ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

4th February No.12 Kath Taylor £50 No. 248 J. Wilding £15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **150 8.30** - 64 **10:30** - 86

Offertory: £466.00 Candles: £90.86 Books/Papers: £13.13 St. Anthony: £11.83 Building Fund: £24.22

World Needy: £12.10

PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR B
Volume 1 – Pg. 137
Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time "Creation", p.55
Eucharistic Prayer II, p.25

Week beginning 18th February

Readers: Anita M. / Tony G.
Ministers: Ania M. / Bridget McC.
Anne T. / Jackie J.

Church Cleaning

Anne Duxbury's group

Children's Liturgy

Judith / Maureen

Refreshments after Mass Jo & A.N.Other

LENT begins THIS Wednesday. To give as much opportunity as possible for you to begin Lent well, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00a.m., 12.15 p.m. and 7.00p.m. At all Masses ashes will be blessed and distributed. **ASH WEDNESDAY** is a day of fasting and abstinence.

After over 30 years <u>collecting the Voice</u>, Keith Earnshaw is looking for somebody to take over the collection and delivery once a month. It entails collecting the papers from St. Kentigern's and delivery then to Cleveleys and Fleetwood. If anybody is willing to take on the job once a month, please contact Keith on 773481 or see him after 10a.m. Mass at St. Wulstan's.

Healing Signs & Wonders Conference 3rd - 4th March 2018 St. Paul's Catholic High School, Firbank Road, Manchester M23 2YS. Speaker - Damian Stayne Homilist - Fr. Pat Deegan. For booking www.coreetlumenchristi.org tel: 07516 075896

<u>A visit to the shrine at Medjugorge</u> $21^{st} - 28^{th}$ August 2018 £650 per person sharing £760 in single room. Group leader Rev. B. Loveland 01539 563391 Details on the porch noticeboard.

Wednesday 21st - Anne Duxbury's cleaning group after Mass. Any extra helpers very welcome.



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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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th February 2018

We come before you, O God, confident in Christ's victory over sickness and death.

Heal us again from sin, which divided us, and from prejudice, which isolates us. Bring us to wholeness of life through the pardon you grant your people.

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.

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Sunday 11 th	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30 a.m.	Bill Wright (J.& E.B.)
MONDAY 12 th	10.00a.m.	Mavis Brown (D.&K.)
TUESDAY 13 th	7.00 p.m.	Rose & Joe Murphy (M.J.M.) Anniversary
WEDNESDAY 14 th ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m. 7.00p.m.	People of the Parish Bill Wright (E.&T.F.) John Smith (J.S.)
THURSDAY 15th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
FRIDAY 16 th	10.00a.m.	Bill Wright (R.J.& Family)
SATURDAY 17 th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
Next Sunday 18 th	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
First Sunday in Lent	10.30 a.m. 4.00p.m.	Bill Wright (M.&C.) Evening Prayer, Adoration and Benediction

Please remember in your prayers

»all the sick, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephan 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: Catherine Eardley, Duncan Mitchell, Florence Reeve, Robert Walsh and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Gilbert Turner, Christina Smith, Joan Tomlinson, John Casey, Kathleen Siddall, Colin Dewhurst, Joseph Patrick Murphy, Patrick McDermott, Thomas Worden, Agnes Ward, Mary Lennox, Ilish, Harry Godfrey, Charles Godfrey, Joan Hadgraft, Maureen King, Ann Latus, Wilfrid Hurworth,

Charles English, Harry Godfrey, Charles Godfrey, Joan Hadgraft, Maureen King, Ann Latus, Wilfrid Hurworth, Terence McCartney, William Haslam, Agnes Tipping

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THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read The Gospel for Sunday 11th February "Jesus is Tested in the Desert" (Mark 1: 12-15)

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

Mark's emphasis is distinctly different from that of Matthew and Luke. No details of the testing are given. Rather Jesus' sojourn in the desert seems almost a return to the peace of the Garden of Eden. The desert of Judea, between Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley, is a noble and dignified solitude of smooth, sandstone hills. Nothing grows, of course, but wild camels and the occasional leopard prowl around. There Jesus was 'with the wild animals' as, led by the Spirit, he made his preparation for his mission. In what way was he tested? We may presume that in solitude and prayer he was working out the implications of the Voice from Heaven at his Baptism. How was he to run his course as the beloved Servant of the Lord? Precisely how was he to bring the presence of the Kingship of God into people's lives? The 'forty' is often used in biblical accounts for a period preparation, as Israel's forty years in the desert, or the forty days between Easter and Ascension which prepared the Apostles for Jesus' leaving them and then for the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. We may use our forty days of Lent to reflect on how we may bring God's presence to bear in and through our lives.

How will you make best use of this time of preparation in Lent? Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

<u>Diary</u>

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2018

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin on Sunday, 25th February. The children will meet in the presbytery in the downstairs sitting room. Parents will meet in the presbytery in the upstairs sitting room. Sessions will last for approximately one hour from 11.30a.m. – 12.30p.m. The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Monday, 26th March11**Preparation for First Holy Communion** will begin on Sunday, 22nd April and take place each Sunday until Sunday, 27th May. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, 3rd June, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ ("Corpus Christi").

If your child / children would like to prepare to celebrate these sacraments, please let Fr. Michael, Mrs. Halloran or Mrs. Jackson know in writing as soon as possible, enclosing your contact details. Thank you!

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