

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **144**

8.30 - 60

10.30 - 84

Offertory: £460.54

Candles: £112.41

St. Anthony: £10.80

Building Fund: £14.60

World Needy: £45.53

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Week beginning 24th December

Readers: Anne D. / Tony G.

Ministers: Julie B. / Helen S.

Anne T./ Jackie J.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Children stay in church

Refreshments after Mass

Jo & A.N. Other



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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.**

Deacon Bill Wright

We are all deeply saddened by Bill's death and perhaps a little shocked by how quickly he died. We offer Jo, Helen, Gerard and all Bill's family our prayers and our sincere heartfelt sympathy. I know that we will all pray that this truly good and faithful servant of God and his people will be at peace. May he rest for ever in the presence of God and in the company of all the saints.

Amen.

Reception of Bill's body into church and Vigil for the Deceased at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday 21st December.

Bill's Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Friday 22nd December.

Third Sunday of Advent

17th December 2017

O God, most high and most near, you send glad tidings to the lowly, you hide not your face from the poor; those who dwell in darkness you call into the light.

Take away our blindness, remove the hardness of our hearts, and form us into a humble people, that, at the advent of your Son, we may recognize him in our midst and find joy in his saving presence.

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.

Sunday 17th Third Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	Patricia Cottam (L.W.)
	10.30 a.m.	Intentions of Sr. Evelyn Wilson (C.P.)
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer & Benediction
MONDAY 18th	10.00 a.m.	Intentions of Marion Holden (J.W.)
TUESDAY 19th	7.00p.m.	John Beaver lately dead
WEDNESDAY 20th	10.00 a.m.	Margaret & Arthur Smith (A.& M.)
THURSDAY 21st	10.00 a.m.	Marjorie Carus (A.A.) (Audrey's mother)
FRIDAY 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Anne Rowe (G.R.)
SATURDAY 23rd	10.00 a.m.	Richard Hearty Anniversary (M.H.)
Next Sunday 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	John Clifford Davies (E.P.)
	6.00 p.m.	Dennis Halloran (J.H.)
	Midnight	Sharon & Richard Green (K.P.)

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

» **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, Gary Ramsbottom, Bill Wright

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: David H. Bamber, Holly Gray, George Green, John Wright, Jack McGinty, John MacDonald, Richard Greer, Alan Thompson, Robert McDonald, Joe McCann, Alexander Kay, Pat Power, Stephen Ball, Norman Muscroft, Elizabeth Russell, Yvonne Butler, Barbara Dickins, Mary Scott, Katie Gilchrist, Richard Hearty, Maureen Siddoway

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 24th December "The Annunciation" (Luke 1:26-38)**

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

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus, the final Sunday of Advent always focuses on Mary.

What was the young girl Mary doing when the message came?

Kneeling in prayer? Feeding the sheep? Fetching water? Sweeping the mud floor?

What was she thinking? Engaged to be married, surely about her approaching wedding to Joseph and about the children she would mother. Then came the message which she could accept or refuse, the message on which hung the future of the world: her child would be different from all others. How 'different'? Her thoughts were turned back to the promise to David. It had been read to her so often in the Bible, and now the words echoed in her mind as she listened to the angel say, 'His reign will have no end'. This would all be the work of the Spirit which she had so often heard about in Isaiah: 'the Holy Spirit will come upon you', the Spirit which was to come upon the

Servant of the Lord, the Spirit of Emmanuel, 'God with us'. Her young body was to grow, nourish and develop this child. Then she would have the child in her arms to cherish and shape as both Son of God and her own son.

What sort of person was Mary? Would you have liked to get to know her? What is God's plan for you?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

Would you like to donate money for flowers at Christmas? Please see Fr. Michael, Tony or Geraldine.

On Wednesday 20th December at 6p.m. there will be a group cleaning the church. Any extra help would be appreciated. Thank you, Judith.

Masses for Christmas Eve will be 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. and midnight

Mass for Christmas Day is 9:30 a.m.

In the Diocese of Lancaster the Christmas and Easter Offerings form part of the Priest's salary.

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

The amount raised from the raffle and other items donated for the Christmas fair is £810-13