

## THIS IS HOLY WEEK

Whatever else you've done (or perhaps not done!) for Lent, can I encourage you all to keep a good and fervent Holy Week? Please take the opportunity, if you can, of celebrating Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Gospels each day tell of the events which lead up to the arrest and trial of Jesus. Please note also the Way of the Cross in St. Mary's School on Monday lunch-time at 12.30p.m. and join us if you can.

Above all commit yourself to celebrating the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection in the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thursday at 7.00p.m.), the Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Friday at 3.00p.m.) and the Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection (Saturday at 8.00p.m.)

May our celebration of Jesus' Suffering and Death lead us to the joy of celebrating his Resurrection.



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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.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

20<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**O God of eternal glory, you anointed Jesus your servant to bear our sins, to encourage the weary, to raise up and restore the fallen.**

**Keep before our eyes the splendour of the paschal mystery of Christ, and, by our sharing in the passion and resurrection, seal our lives with the victorious sign of his obedience and exaltation.**

**We ask this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever.**

### ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

#### For 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016

No.24 Marjorie Belk £50

No.44 Maureen Bate £15

#### LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 161

8:30 – 66

10:30 – 95

Offertory: £416.54

Candles: £109.36

Books/Papers: £24.42

St. Anthony: £14.07

Flowers: £18.13

World Needy: £49.66

### PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR C

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Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March

#### Church Cleaning

Irene Rankin Group

#### Children's Liturgy

L.Reader & A.Morgan

#### Refreshments after Mass

No named group

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

<b>SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	8.30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Drake Family ( H.K.)
	10.30 a.m. <b>4pm</b>	People of the Parish <b>Evening Prayer &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00 a.m. 12.30 a.m.	James McGirl (F.C.) <b>Stations of the Cross in School</b>
<b>TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	7.00 p.m.	Norah Heaney (M.R.)
<b>WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Armour Family (A.A.)
<b>THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.00 p.m.	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> Deceased members of the Carus Family (A.A.)
<b>FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Good Friday</b>	11.00a.m. 3.00 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
<b>SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Holy Saturday</b>	8.00 p.m.	<b>Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection</b> Theresa & Scott Black (M.R.M.)
<b>NEXT SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	8.30 a.m.	Alice McDaid (L.W.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Please remember in your prayers**



»**all the sick**, especially Pastor Steve Bond, Elsie Clapp, Krysia Clews, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Peter Fogg, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, Mary Holden, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Maria Romanowska, Trevor Sandford, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Marie Slater, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, 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.

>>**those who have died recently:**

**and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Leo Heap, John Gresswell, Mary Parker, Stephen Price, Hannah Buckley, Mary McCormack, Mrs. G.Smith, Edward Parkinson, Irene Cross, Andrew Muscroft, Benjamin Wallbank, Norah Rathbone, Edward Clarkson

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

*Read* **The Gospel for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Easter Sunday**  
**John 20: 1-9 The Empty Tomb**

*There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story in John's Gospel places emphasis on proving that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that the disciples will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearance accounts. Apart from the proof that the risen Jesus was a real, living and bodily person, these encounters stress two other things - the power of the risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account of John's, Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings Peter to faith. **What is the best way in which I can proclaim the Good News of Christ's resurrection?***

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April- CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** in "The Green Hut" at St. Wulstan's from 11.30a.m. – 12.30 p.m. All candidates must try to be present. Thank you.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS** – HELP IS NEEDED ON A FORTNIGHTLY BASIS. We have an eager new recruit, more are welcome. You do not need to be an expert, just an enthusiast. Please speak with Fr. Michael or Bill.

**Easter Flowers** –Any donations towards the to decorate the church for Easter flowers will be gratefully received. Donations can be given to Fr, Michael or Deacon Bill. Many thanks

*A thank you* from Marie Slater is sent to all her friends in church for your prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during her recent spinal operation. The operation went well and she is now home and on the way to recovery. Hopefully she will "walk" again with us all quite soon. God Bless.

*Marriage Care* – Do you believe in supporting marriage ? [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**No meeting on Good Friday of the "Sharing our Faith" group, next meeting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Lists of Ministries for the Easter Triduum are at the back of church. Please put your name on the appropriate list if you wish to take part**