

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

11th February
No. 123 Betty Brady £50
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LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **132**

8.30 - 58

10:30 - 74

Offertory: £388.77

Candles: £105.52

Books/Papers: £18.76

St. Anthony:

Building Fund:

World Needy: £45.55

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Preface I of Lent "The Spiritual Meaning of
Lent" p.56
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Week beginning 25th February

Readers: Anne D. / Michael L.

Ministers: Colin R. / Peter J.

Linda L. / Diane S.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Lorraine R. / Ania M.

Refreshments after Mass

Kath & Maureen



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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.**

Canon Paul Swarbrick

As many of you will know, Canon Paul Swarbrick has been appointed Bishop of Lancaster in succession to Bishop Michael.

Paul is 59 and was born in Garstang. He went to school at St. Mary and Michael's Primary School and Lancaster Royal Grammar, before training for the priesthood at Ushaw College, Co. Durham. He was ordained in St. Mary and Michael's, Garstang, on 10th July, 1982. He served as assistant priest in a variety of parishes in Whitehaven, Preston and Blackpool before spending 5 years in Monze, Zambia. On his return he was parish priest of St. Walburge in Preston for 3 years and then parish priest of Our Lady and St. Michael, Workington for the last 8 years.

Please remember him in your prayers.

Fleetwood Churches Together:-

Lent Study will be here at St. Mary's in the Millennium Room at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday 21st February.

Lenten Lunch on Friday 23rd February will be the turn of St. Nicholas and St. Wulstan's and will be held in the Broadway Rooms, Little Broadway, serving from 11:30 a.m..

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

First Sunday in Lent

18th February 2018

God of the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the saving flood of baptism your people are washed clean and born again.

Throughout these forty days, we beg you, unseal for us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again.

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 18th First Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Bill Wright (M.&C.)
MONDAY 19th	10.00a.m.	Celebration of the Word
	11.15a.m.	Funeral Service of Catherine Eardley
TUESDAY 20th	7.00 p.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
WEDNESDAY 21st	10.00 a.m.	Kathy Eaglesham- Birthday Memories (M.J.M.)
THURSDAY 22nd The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	10.00 a.m.	Ann Borthwick lately dead (M.S.)
	12.30p.m.	Way of the Cross with the schoolchildren
FRIDAY 23rd	10.00a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
SATURDAY 24th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
Next Sunday 25th Second Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Annie Brady (Anniversary)
	4.00p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration and Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephany 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, Catherine Eardley, Duncan Mitchell, Robert Walsh

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: David Reader, Robert Swann, Annie Taylor, Hugh Parker, Stella Rossiter, Eric Cranston, Joan Thomlinson, Herbert Ward, John Raynor, Matthias Rogerson, Martin Gara, Victor Skitterall, Monica Lang, Joe Barber, Rene Millett, Rose Fallon

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.

*As the time of the Passion approaches, the foreboding of the disciples grows. Jesus sustains them with this vivid manifestation of himself in glory. On the holy mountain of revelation they see him transformed. It was a real visual experience, though described in symbols familiar from the Bible - brilliant white clothes, and so on. Moses and Elijah are seen there because they also had experienced the vision of God on the holy mountain: Moses when he had received the Law from God on Mount Sinai; Elijah when he encountered God in the cave on Mount Horeb. The disciples were frightened, confused and overcome at the awesome experience, and yet, at the same time, comforted in such a way that Peter wanted to prolong it. Their reaction to the presence of the Lord will later be reflected by that of Christian mystics – both a reassuring terror and a frightening homeliness, the awareness of a presence which is awesome yet comforting - an experience which cannot fully be put into words. The Voice from Heaven is an echo of the Voice heard at Jesus' Baptism. There, however, the Voice was addressed to Jesus, whereas here it is spoken to the disciples, proclaiming Jesus as authorized teacher, the one who speaks with the authority of the Beloved Son. **When and how do you meet Jesus? How do you respond to God? Are you frightened of God, or is God a comfort to you?***
Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

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 March** **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!

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

Women's World Day of Prayer this year has been prepared by the women of Suriname and the service will take place at 2p.m. on Friday 2nd March at Trinity Baptist Church, Dronsfield Road.