

Please remember in your prayers

» **all the sick**, especially Pastor Steve Bond, Elsie Clapp, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, Carl Tomlinson, Winifred White, Baby Zephen (Mumbai).



» **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Peggie Ball, Thomas Ball, Bessie Burns, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson.



>> **those who have died recently**: Jacqueline Lawn, Norah Heaney, Veronica Rickman,

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Mary Wilding, Hannah Mitchell, Bridgit Withey, John Houten, Edith Mary Twiggs, Bernard Brookes, Pattie Melville, William Egan, Ida Pritchard, Nancy (Annie) Tipping, James hull, Mary Ashton, Isabelle Carr, Teresa Porter, Michael McDaid, Arthur Callighan, Hilda Miller, Iain MacDonald, Thomas Buxton, Doris Flaherty, Thomas Bowles, Mary Phyllis Beaver, Anne Ellen Fish, Yvonne Butler, Marion Morley, Mary Young



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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.

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 20th December 2015

No. 93 Doreen McGinley £ 50

No. 32 Margaret Riches £15

For 27th December 2015

No.105 David Thompson £500

No. 208 Dave Parker £ 300

No. 154 Michael Lupton £ 200

No. 53 Eileen Swarbrick £ 100

No. 44 Maureen Bate £100

No. 97 Chris Williams £ 100

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 199

8:30 – 69

10:30 – 130

Offertery: £ 629.22

Candles: £ 126.70

Books/Papers: £ 18.01

St. Anthony: £13.80

World Needy: £ 69.28

Flowers: £23.53

PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR C

Volume 1 – Pg. 105

Week beginning 3rd January

Church Cleaning

Kathleen McGinley group

Children's Liturgy

J. Jackson & M. Tew

Refreshments after Mass

No named group

THE HOLY FAMILY

27TH DECEMBER 2015

O loving God, as your sons and daughters, 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.

Welcome families and friends to St Mary's. Join us in the Millennium Room for refreshment and community social time after 10.30am Mass.

SUNDAY 27th December Feast of the Holy Family	8.30 a.m.	Denis Lupton R.I.P. (A.L.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
MONDAY 28th The Holy Innocents	10 a.m.	Hannah S. Mitchell Anniversary (P.& D. E.)
TUESDAY 29th St. Thomas Becket	7 p.m.	Eveline Wilding R.I.P. (J.W.)
WEDNESDAY 30th	10 a.m.	Eileen Standish (A.M.)
THURSDAY 31st	10 a.m.	Stephen & Emily Nolan (J.N.)
FRIDAY 1st January Mary, Mother of God	12 noon	Gerald Pendleton R.I.P.(M.J.M.)
SATURDAY 2nd St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen	10.00 a.m.	Deceased Welch & Parkinson Families (E.W.)
NEXT SUNDAY 3rd January The Epiphany of the Lord	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Florence Clarke R.I.P.(B. & J.W.)

Week 6 beginning 3rd January 2016

SUNDAY 3rd January The Epiphany of the Lord	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Florence Clarke R.I.P. (B.& J.W.)
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer & Benediction
Monday 4th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday 5th	7.00p.m.	Charlie Morris & Kingsman David Shaw R.I.P.(M.M.)

Wednesday 6th	10.00a.m.	Epiphany Mass for the whole School
Thursday 7th	10.00 a.m.	Annie & Frank Pinder R.I.P. (S.B.)
Friday 8th	10.00 a.m.	Jimmy Dunlop (B.D.)
Saturday 9th	10.00 a.m.	Mary Price (M.H.)
Next Sunday 10th January Baptism of the Lord	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Marie & Paddy Groves (Louise)
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer & Benediction

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 3rd January 2016 The Epiphany**
Matthew 2: 1-12 The Wise Men from the East

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

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!

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

May the Christmas Season be for you all one of Peace and Joy