

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

26th November 2017

No.
No.

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **115**

8.30 - 40

10:30 - 75

Offertory: £511.25

Candles: £91.65

St. Anthony:

Building Fund: £7.85

World Needy: £58.28

PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR B
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Sunday Preface I - "The Two Comings of
Christ", p.51
Eucharistic Prayer III, p.28

Week beginning 10th December

Readers: Julie B. / Diane S.

Ministers: Bridget Mc C. / Colin R.

Judith H. / Charlie W.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Judith & Maureen

Refreshments after Mass

Doreen & Kathleen



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Priest: **Fr. Michael Murphy**

Deacon: **Rev. Bill Wright**

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.**

Today - Sunday 3rd December :- ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE DIOCESAN POOR MISSIONS.

ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION: Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools.

Visit: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

150th Anniversary Mass: Thank you to everyone who celebrated last Friday's Mass with the Bishop. Several people have said to me that it was a very beautiful Mass. Thank you especially to Anita and Paula and the Year 6 children who read, to the servers and to the Folk Group. Thank you also for the wonderful gâteau and cake afterwards in the Millennium Room. Fr. Peter Burns from Sacred Heart, Thornton, rang later to apologise for not making it, as did Fr. Billy Bootle, who set off, but got snarled up in traffic in Blackpool. Finally, thank you to Tony Whiteside who, with Geraldine Rawcliffe, arranged the flowers, cooked the Bishop's tea and played the organ! A man of many talents!

First Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2017

Rend the heavens and come down, O God of all ages!

Rouse us from sleep, deliver us from our heedless ways, and form us into a watchful people, that, at the advent of your Son, he may find us doing what is right, mindful of all you command.

Grant 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.

Sunday 3rd First Sunday of Advent Year B	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Alan Tipping (S.T.)
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer & Benediction
MONDAY 4th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 5th	7.00 p.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
WEDNESDAY 6th St Nicholas	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls (L.C.M.)
THURSDAY 7th St. Ambrose	10.00 a.m.	June Eccles Lately dead (I.R.)
FRIDAY 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (J.&B.)
SATURDAY 9th	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Wright (R.W.& J.B.)
Next Sunday 10th Second Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Intentions of Sister Evelyn Wilson C.P.
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer & Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephania Barretto, Louise Cantrell, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Elsie Clapp, Max Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Mark Earnshaw (Kathy's brother), Anne Edwards, Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Joan Moss, Michael O'Sullivan, Margaret Pendleton, Bob Rawcliffe, Lidia Romanowska, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Harry Slater, Mark Surelock, Josie Tester, Frank Ward, Winifred White, Bill Wright

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



> **those who have died recently**: John Beaver, June Eccles, Annie Grieg, Maisie Smith, Gary Ramsbottom

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Billy Baldwin, Norah Heaney, Elizabeth Novo, Bernard Javens, Peter Irving, Thomas Lionel Morgan, Alan Houghton, James Goulding, Alex Welch, Doreen Greenwood

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 10th December "Baptism for Conversion" (Mark 1:1-8)**

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

Each Advent has two 'John the Baptist' Sundays: the first when we see John preparing a community for the Messiah, the second when he points out Jesus as the Lamb of God. Today is the first of these. John chose a point where the busy road from Jerusalem to the East crossed the Jordan River. There he button-holed all the busy financiers, merchants and other travellers and tourists, warning them to change their ways - and to change them now, before it was too late. 'I am too busy,' no doubt they said. 'I have other things to worry about; I have a wife and family to feed.' John was forming a community of repentance; but not so much a community which wept 'Boo-hoo!' about their sins, as a community of people determined to set their scale of values right. He meant them to stop going in one direction, to turn round and go in a different direction - towards God. Do we give ourselves a moment to pause and ask whether we have our priorities right? Where on that list of priorities does the entry of Christ into our lives come? John expected Jesus to baptise with fire. Does that mean burning something away? Or warming something up? Or a shining light? What does your baptism mean to you?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

Evening Prayer & Benediction – Please try to attend on the first three Sundays of Advent at 4 p.m. each week. It will help you to prepare prayerfully for the celebration of Christmas.

Wednesday 6th December : CARDINAL ALLEN SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE at 6p.m. in St. John's, Poulton-le-Fylde. ALL WELCOME.

Thursday 7th December: St. Mary's School Pantomime at 1.15p.m. in the Marine Hall. All welcome

HELPING THE HOMELESS: If you have any spare sleeping bags, blankets, scarves or hats, please drop them at– 6, Mount Road. Mobile: 07747 - 637514