

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

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

No. 141 Julie Francis £50  
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**LAST SUNDAY**

Mass Attendance: **132**

**8.30** - 53

**10:30** - 79

Offertory: £ 475.95

Candles: £ 134.12

Books/Papers: £ 36.75

St. Anthony:

Building Fund: £ 50.64

World Needy: £ 104.48

**PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR C**

Volume 1 – Pg. 105

Preface II of the Nativity of the Lord – The  
Restoration of all Things in the Incarnation  
p.66

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**Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> January  
Year C**

**Readers:** Paula M./ Diane S.

**Ministers:** Helen S. / Ania M.  
Charlie W. / Kath S. / Kath D'S.

**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.**

**The Holy Family**

**30<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

As your sons and daughters, O loving God, we come  
before you in thanksgiving, called and united by your eternal  
Word.

Teach us to ponder the mystery of Nazareth, that we  
may always find in you the source of our strength and the  
unity of our families.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
in the splendour of eternal light, 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 !

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> The Holy Family</b>	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Pendleton (M.J.M.) Anniversary
<b>MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. Mary, Mother of God</b>	<b>12.15 p.m.</b>	Marjorie & Jim Richardson (S.N.)
<b>WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen</b>	10.00 a.m.	Intentions of Arthur & Marina Smith (A.S.)
<b>THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Pat McGrath & Kath Boyd (M.S.) Anniversary
<b>FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Jacqueline Lawn (M.S.) Anniversary
<b>SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Beeby & Pinder Families (S.B.)
<b>Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Taylor & Donnelly Families (C.T.)
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer & Benediction

***Please remember in your prayers***



» **all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephania Barretto, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carredu, 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**: Steve Davies > **and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Edith Twiggs, Caroline Polke, Pattie Melville, William Egan, Ida Pritchard, Nancy Tipping, James Hull, Thomas Ball, Robert Cooper, Mary Ashton, Isabelle Carr, Teresa Porter, Michael McDaid, Arthur Callighan, Hilda Miller, Edward McParland, Iain MacDonald, Thomas Buxton

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

**Read** – The Gospel for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January (Matthew 2:1-12) Wise Men from the East

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

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*The Wise Men, with their clever knowledge of astronomy and their lavish gifts, represent all that is best in worldly values. They also have a bit of magic about them, for frankincense and myrrh were used in spells, and the word for 'wise men' can also mean 'magicians'. In this case, the Wise Men have real wisdom and its reward, and all the respect and fame due to a 'magus' and yet they lay it all at Jesus' feet. It might be worth asking at this beginning of the year whether we submit all our skills and comforts to Jesus as the Wise Men did. The story also rests on the sharp contrast between King Herod and the Wise Men. Herod was a Jew, so he should have recognised and honoured the Jewish Messiah. Not at all! He tried to kill the Messiah. By contrast, the Wise Men, arriving from what for us would be the equivalent of outer space, carry on their search till they find Jesus and humbly bow before him. This poses a nasty question: we Christians have all the guidance and encouragement of the Church, but how often do we find those outside the Church, not even professed Christians, behaving in a more Christian way than we do ourselves!*

***What skill, what gift may I place before Jesus today?***

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.

**Thank you!**

*I wish you all a very Happy New Year and every Blessing in 2019.*

*With my love and prayers*

*Fr. Michael*