

## Diary

DEANERY ADVENT CELEBRATION at 7.00p.m. on **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, in St. Wulstan's Church.

We are warmly invited to join the Deanery community at this opportunity to reflect on our life of faith and to explore the faith history of the Church. The celebration will be prepared and led by staff and pupils and staff from Cardinal Allen High School. ALL WELCOME

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December : UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH**

Recently a couple of people have spoken to me, wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith and perhaps becoming members of the Church. So, starting this coming Friday, there will be a series of discussions and reflections on different aspects of the Catholic Faith. If you are interested in learning more about it, you will be very welcome. Practising Catholics, non-practising Catholics and newcomers to the Faith are ALL WELCOME at 4.00p.m. in the presbytery on Friday. The session will last about an hour and a half.

**SOCKS !** Audrey asks if we can search out old and unwanted socks and leave them on the back seat near the confessional. They will be taken to the soup kitchen in Blackpool, where the homeless often ask for socks in this cold, wet weather.

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

**For 22nd November 2015**

No. 132 Richard Wynn £ 50

No. 209 Linda Wallbank £ 15

#### **LAST SUNDAY**

Mass Attendance: **189**

8:30 – 60

10:30 – 129

Offertory: £ 643.05

Candles: £ 133.97

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony:

Flowers: £ 12.53

World Needy: £ 77.21

### **PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR C**

**Volume 1 – Pg. 82**

*Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> December*

*Church Cleaning*

*Children's Liturgy*

No group

*Refreshments after Mass*

No named group



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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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29th NOVEMBER 2015

**God our Saviour, you utter a word of promise and hope and hasten the day of justice and freedom, yet we live in a world forgetful of your word, our watchfulness dulled by the cares of life.**

**Keep us alert. Make us attentive to your word, ready to look on your Son when he comes with power and great glory. Make us holy and blameless, ready to stand secure when the day of his coming shakes the world with terror. 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.**

*Week 1, beginning 29th November 2015*

**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 29th November	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow R.I.P. (J.B.)
MONDAY 30th St. Andrew	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 1st December	7 p.m.	Frank and Liz O'Donnell R.I.P. (F.G.)
WEDNESDAY 2nd	10 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow R.I.P.(J.B.)
THURSDAY 3rd St. Francis Xavier	10 a.m.	Richard Hearty R.I.P.(M.H.)
FRIDAY 4th	10 a.m.	Kathleen Boyd & Pat McGrew R.I.P.(M.S.)
SATURDAY 5th	10 a.m.	Terence McCartney R.I.P. (M.McC.)
NEXT SUNDAY 6th December	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Alan Tipping Anniversary (S.T.)

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** After discussion at the last two Parish Pastoral Council Meetings, it was decided for this year to try the following:

**Christmas Eve:** Children's and Family Mass at 6p.m., preceded by carols at 5.30p.m.; **Midnight Mass** ; **Christmas Day** at 9.30a.m. Mass on **Boxing Day** (Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> December) and on **New Year's Day** will be at 12 noon.

*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, Norah Heaney, 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:** Maudie Mary Duffe, Dennis Taylor

**and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Brian Wood, Terence Keating, Ada M.Greer, Margaret Fishwick, Mary Hartley, Gladys R. Maiden, Alan Tipping, Brian Hearty, Frank Turner, Flo Flood, Margaret McGuirk, William (Billy) Baldwin, Elizabeth Novo.



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

*Read* **The Gospel for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015**  
**Luke 3: 1-6 The Baptist's Message**

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

*Each year the two middle Sundays of Advent centre on John the Baptist, preparing the way for Jesus. John came to prepare a community of repentance, of those who would be ready for the Messiah. This was to be a community not of those who went around moping about their sinfulness, but a community of those who had changed their ways, that is, their whole system of values and priorities. The Hebrew concept of repentance which John proclaimed was a matter of turning round and going in the opposite direction. To be ready for the Messiah meant – and still means – just such a radical change of attitude. John himself had prepared by going out into the desert, for the Messiah was to come striding across the desert, as did Israel at the Exodus from Egypt. John's clothing and his whole way of life showed his rejection of current materialism and his single-minded dedication. His is not primarily a negative point of view, for his quotation of Isaiah (reflected also in today's first reading from Baruch), shows that the flattening of the hills and the filling of the valleys is a preparation for the Kingdom of peace and justice. A good deal of positive planning and of spade-work is needed if we are to be ready to welcome that Kingdom. What sort of change did John the Baptist ask from his listeners? Think of one change you need to make in your life to welcome Jesus.*

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Bishop Michael is coming to St. Mary's to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for both Fleetwood parishes on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, at 7.00p.m. Any child or youngster of secondary school age can put themselves forward to receive the sacrament. Any adult who has not been confirmed will also be welcome to prepare to receive the sacrament.. Would **all** prospective candidates please put their **request in writing** to Fr. Michael, along with relevant contact details? Thank you.

**N.B.** About this time last year I received written requests from the following: Emily Bowman, Imogen Reader, Danny & Anita Morgan, Phoebe Paul, Eliza and Abbie Webster. I will presume that these candidates are still interested, unless I hear otherwise. Thanks !

**Christmas Fair:** Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to and worked for this year's Christmas fair. As well as being successful, it seemed to be a very enjoyable occasion. Thank you all ! The final total raised was **£2,707.79p. Well done !**

**Fundraising for World Youth Day 2016 on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December after both Masses:** Danny Morgan is raising funds for this trip and there will be home made mince pies with home made mince meat containing Polish Vodka instead of brandy on sale after both Masses.