

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

16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

No. 84 Mary Kay £50

No. 127 Winifred Wright £15

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**LAST SUNDAY**

Mass Attendance: **123**

**8.30** - 54

**10:30** - 69

Offertory: £ 436.93

Candles: £ 93.60

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony:

Building Fund:

World Needy: £ 68.53

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**Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> December  
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**Readers:** Helen S. / Judith H.

**Ministers:** Julie B. / Julia B.

Diane S. / Elaine P. / Judith H.

**Church Cleaning**

**Children's Liturgy**

No group

**Please join us for refreshments after the  
10:30 Mass**



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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.**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us?  
Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your  
Son.

As we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our  
hearts leap for joy at the sound of your Word, and move us  
by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.

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.

**FESTIVE CHEER** - Thank you to everyone who contributed to this very enjoyable pre-Christmas event. As well as being a very happy occasion, it also raised a significant contribution to parish funds - £314.74 Thank you all !

**FLEETWOOD & DISTRICT CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - Thank you to everyone who supported and helped with this lovely evening. It was a very high standard performance of many of our favourite carols, with a sprinkling of congregational carols sung with great gusto by the large audience to resounding organ accompaniment. It was a great and thoroughly enjoyable concert. At the same time £330 was raised from ticket sales (which will be divided between the parish and the choir) and £130 was raised on the raffle. Thank you all !

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

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Roger Stefani (F. & D.) Evening Prayer and Benediction
<b>MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00a.m.	Marjorie & Jim Richardson (S.N.)
	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	<b>First Mass of Christmas</b> (Dennis Halloran)
	<b>Midnight</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b> (People of the Parish)
<b>TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Marjorie & Jim Richardson (S.N.)
<b>WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St. Stephen</b>	12.15 p.m.	Jack Wilding (J.W.)
<b>THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St. John</b>	12.15 p.m.	Eveline Wilding (J.W.)
<b>FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>The Holy Innocents</b>	10.00 a.m.	Stephen & Emily Nolan (J.N.)
<b>SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>St. Thomas Becket</b>	10.00 a.m.	Intentions of Arthur & Marina Smith (A.S.)
<b>Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>The Holy Family</b>	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Pendleton (M.J.M.) Anniversary

**Please remember in your prayers**



» **all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephani Barretto, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carreddu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Elsie Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Steve Davies, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Sarah Finley, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyon, Bridget McCann, Gerry McCaul, Kathleen McGinley, 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: >and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Barbara Dickins, Mary Scott, Katie Gilchrist, Richard Hearty, Maureen Siddoway, Annie Hallworth, Canon W,Watterson, Jack Wilding, Jack Horsfall, Dennis Halloran, Joseph Donnelly, Jeff Roscow, Mary Wilding, Eileen Standish, Dorothy Nesbitt, Bridgit Withey, Wynne Harrison, Barbara Whiteside, John Houten, James Keane

**THE WORD AHEAD – Next Sunday’s Gospel**

**Read** –The Gospel for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December (Luke 2:41-52): The Child Jesus in the Temple

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

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*This little incident, the only one told of Jesus’ youth, has two attractive lessons for us. Firstly, it is a joy to see Jesus behaving just like any other twelve-year-old. He was a real child, and a child of that age goes off exploring, adventuring, unhesitatingly sure that the all-powerful, all-knowing parents will know where he or she has gone; parents, meanwhile, worry themselves sick at the unexplained disappearance of their child. Mary, the young mother, knows her son and the ways of the twelve-year old. She does not scold or expostulate, but just accepts what he says with love and relief. Secondly, Jesus’ reply gives us a glimpse of his relationship to the Father. The phrase ‘with my Father’s affairs’ may equally well be translated ‘in my Father’s house’, but either translation indicates Jesus’ total absorption with his Father.*

**What does it mean to be “busy with my Father’s affairs”? What changes would this make in your life?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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Thank you for all the hard work and effort that has gone into preparing for Christmas. Thank you especially to everyone who cleaned the Church and arranged the flowers. Thank you to our musicians and singers who have rehearsed so hard. Could I also ask people to sign up on the lists at the back of Church for readers and ministers of the Eucharist at the three Christmas Masses ?

**Thank you!**

*I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and every Blessing in the New Year.*

*With my love and prayers*

*Fr. Michael*