

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

18th November 2018

No. 91 Helen Carter £50

No. 30 Teresa Grassie £ 15

25th November 2018

No. 150 Charm Wilson £ 100

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **128**

8.30 - 68

10:30 - 61

Offertory: £ 428.36

Candles: £ 98.37

Books/Papers: £22.18

St. Anthony:

Building Fund: £30.78

World Needy: £ 42.42

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Eucharistic Prayer

Week beginning 9th December

Year C

Readers: Anne D. / Lorraine R.

Ministers: Peter J. / Julie B.

Elaine P. / Judith h. / Charlie W.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Children stay in church

Refreshments after Mass

Doreen & Kathleen



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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

2nd December 2018

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.

EARLY FESTIVE CHEER: You are warmly invited to some early Christmas cheer after Mass on Sunday 9th December in the Millennium Room. Tea, coffee, mince pies will be available for everyone to enjoy. We welcome especially home-made mince pies! Thank you !

There will be a raffle- gifts and bottles – please bring anything you wish to donate as a prize to church as soon as possible. Thank you. Raffle tickets will be on sale after both Masses from today.

Fleetwood Churches Together Advent Sunday Service – TODAY - 2nd December at 6:30p.m. in St. Nicholas' Church Collection will be for Christian Aid. Refreshments after the service.

Please give any donation for Christmas flowers for Church decoration to Fr. Michael or Tony Whiteside. Thank you

Sunday 2nd First Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Alan Tipping – Anniversary Evening Prayer and Benediction
MONDAY 3rd St. Francis Xavier	10.00a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 4th	7.00p.m.	Rose & Joe Murphy – birthday memories
WEDNESDAY 5th	10.00 a.m.	Don Williams (B.&G.R.) Lately dead
THURSDAY 6th	10.45 a.m.	Funeral Mass for Roger Stefani
FRIDAY 7th St. Ambrose	10.00 a.m.	Mgr. Philip Holroyd (M.J.M.)
SATURDAY 8th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.00 a.m.	John Donnelly (M.E.)
Next Sunday 9th Second Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	People of the Parish Evening Prayer and Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephania Barretto, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carreddu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Elsie Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Sarah Finley, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyon, Bridget McCann, Gerry McCaul, Joan Moss, Michael O’Sullivan, Bob Rawcliffe, Lidia Romanowska, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Harry Slater, Mark Surelock, Josie Tester, Frank Ward, Winifred White, Fred & Mary Wylie

>> **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Peggie Ball, Thomas Ball, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, Pamela Warwick



> **those who have died recently**: Roger Stefani, Don Williams, Bessie Burn, John Joseph Dutton

> **and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Brian Hearty, Frank Turner, Flo Flood, Margaret McGuirk, Billy Baldwin, Norah Heaney, Elizabeth Novo, Bernard Javens, Peter Irving, Thomas Morgan, Alan Houghton, James Goulding

THE WORD AHEAD – Next Sunday’s Gospel

Read –The Gospel for Sunday 9th December (Luke 3:1-6) The Baptist’s Message
After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr. Henry Wansborough’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

Diary

Today – 2nd December - collection for Diocesan Poor Missions

DEANERY ADVENT SERVICE – 12th December at St. Mary’s - 6p.m.

FLEETWOOD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY are performing a Christmas Concert in St. Mary’s on Wednesday 19th December at 7:30p.m. Entrance £5. Please may we ask our bakers to contribute for this event. Our baking is legendary! **Tickets are available from today – 2nd December**

Red Mill Hill boxes may be brought to church for emptying in December. Thank you, Anne & Elizabeth

PLEASE TAKE YOUR NEWSLETTER HOME