)
	1.30 p.m.	Funeral Liturgy of John Beaver
FRIDAY 15th	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention (J.&B.)
SATURDAY 16th	10.00 a.m.	Beryl Skitterall (A.S.)
Next Sunday 17th Third Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	Patricia Cottam (L.W.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish C.P.
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer & Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephania Barretto, Louise Cantrell, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, 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**: John Beaver, Elizabeth Clarkson, June Eccles, Annie Grieg, Maisie Smith, Gary Ramsbottom

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Robert Albion, Joseph Drury, Josephine Sparks, Margaret Ann Kennedy, Jacqueline Mary Lawn, Margaret Hearty, Hamish Stephen Duncan, Mary Winifred Bistow, Florence Gater, Ernest Carr, Donald Currie, Nancy Blair, Phyllis Anne Magnusson, Robert Joseph Winstanley, Anne Wilkinson

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 17th December "A Voice Crying in the Wilderness" (John 1: 6-8, 19-28)**

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

So, John the Baptist came as a witness to the light. In today's gospel reading he seems rather to refuse witness. He is quite negative, answering with a stalwart and repeated 'No!'. He witnesses only that 'There is one standing among you whom you do not know'. It is not always easy to find Jesus. All the way through the Gospel of John there are misunderstandings about Jesus; people fail to recognise him for what he is: there's the Samaritan at the well, Nicodemus in the night, Mary Magdalene beside the empty tomb, even Peter and the disciples as they fish on the Lake. We can easily become so wrapped up in our own troubles and worries that we fail to recognise the one figure who can provide the solution to them, although he is standing among us, the one who 'has the words of eternal life'. He may come to us in a way we do not like, as a corrective - blocking or diverting the way we have chosen. He may come as suffering, disappointment, failure or bereavement. All of these may be acts of God's love, to show us the way, though we cannot see it at the time. It is just like John the Baptist, saying steadily 'No!', until eventually we turn around and see Christ as our true light.

How can I find Jesus in the crowded events of my busy life? He often comes in unexpected ways. Is he in the quiet voice of a friend? Is he in the anger of someone I have annoyed? Is he in the rebuke of someone who knows me better than I know myself? Is he in my failures and frustrations?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

Evening Prayer & Benediction – Please try to attend on the first three Sundays of Advent at 4.p.m. each week. It will help you to prepare prayerfully for the celebration of Christmas.

HELPING THE HOMELESS: If you have any spare sleeping bags, blankets, scarves or hats, please drop them at– 6, Mount Road. Mobile: 07747 - 637514