

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

18th February
No. 17 Maureen Kempster £50
No. 109 Jo Wright £15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance:
8.30 - 67
10:30 -

Offertory: £472.69
Candles: £106.62
Books/Papers: £13.53
St. Anthony: £8.47
Building Fund: £13.40
World Needy: £49.46

PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR B
Volume 1 – Pg. 151
Preface: "The Transfiguration of the Lord" p.58
Eucharistic Prayer II, p.25

Week beginning 4th March

Readers: Julie B. / Lorraine R.

Ministers: Barbara L. / Julie B.
Judith H. / Charlie W.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Liturgy in church

Refreshments after Mass

Doreen / Kathleen



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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.**

The Paschal or Easter Candle : This year's Paschal Candle has arrived. Would someone with an artistic flair perhaps like to decorate it? Please see Fr. Michael.

CAFOD ENVELOPES: With saying a few words at the end of Mass about the new Bishop, I neglected to "push" the CAFOD enveloped. If you haven't already done so, please take one and contribute to this important annual appeal for the world's hungry and starving people. N.B. In view of the recent OXFAM scandal, Chris Bain, the CAFOD director, has issued a statement which begins:" At CAFOD all our policies and procedures are directed at ensuring we have zero tolerance of abuse of any kind ..."

Fleetwood Churches Together:-Lent Study will be here at St. Mary's in the Millennium Room at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday 28th February.

Lenten Lunch on Friday 2nd March will be the turn of Trinity Baptist Church, Dronsfield Road, serving from 11:30 a.m. Followed by Women's World Day of Prayer in their Church at 2p.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

Second Sunday in Lent

25th February 2018

Ever-faithful God, you were well pleased with Abraham's obedience and you accepted the sacrifice of your Son, who gave himself up for the sake of us all.

Train us by Christ's teaching and school us in his obedience, that as we walk his way of sacrifice we may come to share in your glory.

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.

Sunday 25th Second Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4.00p.m.	Annie Brady (Anniversary) Evening Prayer, Adoration and Benediction
MONDAY 26th	10.00a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 27th	7.00 p.m.	Duncan Mitchell (lately dead)
WEDNESDAY 28th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
THURSDAY 1st March St. David	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
	12.30p.m.	
FRIDAY 2nd	10.00a.m.	Agnes Alfred (M.J.M.)
SATURDAY 3rd	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
Next Sunday 4th Third Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	Joe McCann (B.McC.)
	10.30 a.m. 4.00p.m.	People of the Parish Evening Prayer, Adoration and Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephani 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, 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**: Tony Lofthouse, David McCaul, Patrick Pink

and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Robert Presnail, William Barrowclough, Kenneth Abram, John Raynor, William Wilson, Francis Hodskin son, Helen Cumpsty, Alice McAuley, Margaret Lennox, Ellen Acton, Veronica Snasdell, Joan Wallbank, Alan Helsby, David Johnstone, Edward Bennett, Ann Ashton, Hannah Coxall, Walter Bee, Dorothy Rose, Dorothy Barrowclough

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 4th March "The Cleansing of the Temple" (John 2: 13-25)**

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

According to John, this scene took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, on the first of Jesus' four visits to Jerusalem. At each subsequent visit the Temple authorities lay in wait for Jesus, increasingly keen to eliminate him, but unable to do so till his Hour had come. The other gospels place both this incident and all other scenes of Jesus in Jerusalem as the final climax of Jesus' ministry. Whichever is correct, the incident is the basic cause of Jesus' arrest and his tortured death. By his action Jesus had demonstrated that the worship carried out in the Temple had become vain in God's eyes owing to its lack of integrity and must be superseded. To the Temple authorities this was intolerable, and he must be removed. Again, Jesus demanded a complete reversal of standards. His puzzling saying about building the Temple anew in his body was at last understood by his disciples after his resurrection when they realised it meant the Temple that was his Body, the Church. The material building which had been the centre of worship was no longer important. Henceforth all worship would take place in any place, but within the Christian community. The community - or the Church - was now the place of sanctification and of prayer to God.

What does it mean to think of the Church as Jesus' Body? What does it mean to you to be a member of Christ's Body, the Church?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

St. Wulstan's & St. Edmund's Parish Charity Night "Home and Away" Home team – Fleetwood Foodbank, Away team – Orphanage at 'Restart Africa' 7.30p.m. Saturday 10th March, featuring "The Jags" £3 . Contact Steve or Maria Doherty for details.

Marriage Care - "Better Relationships = Better Lives" Marriage Care is a national organisation dedicated to supporting couples that are struggling with their relationships. Marriage Care draws on Catholic Christian tradition & contemporary research to provide professional relationship counselling for couples – from ALL faiths. For a counselling appointment please call 0800 389 3803 or visit www.marriagecare.org.uk

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