

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

LAST SUNDAY
Mass Attendance: **141**
8.30 - 60
10:30 - 81
Offertory: £407.96
Candles: £57.26
Books/Papers: £26.24
St. Anthony: £66.89
Building Fund:
World Needy £20.98

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Week beginning 5th November

Readers: Anne D. / Michael L.
Ministers: Julie B. / Helen S.
Linda L. / Diane S.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy
Judith & Maureen
Refreshments after Mass
Kath & Maureen



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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.

Church Cleaning – A new rota is at the back of church, please take a copy.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 11th November. We are now collecting items to be sold at the Fair, such as paperback books, toiletries, grocery items, fancy goods, bottles for the bottle stall, sweets/chocolates and toys (tots are not needed!). Cake makers, once again can you help out with your delicious cakes for the cake stall or for refreshments? **There will be a short meeting after Mass on Tuesday 17th October to make arrangements for the Fair. All are invited. Much help is needed.**

Prizes for the Grand Draw – Can you donate a prize? If so, please put your details on the form at the back of church. Don't forget to try and sell raffle tickets, they don't seem to be doing very well.

ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL 2018, the National Eucharistic Congress. This will take place over 3 days from 7th – 9th September 2018 and is entitled "I am the Bread of Life". The last Eucharistic Congress in England was in 1908 and the aim is to encourage greater love for the Eucharist. Our Parish has been allocated 2 places and if you would like to attend on behalf of the parish have a word with Fr. Michael. The main event will take place at the Liverpool Echo Arena on Saturday 8th September 2018.

On Sunday 9th September there will be two special solemn Masses at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. If you wish to attend one of the Masses on Sunday, please let Fr. Michael know immediately, so places can be booked.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th October 2017

Your love, O God, is boundless. We who were strangers have been made your children. We who were defenceless have been brought into your household.

Keep us mindful of your deeds of mercy, that we may love you with our whole heart and love our neighbour as ourselves.

We ask this 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 29th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	Mary & Leo Heap (J.&W.B.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
MONDAY 30th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 31st	7.00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Pat & Randall Wright (R.W &J.B.)
WEDNESDAY 1st November ALL SAINTS DAY	10.00 a.m.	Funeral Mass of Mavis Smith People of the Parish
	12.15 p.m.	
THURSDAY 2nd ALL SOULS	10.00 a.m.	Molly & Cliff Earnshaw (M.J.M.)
FRIDAY 3rd	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
SATURDAY 4th St. Charles Borromeo	10.00 a.m.	Pat McGinley Anniversary (D.&K.)
Next Sunday 5th Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	Mary Waring (T.G.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

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, Brian Simms, 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**: Fr. Kevin Lowry, Mavis Smith

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Bernard Taylor, James Horsfall, Mary Heaton, Winifred Brookes, Anthony Thompson, Francis Stanton, James Booker, Thomas Houten, Mary Teresa Green, Mary Heap, David Ernest Ward, Mary Kinley, Ellen Noble, James Alexander Lang, Patrick J. McGinley, Rose Esther Nicholson

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 5th November (Matthew 23:1-12)**

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

This is the fiercest of all the hard things which the gospel of Matthew has to say about the scribes and Pharisees. It introduces a sevenfold curse upon them. The Pharisees were the party of the Jews most concerned about the exact observance of the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The 'scribes' were lawyers to whom they would turn in the case of a clash between two laws. Their attention to detail and their

fussiness often made them lose sight of the real purpose of the Law. However, Jesus was prepared to meet them on the Pharisees' own ground and debate with them on their own terms.

In the gospels, and especially in Matthew (written towards the end of the first century), the hostility of the early Christians to the Pharisees has obviously become fiercer, no doubt because of their persecution of the followers of Jesus.

As Matthew warns, 'They will flog you in their synagogues.' One of their concerns was obviously the status of the religious leaders. It looks as though they were almost turning themselves into little gods. So here the gospel stresses, by contrast, that all the disciples of Jesus are equal: in Christianity there is only one Father, only one Teacher for all.

What are the charges here levelled against the Pharisees? What qualities earn Christian leaders the respect of others?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER is a Holy Day of Obligation

Matthew Steen is volunteering with the **Jesuit Volunteer Movement** in Tanzania. We are holding a collection today to support Matthew in this very worthwhile venture. There will be a retiring collection at the back of church today.

Red Mission Boxes -No more boxes after today until January. Thank you, Anne