

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

28th January
No. 203 Geraldine Greenhalgh £ 100

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **138**

8.30 - 54

10:30 - 84

Offertory: £539.04

Candles: £84.92

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony:

Building Fund: £23.30

World Needy: £40.64

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"The History of Salvation", p.55

Eucharistic Prayer II, p.25

Week beginning 11th February

Readers: Paula M. / Linda L.

Ministers: Julie B. / Helen S.

Kath S. / Kath d'S.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

No Group

Refreshments after Mass

No named group



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Priest: **Fr. Michael Murphy**

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.**

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL : Thank you for your generous response to Sarah's appeal last week on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. £299.25 was donated on the day. Since then a gift – aided cheque for a further £100 has also been received. Thank you all very much!

After over 30 years collecting the Voice, Keith Earnshaw is looking for somebody to take over the collection and delivery once a month. It entails collecting the papers from St. Kentigans and delivery then to Cleveleys and Fleetwood. If anybody is willing to take on the job once a month, please contact Keith on 773481 or see him after 10a.m. Mass at St. Wulstan's.

Healing Signs & Wonders Conference 3rd - 4th March 2018 St. Paul's Catholic High School, Firbank Road, Manchester M23 2YS. Speaker - Damian Stayne Homilist - Fr. Pat Deegan. For booking www.coreetlumenchristi.org tel: 07516 075896

A visit to the shrine at Medjugorje 21st - 28th August 2018 £650 per person sharing £760 in single room. Group leader Rev. B. Loveland 01539 563391 Details on the porch noticeboard.

Our Lady of Lourdes 9 day Novena is to be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham Road, Blackpool 3-11th February 2018. The conclusion will be Mass at St. John Vianney's on Monday 12th February at 6:30p.m. where there will be anointing of the Sick and Marian Procession

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th February 2018

Out of your power and compassion, O God, you sent your Son into our afflicted world to proclaim the day of salvation.

Heal the broken-hearted; bind up our wounds. Bring us health of body and spirit and raise us to new life in your service.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Sunday 4th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	John Smith (L.&J.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
MONDAY 5th St. Agatha	10.00a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 6th SS. Paul Miki and Companions	7.00 p.m.	Rose & Joe Murphy (M.J.M.)
WEDNESDAY 7th	10.00 a.m.	Robert Walsh (B.&J.W.) lately dead
THURSDAY 8th	10.00 a.m.	Bill & Nellie Wilson (J.& S.D.)
FRIDAY 9th	10.00a.m.	Bill Wright (A.D.)
SATURDAY 10th St. Scholastica	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
Next Sunday 11th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Bill Wright (J.& E.B.)

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, Mark Holden, 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**: Mavis Brown, Catherine Eardley, Duncan Mitchell, Florence Reeve, Robert Walsh

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Evelyn Ball, Mary Hawes, John Smith, Albert Penton, Edward Myerscough, Mary Woods, Alice Marsland, Neville Twiggs, Frank Byrne, Charles Barnet, James McGuirk, Liz O'Donnell, George Hogg, Lisa Loughney, Winifred Cossey, Joan Rayworth, James English

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 4th February "Jesus heals a Leper" (Mark 1: 40-45)**

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

*Mark shows the warmth of Jesus' humanity with his concern for a leper. The leper had no right even to approach Jesus, but must have felt that he would get a favourable response and no word of reproach. "Jesus felt sorry for him" is rather a weak translation - the Greek is far stronger: colloquially it literally means 'was gutted'; so Jesus felt compassion to the depths of his being. Then Jesus touched him - in this touching he was both reaching out to someone ritually impure and risking infection. There have been famous repetitions of this brave and heartfelt gesture: Francis of Assisi kissing a leper's hand, Princess Diana shaking hands with an AIDS sufferer (when the sickness was thought to be contagious by touch). One can imagine the awestruck horror of the bystanders at this outrageous expression of love and sympathy. **Why, then, does Jesus 'sternly' send him away?** A more faithful rendering would be not 'sternly' but 'in anger'. It is possible that the anger is directed at the leprosy, considered as an exterior invasion, and so he sent it (the disease) away. At least Jesus' whole-hearted emotional involvement with the sufferer is palpable.*

Who are the equivalent of lepers in our society?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2018

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin on Sunday, 25th February. The children will meet in the presbytery in the downstairs sitting room. Parents will meet in the presbytery in the upstairs sitting room. Sessions will last for approximately one hour from 11.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Monday, 26th March.

Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin on Sunday, 22nd April and take place each Sunday until Sunday, 27th May. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, 3rd June, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ ("Corpus Christi"). If your child / children would like to prepare to celebrate these sacraments, please let Fr. Michael, Mrs. Halloran or Mrs. Jackson know in writing as soon as possible, enclosing your contact details. Thank you !