

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

9th December 2018

No. 22 Julie Banks £50

No. 25 Geoff Stubbs £15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **144**

8.30 - 50

10:30 - 74

Offertory: £ 543.82

Candles: £ 104.15

Books/Papers: £10.66

St. Anthony:

Building Fund: £16.21

World Needy: £ 55.07

PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR C
Volume 1 – Pg. 87
Preface I of Advent – The Two Comings of
Christ p.65
Eucharistic Prayer III p.28

**Week beginning 23rd December
Year C**

Readers: Anita M. / Anne T.

Ministers: A. Morgan / P. Jones
J.Jackson / L. Lofthouse / G. Stubbs

Church Cleaning

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.**

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations to Ava Hargreaves, George Morgan, and Caitlin Smith, who were confirmed at St. Wulstan's by Bishop Paul on the First Sunday of Advent. May they be encouraged by our example and be supported by our prayers.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - First Mass of Christmas – 6.00 p.m.

Christmas Midnight Mass – 12.00 a.m.

Mass of Christmas Day – 9.30 a.m.

In the Diocese of Lancaster the Christmas and Easter offerings form part of the Priest's Salary.

Third Sunday of Advent

16th December 2018

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good.

Let the fire of your Spirit purge us of greed and deceit, so that, purified, we may find our peace in you and you may delight in us.

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 16th Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	The Two Fleetwood Deacons (Henry & Bill)
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Benediction
MONDAY 17th	10.00a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 18th	7.00p.m.	Harold Jackson – lately dead
WEDNESDAY 19th	10.00 a.m.	Don Williams (B. & G. R.) lately dead
THURSDAY 20th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
FRIDAY 21st	10.00 a.m.	Anne Roe (G.R.)
SATURDAY 22nd	10.00 a.m.	Margaret, Patrick and Pat McGinley
Next Sunday 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Roger Stefani (F. & D.)
	4.00 p.m.	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

> **and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Robert Winstanley, Anne Wilson, David H. Bamber, Holly Gray, George Green, John Wright, Jack McGinty, John MacDonald, Denise Johnstone, Richard Greer, Alan Thompson, Robert McDonald, Joe McCann, Alexander Kay, Pat Power, Stephen Ball, Norman Muscroft, Elizabeth Russell, Yvonne Butler,

THE WORD AHEAD – Next Sunday's Gospel

Read –The Gospel for Sunday 23rd December (Luke 1:39-44): The Visitation
After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr. Henry Wansborough's reflection.

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Luke's account of the birth and infancy of Jesus is built on the comparison and contrast between the two stories of John the Baptist and Jesus: the annunciation to the parents, the birth of each child, the joy on earth and in heaven, the circumcision, the growth of the child. In each incident John is shown to be great, but Jesus greater still. Only in the incident narrated in today's gospel do the two families meet, the two stories cross. We see the two mothers together, marvelling at the destiny of their children. The journey from Nazareth to even the nearest of the towns in the hill country of Judah (traditionally Elizabeth's home is located at Ain Karim, now on the outskirts of Jerusalem) would have been arduous, a week's walk for a fit young woman. This special exertion and generosity shows Mary's love and care for her elderly relative, as well as the natural excitement of the two in sharing their motherhood. Luke has already told us that Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit. Now Elizabeth too is filled with the Holy Spirit as they participate in and exchange the praise of God for the gift of their children.

Is there anyone I know to whom a visit would bring special joy during Christmastide?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

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 today**

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

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