

**ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS
2nd December 2018**

No. 60 Donna Hartley – Page £ 50
No. 172 Lucy Wilson £ 15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **143**

8.30 - 59

10:30 - 84

Offertory: £ 512.26

Candles: £ 109.46

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony: £ 3.80

Building Fund:

World Needy: £ 37.00

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Preface

Eucharistic Prayer

**Week beginning 16th December
Year C**

Readers: Julie B. / Kath S.

Ministers: Julia B. / Helen S.

Kath S. / Kath D'S. / Anne T.

Church Cleaning

**Saturday 15th December – Judith's group
with the other two groups, please**

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

9th December 2018

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin.

Make our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

TODAY - EARLY FESTIVE CHEER: You are warmly invited to some early Christmas cheer after 10:30 Mass in the Millennium Room. Tea, coffee, mince pies will be available for everyone to enjoy.

Please give any donation for Christmas flowers for Church decoration to Fr. Michael or Tony Whiteside. Thank you

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - First Mass of Christmas – 6.00 p.m.

Christmas Midnight Mass – 12.00 a.m.

Mass of Christmas Day – 9.30 a.m.

In the Diocese of Lancaster the Christmas and Easter offerings form part of the Priest's Salary.

Sunday 9th Second Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	People of the Parish Evening Prayer and Benediction
MONDAY 10th	10.00a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 11th	7.00p.m.	Bernard & Kathleen Hearty (M.J.M.) Anniversary
WEDNESDAY 12th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
THURSDAY 13th St. Lucy	10.00 a.m.	Deacon Bill Wright Anniversary
FRIDAY 14th St. John of the Cross	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
SATURDAY 15th	10.00 a.m.	Beryl Skitterall (A.S.) Wedding Anniversary
Next Sunday 16th Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	The Two Fleetwood Deacons (Henry & Bill) Evening Prayer and Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephania Barretto, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carreddu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Elsie Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Sarah Finley, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyon, Bridget McCann, Gerry McCaul, Joan Moss, Michael O'Sullivan, Bob Rawcliffe, Lidia Romanowska, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Harry Slater, Mark Surelock, Josie Tester, Frank Ward, Winifred White, Fred & Mary Wylie

>> **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Peggie Ball, Thomas Ball, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, Pamela Warwick



> **those who have died recently**: Roger Stefani, Don Williams

> **and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Alex Welch, Doreen Greenwood, Robert Albion, Joseph Drury, Josephine Sparks, Margaret Kennedy, Jacqueline Lawn, Margaret Hearty, George Millington, Deacon Bill Wright, Hamish Duncan, Mary Bistow, Florence Gater, Ernest Carr, Donald Currie, Nancy Blair, Phylis Magnusson

THE WORD AHEAD – Next Sunday's Gospel

Read – The Gospel for Sunday 16th December (Luke 3:10-18) John the Baptist's Counsels

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

In this second of the two Advent Sunday gospels about John the Baptist we first hear details about how to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Luke is always aware of the dangers of wealth and money, so he concentrates on avoiding its misuse. First he teaches equal sharing with the needy, no hoarding but generosity. Then he turns to financial exploitation. Tax-collectors had to pay for the right to collect taxes, and would be tempted to extort a nice margin to cover their own needs. In the same way soldiers could be tempted to abuse their power by bullying those they were meant to protect. The second half of John's task is to point away from himself towards Jesus, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Luke's gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are full of the Holy Spirit. Luke must have been vividly aware of the working of the Spirit in the Church, in its ministers of all kinds and in the life of the Christian communities. He warns also of the fierce fire which will purge away impurities; for John the Baptist the Messiah is a stern figure who will burn away the rubbish in human hearts to make room for the Spirit.

What is the "rubbish" in my life which needs to be burnt away to prepare for the coming of Jesus?
Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

Music Practice – Tomorrow – 10th December at 7.00p.m.

DEANERY ADVENT SERVICE – Wednesday 12th December at St. Mary's - 6p.m.

FLEETWOOD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY are performing a Christmas Concert in St. Mary's on Wednesday 19th December at 7:30p.m. Entrance £5.

Please may we ask our bakers to contribute for this event. Our baking is legendary! **Tickets are available today**

Red Mill Hill boxes may be brought to church for emptying in December. Thank you, Anne & Elizabeth

Saturday 15th December -noon onwards – Church cleaning.

Would you give a little time to help make our beautiful church sparkle for Christmas? Our three cleaning groups would be grateful if you could. Thank you.