

**ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS
22nd April 2018**

No. 80 Freda Cross £ 50
No. 74 Angela Bowker £ 15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **142**

8.30 - 61

10:30 - 82

Offertory: £ 490.66

Candles: £86.15

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony:

Building Fund:

World Needy: £54.69

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Week beginning 6th May

Readers: Julie B. / Kath S.

Ministers: Helen S. / Ania M.
Kath S. / Kath d'S.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Lorraine & Ania

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.**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

29th April 2018

O God, you graft us on to Christ, the true vine, and, with tireless care, you nurture our growth in knowledge and reverence.

Tend the vineyard of your Church, that in Christ each branch may bring forth to the glory of your name abundant fruits of faith and love.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Heritage Lottery Fund : Last Tuesday I and a small group of parishioners, Elaine and Ian Porteous, Geoff Stubbs and Helen Swatton, met with Ken Dennis, the Diocesan Property Manager and Rob Harrington, an architect. We are going to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund in the hope of receiving funding to restore and re-decorate St. Mary's Church. I will be approaching other individuals in the parish and asking them to become involved in this project. I ask everyone to pray that this project will be successful. Thank you.

Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day Appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12th May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to www.cafod.org.uk/lent

Castlerigg Events

Family Weekend (25th – 27th May) is an opportunity for families to come together for the weekend. There will be activities for all age groups and the opportunity to meet old friends and get to know new. Open to all families.

Sunday 29th Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.30 a.m.	Alice & Michael McDaid (L.W.)
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
MONDAY 30th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 1st May	7.00 p.m.	Lidia Romanowska (sick) (M.R.)
WEDNESDAY 2nd St. Athanasius	10.00a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
THURSDAY 3rd Sts. Philip & James	10.00 a.m.	Mary Holden – First Anniversary (M.S.)
FRIDAY 4th The English Martyrs	10.00a.m.	Gertrude Loughran (J.W.)
SATURDAY 5th	10.00 a.m.	Jack Wright Anniversary (W.W.)
Next Sunday 6th Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Kathy Eaglesham – Anniversary (M.J.M.) Evening Prayer, Adoration and Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephan 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, Vivien Kloszek, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyon, 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

» **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**: Joyce Gaskell, Margaret Ann Wilkinson

> **and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Patricia Slinn, Jean Rimmer, John Wilson, Elizabeth Myerscough, Thomas Armour, Jeanette Prescott, James Greer, Angela Owens, Edith Sharman, Robert Bromilow, Katherine Eaglesham, Jessie McCartney, Jack Wright, Benjamin Pickering, William Archer, Anne Greenhalgh, Joan Gardner

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 6th May (John 15: 9-17) Loving like God**

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

Like so many of the great discourses of Jesus in the gospel of John, today's reading is not a shorthand record of Jesus' words, but will have been written up after the event. Most probably there were several slightly different versions of what Jesus said at the Last Supper. In any case, one can see that the author has in mind two different contexts: Jesus' own historical situation at the Last Supper and the situation of the early Church, where the disciples are being tested hard in their mission. They need encouraging by Jesus' own example of his sacrifice and by his promise of real friendship; they are friends, not servants, specially chosen by Jesus to bear fruit that will last. So we too are welcomed as friends, chosen and commissioned by Jesus to go out and bear fruit, but reminded that we must be prepared to pay the price. There is no fruit without pruning. Jesus had just given the example of service by washing the feet of his disciples. If we are to share the joy of Jesus we must be ready to join him also in laying down our lives for our friends.

Do we ever have to make hard choices for Christ?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

TODAY - Rosary on the Coast - Sunday 29th April at 3p.m. This service will be held at the site of the Old Pier in Fleetwood.

Quiz Night - 11th May at 7p.m. in the Millennium Room. Proceeds in aid of the **Youth Fund for Lourdes.**

Red Mill Hill Mission Boxes. Today is the last day for boxes until the next collection month - **August.** Many thanks for this Month's contributions. Anne.