

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 12th March 2017

No. 78 John Smith £ 50
No. 69 Karen Dallas £ 15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **178**

8.30 – 58

10:30 – 120

Offertory: £ 447.78

Candles: £ 102.81

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony: £ 10.06

Building Fund:

World Needy: £ 42.58

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Week beginning 26th March
Readers : Paula M. / Michael L.
Ministers: Julie B. / Helen S.
Judith H. / Charlie W.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy
Jackie J. & Maureen C.

Refreshments after Mass
Jo & A.N.Other



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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.**

LOURDES - Our annual Diocesan pilgrimage celebrates its 90th anniversary this year and travelling with the Youth Section is a great way for young people to get to know the story of Lourdes and grow in faith through service, prayer, catechesis and time spent with other young Catholics. Open to ages 11+, prices from £650 for coach travel. (Flight info. on request) The Youth section will be led by Rev. Daniel Etienne this year. The coach journey starts on 19th July and will be spending 24 hours in Nevers en route. There they will visit **St. Bernadette's** relics and learn more of her story, as well as having the chance to spend the day **exploring Nevers** before continuing the journey to Lourdes. In Lourdes the pilgrims will be staying in a **4 star hotel**, and will arrive home again on Saturday 29th July. Book now, forms on <http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/lourdes> - 2017

Fleetwood Churches Together – Lenten Lunch this week is at **St. Peter's with St. Mary's** - 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 71 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 at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays will be followed by soup and a roll.

Cardinal Allen School is seeking to appoint a SCHOOL CHAPLAIN. Please see the notice board for further details.

Third Sunday in Lent

19th March 2017

O God, loving and true, look upon your people,
whose dry and stony hearts are parched with thirst.
Unseal the living water of your Spirit; let it become
within us an ever-flowing spring, leaping up to
eternal life.

Thus may we worship you in spirit and in truth
through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

Sunday 19th Third Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	Mary & Leo Heap (W.& J.B.)
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Joseph Walmsley (P.W.) Evening Prayer & Benediction
MONDAY 20th St. Joseph	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 21st	7.00 p.m.	Annie Brady birthday memories (J.B.)
WEDNESDAY 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Sue Brown(J.B.)
THURSDAY 23rd	10.00 a.m.	Tony & Peter Flanagan (T.M.)
	12:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
FRIDAY 24th	10.00 a.m.	Rose Fallon Anniversary (A.B.)
SATURDAY 25th The Annunciation of the Lord	10.00 a.m.	Mary Wharton
Next Sunday 26th Third Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Ida Groves (J.& S.D.)

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:** Susan Brown, Terry English, Stella Hogben, Stephen Watterson

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Thomas McCartney, Alice McDaid, Leo Heap, John Gresswell, Mary Parker, Hannah Buckley, Mary McCormack, Mrs.G. Smith, Edward Parkinson, Irene Cross, Andrew Muscroft, Benjamin Wallbank, Susan Bird, Norah Rathbone, Edward Clarkson

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 26th March Fourth Sunday in Lent
John 9:1.6-9,13-17,34-38 The Cure of the Man born Blind**

*The second of the three great Johannine readings about water, light and life (which point to the baptisms of Easter) gives us the splendid account of Jesus bringing light to the blind man in the Temple. It is full of Johannine contrasts and irony. The 'Jews' or the Pharisees think they have the light and knowledge, but the more they abuse the man born blind, the clearer their own darkness and ignorance become. The more they try to thrust the blind man away from Jesus, the more they push him into seeking refuge in him. Much of the colouring of the scene comes from the controversies towards the end of the first century, when the Pharisees were the only branch of Judaism to survive after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. The New Testament shows that there was bitter opposition between those Jews who accepted the divine claims for Jesus, and those who rejected them. This is especially clear in the fear of the blind man's parents (recounted in the longer version of Sunday's Gospel) that they would be excluded from the synagogue if they accepted that Jesus' grant of sight was a sign of his divine mission. The doughty and pugnacious man born blind has no such hesitation!
What does it mean that Jesus is the light of the world? How can you bring this light of Jesus to other people?*

Diary

"Understanding our Faith" - Next meeting Friday 24th March 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"

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Last month Mrs. Ann Kowalska, our Headteacher, received a letter from the Rt. Hon. Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Standards. "Dear Mrs. Kowalska, I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for the very high level of progress pupils in your school are making. Your school's results ...show that your school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England in terms of the progress your pupils make...in English, reading, writing and mathematics ...Thank you for your hard work and professionalism...and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved."

Well done everyone! Keep up the good work!

Do that little bit extra during Lent There is Morning Prayer of the Church each day before Mass at 9.45am. Daily Mass at 10am. Except Tuesday 7pm. Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 12.30pm followed by soup in the Millenium Room. Evening Prayer of the Church and Benediction at 4pm on Sunday afternoons