

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

25th February
No. 29 Irene Rankin £100

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **129**

8.30 - 54

10:30 - 75

Offertory: £474.39

Candles: £87.79

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony: £8.84

Building Fund:

World Needy: £30.68

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Preface I of Lent: "The Spiritual Meaning of
Lent" p.56

Eucharistic Prayer II, p.24

Week beginning 11th March

Readers: Paula M. / Kath S.

Ministers: Helen S. / Ania M.
Kath S. / Kath d'S.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Jackie & Maureen

Refreshments after Mass

No Named Group



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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.**

Third Sunday in Lent

4th March 2018

Easter Flowers – should you wish to donate to the flowers for Easter, please see Fr. Michael, Tony Whiteside or Geraldine Rawcliffe. Thank you

Fleetwood Churches Together:- Lent Study will be here at St. Mary's in the Millennium Room at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday 7th March .

Lenten Lunch on Friday 9th March will be the turn of United Reformed and Emmanuel, Dronsfield Road, serving from 11:30 a.m.

The Way of the Cross at 12:30p.m. on Thursday will be led by **St. Mary's schoolchildren** and there will be soup and a roll afterwards in the Millennium Room

St. Wulstan's & St. Edmund's Parish Charity Night "Home and Away" Home team – Fleetwood Foodbank, Away team – Orphanage at 'Restart Africa' 7.30p.m. Saturday 10th March, featuring "The Jags" £3 . Contact Steve or Maria Doherty for details.

Easter Deanery Masses: During Easter the local Deanery will continue the custom of recent years and celebrate a weekly Deanery Mass in various churches of the Deanery. The first of this year's series will be here in St. Mary's at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday 11th April.

Holy God, the folly of the cross mocks our human wisdom,
and the weakness of the crucified puts worldly power to
shame.

Banish from our hearts every pretence of might and of
knowledge, that by the power flowing from Christ's
resurrection your people may be raised up from the death of
sin and fashioned into a living temple of your glory.

Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and
mighty God for ever and ever.

Sunday 4th Third Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	Joe McCann (B.McC.)
	10.30 a.m. 4.00p.m.	People of the Parish Evening Prayer, Adoration and Benediction
MONDAY 5th	10.00a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 6th	7.00 p.m.	Shaun McCann (B.McC.)
WEDNESDAY 7th	10.00 a.m.	Annie Brady- Birthday Memories (J.B.)
THURSDAY 8th	10.00 a.m.	Patsy Briggs – Birthday Memories (W.B.)
	12.30p.m.	
FRIDAY 9th	10.00a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
SATURDAY 10th	10.00 a.m.	Peter Patrick & Tony Flanagan (T.F.)
Next Sunday 11th	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4.00p.m.	Rose & Joe Murphy – Birthday Memories (M.J.M.) Evening Prayer, Adoration 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, Mark Holden, June Jagger, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Joan Moss, Michael O'Sullivan, Margaret Pendleton, Bob Rawcliffe, 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**: Tony Lofthouse, David McCaul, Patrick Pink

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Tony Flanagan, Robert Gillingham, Eric Withey Mary Myerscough, Thomas Worthington, Billy Allen, Hilary Fox, Bridget Mullen, Thomas Walsh, Mary Winkley, Thomas Rooney, Fr. John Armour, Bob Garrett, Thomas Bamber

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 11th March "Nicodemus" (John 3: 14-21)**

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

After Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus comes this reflection on Nicodemus' visit. Is it Jesus' reflection or the evangelist's? The text does not make it clear. Throughout the gospel of John people are coming to Jesus and judging themselves by their reactions to Jesus. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son. In his turn the Son does not judge, but we judge ourselves by our reaction to him. So at the wedding at Cana the disciples believe in him and see his glory. In the Temple the Jews refuse belief and are condemned.

Then comes Nicodemus in secret and in fear. At this point he is sitting on the fence, afraid of the Pharisees - but by the time of the burial he has decided for Jesus. After Nicodemus the Samaritan woman approaches Jesus: cheeky and unbelieving at first, she is won over by Jesus' playful persistence. And so on: the Jews on one side, the man healed at the Pool of Bethzatha on the other; the Jews on one side, the man blind from birth on the other. The decision is ours too.

When confronted by Jesus do we come to the light so that our deeds may be known, or do we shun the light?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Extraordinary Ministers, Musicians and Singers - We are in urgent need of more Ministers at both Sunday Masses. Sadly, we no longer have Bill so we need three Ministers for each Sunday Mass. This now means that Ministers are having to serve more frequently; currently, there are only five for the 8:30 and eight for the 10:30 Masses. There is a particular problem at the 10:30 Mass because five members of the music group are Ministers and sometimes there are not enough singers to enable them to fulfil their role. Please seriously consider whether you could volunteer to be a Minister and have a word with Fr. Michael.

Also, we are in urgent need of musicians and singers. You do NOT have to be experts to play an instrument or sing with the music group. No one is a professional! Sheila would love to hear from you, the group needs you or eventually it will disappear. Please seriously consider joining the group.