

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

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** No. 141 Julie Francis £50  
No. 46 Anne Duxbury £15  
**17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** No. 228 M.Ingham £50  
No.132 Richard Wynn £15

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**LAST SUNDAY**

Mass Attendance: **144**  
**8.30** - 55  
**10:30** - 89  
Offertory: £458.56  
Candles: £112.74  
Books/Papers: £22.03  
St. Anthony:  
Building Fund: £45.52  
World Needy: £49.02

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Volume 1 - Pg. 90  
Sunday Preface II - "The Twofold Expectation  
of Christ", p.52  
Eucharistic Prayer IV, p.32

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*Week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> December*

*Readers:* Anita M. / Michael L.  
*Ministers:* Ania M. / Bridget McC.  
Linda L. / Diane S.  
*Church Cleaning*

*Children's Liturgy*  
Jackie J. / Maureen C.

*Refreshments after Mass*  
Kath & Maureen



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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.**

*Deacon Bill Wright*

*We are all deeply saddened by Bill's death and perhaps a little shocked by how quickly he died. We offer Jo, Helen, Gerard and all Bill's family our prayers and our sincere heartfelt sympathy. I know that we will all pray that this truly good and faithful servant of God and his people will be at peace. May he rest for ever in the presence of God and in the company of all the saints. Amen.*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**24<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Here in our midst, O God of mystery, you disclose the secret hidden for countless ages.

For you we wait; for you we listen.

Upon hearing your voice may we, like Mary, embrace your will and become a dwelling fit for your Word. 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.

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	John Clifford Davies (E.P.)
	6.00 p.m.	Dennis Halloran
	Midnight	Sharon & Richard Green (K.P.)
<b>MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day</b>	9.30 a.m.	Jack Wilding (J.W.)
<b>TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> St. Stephen</b>	12.15 p.m.	Joseph Donnelly Anniversary (K.T.)
<b>WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> St. John</b>	7.00p.m.	Eveline Wilding (J.W.)
<b>THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> The Holy Innocents</b>	10.00 a.m. <b>12:30 p.m.</b>	Stephen & Emily Nolan (J.C.) <b>Marriage of Lee Impett and Caroline Quinn</b>
<b>FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> St. Thomas Becket</b>	10.00 a.m.	John & Kathleen Early (A.O'D.)
<b>SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Maurice Osman lately dead (K.P.)
<b>Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> The Holy Family</b>	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Pendleton (M.J.M.)

**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

» **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, Elizabeth Clarkson, Bill Wright

**and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Annie Hallworth, Canon W. Watterson, Jack Wilding, Jack Horsfall, Dennis Halloran, Joseph Donnelly, Jeff Roscow, Mary Wilding, Eileen Standish, Bridgit Withey, Wynne Harrison, Barbara Whiteside, John Houten, James Keane, Edith Twiggs, Caroline Polke

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

*Read* **The Gospel for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December "The Presentation in the Temple" (Luke 2:22-40)**

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

*The story of the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple is dominated by Simeon's welcome, 'a light to enlighten the gentiles and the glory of your people Israel', and by his warning to Mary, 'a sword will pierce your heart'. Simeon reiterates the angel's promise that the child would fulfil the destiny of Israel and Israel's task to the nations. Much like any family life, the promised future included the delights of the growing, developing child, and the background fear that the great destiny of each child may include sorrow and even heart-break.*

**How much did Mary and Joseph know about the precious child they were nurturing? As he grew to independence did he become more loving and supportive? How did his contemporaries find him? Was he a leader? Did he stand out from the pack? Each of us has a private picture of Jesus - the child, the boy, the adolescent, the young man. All we know for sure is that 'the child grew to maturity', and that Mary 'pondered all these things in her heart', while keeping in mind Simeon's welcome and warning.**

**What would Mary have felt and thought as she went home from the Temple?**  
Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

Would you like to donate money for flowers at Christmas? Please see Fr. Michael, Tony or Geraldine.

In the Diocese of Lancaster the Christmas and Easter Offerings form part of the Priest's salary.

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

*During these long, dark nights and short days of winter, amidst the uncertainties, problems and sorrows of our daily lives, we need the guiding light of Jesus, our Saviour. I pray that, in our celebrations of the Feast of his Birth, we may experience his presence and his saving power.*