

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

4th March 2018
No. 43 Lindsay Newton £ 50
No. 122 Elizabeth Hughes £ 15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance:

8.30 - 53

10:30 -

Offertory: £427.93

Candles: £86.49

Books/Papers: £9.60

St. Anthony:

Building Fund:

World Needy: £45.11

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Week beginning 18th March

Readers: Anne D. / Anne T.

Ministers: Bridget / Colin
Anne T. / Jackie J.

Church Cleaning

All groups, please on Saturday 24th after mass

Children's Liturgy

No group

Refreshments after Mass

Jo & A.N.Other



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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.**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11th March 2018

O God, rich in mercy, you so loved the world that when we were dead in our sins, you sent your only Son for our deliverance. Lifted up from the earth, he is light and life; exalted upon the cross, he is truth and salvation.

Raise us up with Christ and make us rich in good works, that we may walk as children of light toward the paschal feast of heaven.

We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

Many congratulations to St. Mary's Primary School for the positive report from their latest OFSTED inspection. Effectiveness of leadership and management, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare and outcomes for pupils all received a GOOD grade. Copies of the report are at the back of church.

Easter Flowers – should you wish to donate to the flowers for Easter, please see Fr. Michael, Tony Whiteside or Geraldine Rawcliffe. Thank you

Fleetwood Churches Together: - Lent Study will be here at St. Mary's in the Millennium Room at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday 14th March .

Lenten Lunch on Friday 16th March will be the turn of Fleetwood Methodist church, serving from 11:30 a.m.

The **Way of the Cross at 12:30p.m.** on Thursday will be led by **St. Mary's schoolchildren** and there will be soup and a roll afterwards in the Millennium Room

Easter Deanery Masses: During Easter the local Deanery will continue the custom of recent years and celebrate a weekly Deanery Mass in various churches of the Deanery. The first of this year's series will be here in St. Mary's at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday 11th April.

Sunday 11th March Fourth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4.00p.m.	Rose & Joe Murphy – Birthday Memories (M.J.M.) Evening Prayer, Adoration and Benediction
MONDAY 12th	10.00a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 13th	7.00 p.m.	Margo Gibbs (J.R.)
WEDNESDAY 14th	10.00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard Hearty (M.J.M.)
THURSDAY 15th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
	12.30p.m.	
FRIDAY 16th	10.00a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
SATURDAY 17th St. Patrick	10.00 a.m.	Pauline Greenall Anniversary (R.W.& J.B.)
Next Sunday 18th Fifth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Drake Family (H.K.)
	10.30 a.m. 4.00p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration and Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephany 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, 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: Carole Anne King and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Bertha Drury, Joseph Stamp, Steven Nolan, Thomas Byrne, Sonny Smith, Richard Rigby, Roy Kennedy, Dorothy Barrowclough, Fr. A. Howe, Eddie Twiggs, Thomas O'Hagan, Charles Parker, Isabella Fish, Bessie Lynch, Mary Johnstone, Walter Harrison, Alexander and the Ross family, Joan Hawksworth, George Woodward

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 11th March "Nicodemus" (John 3: 14-21)**

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

This moving gospel reading is the immediate prelude to the account of the Last Supper and the Passion. In it we witness how Jesus' dread (his soul is 'troubled') is mixed with confidence at what he knows is approaching. In the gospel of John there is no agony in the garden before Jesus' arrest, for in John the story of the Passion is so shaped that it is clearly understood as the triumph of the Son of Man. There is no mention of humiliation or mockery. Jesus remains in control from the beginning (when he permits the guards to take him into custody) until the end (when he calls out that he is ready to die: 'It is complete'). This is all about the hour of the exaltation of the Son of Man, when Jesus is raised up in every sense. All the more important, then, for John to show that (before the Passion) the cost for Jesus was real.

He does this with this little dialogue in prayer between Jesus and his Father. This is John's equivalent to the prayer in the garden. The second reading from Hebrews is another variant on Jesus' prayer before his Passion. All these prayers express Jesus' very human fear, his unshakable commitment to his task and his loving confidence in his Father's care.

Does Jesus fear death? Do you? What are the grounds for Jesus' confidence? Do you share this confidence?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Extraordinary Ministers, Musicians and Singers - We are in urgent need of more Ministers at both Sunday Masses. Sadly, we no longer have Bill so we need three Ministers for each Sunday Mass. This now means that Ministers are having to serve more frequently; currently, there are only five for the 8:30 and eight for the 10:30 Masses. There is a particular problem at the 10:30 Mass because five members of the music group are Ministers and sometimes there are not enough singers to enable them to fulfil their role. Please seriously consider whether you could volunteer to be a Minister and have a word with Fr. Michael.

Also, we are in urgent need of musicians and singers. You do NOT have to be experts to play an instrument or sing with the music group. No one is a professional! Sheila would love to hear from you, the group needs you or eventually it will disappear. Please seriously consider joining the group.