

**ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS**

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec.** No. 114 Fred Chew £ 50  
No. 101 M.J.Hearty £15

**LAST SUNDAY**

Mass Attendance: **128**

**8.30** - 49

**10:30** - 79

Offertory: £400.26

Candles: £130.46

Books/Papers: £16.23

St. Anthony:

Building Fund: £9.99

World Needy: £43.14

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Sunday Preface II – of the Nativity of the Lord  
– “The Restoration of All Things in the  
Incarnation”, p.52

Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon), p.18

*Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> January*

*Readers:* Julie B. / Judith H.

*Ministers:* Colin R. / Peter J.

Judith H. / Charlie W.

*Church Cleaning*

*Children's Liturgy*

No group

*Refreshments after Mass*

Doreen & Kathleen



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Priest: **Fr. Michael Murphy**

**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.**

**The Holy Family**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

O. God, you cradle us at the beginning of life and embrace us at our journey's end, for you love us as your own.

Bind our families together and deepen our faith, that, like the Holy Family of Nazareth, we may grow in wisdom, obedient to your word.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever.

Key holders – there is a list at the back of church. Please complete if you hold church keys – insurance purposes.

Safeguarding - checks are now required every 3 years. Sheila and Anne will be contacting you about this. Much of the form completion can be carried out online – don't worry if you can't, paper forms are still available. Hopefully we shall be able to complete much of the photocopying required after Sunday Masses.

Judith would like to thank her cleaning team, and the extras who turned up to help. “Many hands made lighter work”.

Red Mill Hill Mission boxes. Please bring these to Sunday Mass in January if they require emptying. Thank you.

*Does anyone know the whereabouts of the hand held vacuum cleaner, normally kept in the store room?*

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> The Holy Family</b>	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Pendleton (M.J.M.)
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Benediction
<b>MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> January Mary, Mother of God</b>	12.15 p.m.	Richard Hearty (D.&K.)
<b>TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Basil the Great &amp; ST. Gregory Nazianzen</b>	7.00 p.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
<b>WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Gary Ramsbottom (D.J.)
<b>THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Patrick, Margaret & Pat McGinley (D.&K.)
<b>FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	John Beaver (D.J.)
<b>SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Mary Gorman (M.R.M.)
<b>Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Brian Simms
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Benediction

***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**: Denise Johnson, Bill Wright

**and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Pattie Melville, William Egan, Ida Pritchard, Nancy Tipping, James Hull, Thomas Ball, Robert Cooper, Mary Ashton, Isabelle Carr, Teresa Porter, Michael McDaid, Arthur Callaghan, Hilda Miller, Edward McParland, Teresa Porter, Iain MacDonald, Thomas Buxton, Doris Flaherty, Thomas Bowles, Mary Beaver, Dorothea Hadgraft

**THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel**

*Read* **The Gospel for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January "Wise Man from the East" (Matthew 2:1-12)**

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

*The Wise Men, with their clever knowledge of astronomy and their lavish gifts, represent all that is best in worldly values. They also have a bit of magic about them, for frankincense and myrrh were used in spells, and the word for 'wise men' can also mean 'magicians'. In this case, the Wise Men have real wisdom and its reward, and all the respect and fame due to a 'magus' and yet they lay it all at Jesus' feet. It might be worth asking at this beginning of the year whether we submit all our skills and comforts to Jesus as the Wise Men did. The story also rests on the sharp contrast between King Herod and the Wise Men. Herod was a Jew, so he should have recognised and honoured the Jewish Messiah. Not at all! He tried to kill the Messiah. By contrast, the Wise Men, arriving from what for us would be the equivalent of outer space, carry on their search till they find Jesus and humbly bow before him. This poses a nasty question: we Christians have all the guidance and encouragement of the Church, but how often do we find those outside the Church, not even professed Christians, behaving in a more Christian way than we do ourselves!*

**What skill, what gift may I place before Jesus today?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

Cross-generational computer group Please join us at Cardinal Allen Catholic High School to develop your IT skills. **Every Tuesday 3.05 – 4.05 p.m.** Contact Mr. Harding on 01253 872659

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

*Thank you to everyone who contributed to the celebration of Bill's Funeral Mass. It was a very beautiful and prayerful occasion. May Bill rest in peace and may God comfort Jo and her family.*