

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 19th March 2017

No. 117 Julie Banks £ 50
No. 50 Kathleen Hearty £ 15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance:

8.30 – 51

10:30 – 105

Offertory: £ 500.20

Candles: £ 130.04

Books/Papers: £ 8.78

St. Anthony: £ 19.17

Building Fund: £38.12

World Needy: £ 56.00

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Week beginning 2nd April

Readers : Megan S. / Loraine R.

Ministers: Ania M. / Bridget McC.

Kath S. / Jo W.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

No group

Refreshments after Mass

Kath & Maureen



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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.**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

26th March 2017

**God, our Creator, show forth your mighty works
in the midst of your people.**

**Enlighten your Church, that we may know your Son
as the true light of the world and through our
worship confess him as Christ and Lord, who lives
and reigns, with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
holy and mighty God for ever and ever.**

Fleetwood Churches Together – Lenten Lunch this week is on the 31st at United Reformed Church - 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 now 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 at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays will be followed by soup and a roll.

"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.

Sunday 26th Fourth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Ida Groves (J.& S.D.)
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer & Benediction
MONDAY 27th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 28th	7.00 p.m.	Charlotte Porter (T.&M.P.)
WEDNESDAY 29th	10.00 a.m.	Paul Bywater (J.B.)
THURSDAY 30th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
	12:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
FRIDAY 31st	10.00 a.m.	Sue Brown (M.S.)
SATURDAY 1st April	10.00 a.m.	The Faithful Departed
Next Sunday 2nd Fifth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Patsy Briggs (J.&B.W.)

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, Dara Wilson.

»**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, Pauline Lavelle

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Mavis Adams, Alice Ball, Joan Withey, Mary Keating, Bridget Grainger, John Hawes, Michael Houghton, Colin Riches, Barbara Hearty, Catherine Donnelly, Raymund Melville, Hilda Brooks, Mabel Fyall, Joan Cook

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 2nd April fifth Sunday in Lent
John 11:1-45**

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

This is the third of the great Johannine gospel readings on the Sundays of Lent which lead up to and prepare us for the baptisms of the new members of Christ at the Easter Vigil; today's gospel grips us with the story of Jesus' gift of life to his friend Lazarus. This is not the same thing as the gift of life to us by Jesus in the resurrection, for Lazarus returns to ordinary human life, and will die again, whereas the Christian resurrection transforms us into a new way of life, giving us a life which is a participation in the divine life for ever. Rather, the resurrection of Lazarus is the last and greatest of Jesus' signs, his marvellous works which point towards and hint at this final gift of divine life. The first of the signs was the transformation of the water of the Law into the wine of the messianic wedding banquet at Cana. These signs show who Jesus really is. As well as showing the divine power of Jesus – for only God can give life – they also show the real, human love of Jesus for his friends. He is upset by Lazarus' death and weeps for him, sharing the human sorrow of his family as he shares our sorrows too..Is death something to fear?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

"Understanding our Faith" - Next meeting Friday 31st 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!