

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 23rd July 2017

No. 216 Tom Pinder £ 50
No. 199 St. Mary's Church £ 15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **160**

8.30 - 66

10:30 - 94

Offertory: £460.22

Candles: £195.25

Books/Papers: £7.33

St. Anthony: £20.68

Building Fund: £8.37

World Needy: £35.81

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Week beginning 6th August

Readers: Megan S. / Anne T.

Ministers: Peter J. / Barbara L.

Anne T. / Jackie J.

Church Cleaning

Kathleen McGinley Group

Children's Liturgy

No Liturgy during the Summer Holidays

Refreshments after Mass

Jo & A.N.Other



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Priest: **Fr. Michael Murphy**

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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.**

'**Songs of Praise**' was a wonderful event enjoyed by so many people not just from St. Mary's, but from churches around the Deanery and from Blackpool.

A special thanks must go to Tony Evans who was the organist and choir master for the evening along with 'The Choir' made up from members of the various churches in Blackpool.

Our own St. Mary's Folk Group also helped to lead us all in singing the chosen hymns. So many people had passed wonderful comments on how much they enjoyed the evening.

Thank you to those who baked cakes for the evening and provided prizes for the raffle. A total of £309 was raised on the evening. Thank you to all who made the evening such a success. The evening also showed just how good our new sound system is. A perfect evening.

Church Cleaning - I am appealing to anyone who could help with the cleaning of our church. Until recently we had four groups doing the job, unfortunately we have only two groups remaining now. We are really in need of some younger volunteers, perhaps those who are still working, so that an evening group could be a possibility. Please think about helping out and speak to either Anne Duxbury at the 8:30 Mass or myself, Anne Towler, at the 10:30 Mass. Many hands make light work !

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th July 2017

God of eternal wisdom, you alone impart the gift of right judgment.

Grant us an understanding heart, that we may value wisely the treasure of your kingdom and gladly forgo all lesser gifts to possess that kingdom's incomparable joy.

We make our prayer 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 30th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Hilda Brookes (E.P.)
MONDAY 31st St Ignatius of Loyola	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 1st August St. Alphonsus	7pm.	Kenneth Townley Anniversary (C.J.)
WEDNESDAY 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Intentions of Chris Robson (C.R.)
THURSDAY 3rd	10.00 a.m.	Winefride Gilkes (M.J.M.)
FRIDAY 4th St. John Vianney	10.00 a.m. 1.00p.m.	Michael Salter (M.J.M.) Marriage of Kirsty Muckelt and Christopher Matthews
SATURDAY 5th	10.00 a.m.	Marie Welsh 25 th Wedding Anniversary
Next Sunday 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Mary Holden (J.&B.)

Please remember in your prayers



»**all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephania Barretto, Greta Carus, Elsie Clapp, Max Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Mark Earnshaw (Kathy's brother), Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Jacob Gray, Patricia Hanson, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Joan Moss, Michael O'Sullivan, Margaret Pendleton, Bob Rawcliffe, Lidia Romanowska, Trevor Sandford, 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**: Bill Barry, Winefride Gilkes, Patricia Hanson, Michael Salter, Muriel Scott

And also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: John Wilson, Janet O'Connor, Bernard Hearty, Mary Ann Casey, Monica Muscroft, Hilda Brookes, John Joseph Dicks, Mark Anthony Coxall, Alice Avery, May Martin, Elizabeth Coupland

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 6th August The Transfiguration**
Matthew 17: 1-9

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

Mark's was the first Gospel to be written; he gives the basic account which Matthew and Luke both use. This commentary looks first at Mark, then at the changes made by Matthew and Luke. Mark's Gospel has been described as 'a Passion Narrative with extended introduction.' In this second half of the Gospel, everything is overshadowed by the Passion of Jesus. The disciples are going to be stunned and shaken by the Passion, when their loved and awesome leader is taken from them and tortured to a humiliating death. So beforehand God allows them to see the other side, to see Jesus for what he really is. They see his features as a heavenly person, transformed with the divine light and clothed in dazzling garments. With him are the two heavenly figures who had experience of God on the Holy Mountain, Moses and Elijah, for this is an experience of Jesus as God. The overshadowing cloud is further evidence of the divine presence. The Voice that spoke to Jesus at his baptism now speaks to them all, authenticating Jesus as God's Son and chosen teacher. The disciples are literally 'gob stopped', and want to preserve the experience by building three shelters for the heavenly visions. But such an experience, like any mystical experience of the divine, is not to last. They must return to the business of living their daily lives in the light of this overwhelming experience. Matthew's account is almost the same as Mark's. He adds the detail of Jesus' face shining like the sun. This was the case with Moses when he encountered God on the Holy Mountain, and Matthew, writing for Jewish Christians, is always keen to stress that Jesus was a Second Moses. He also changes the reaction of the disciples: in Mark, they are so scared that they do not know what to say, but in Matthew, they fall to the ground and do reverence, and Jesus gently raises them up **Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

Diary

THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)

The Diocese of Lancaster Education Service is offering this course, starting in September, for Catechists, teachers and others who may be interested in deepening their knowledge of the Catholic faith.

This qualification is generally regarded by the governing bodies of Catholic primary schools as an essential qualification for those seeking appointment in a Catholic school. It is certainly considered essential for all those aspiring to leadership posts in our schools.

For more information, please see the poster on the porch noticeboard and / or the course details which are at the back of church.

Red Mill Hill Mission boxes - no more after today, thank you, until October. Anne D.