

**ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB
WINNERS**

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 117
8.30 - 52
10:30 - 65
Offertory: £491.53
Candles: £91.49
Flowers:
St. Anthony: £10.75
Building Fund:
World Needy: £ 24.04

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Week beginning 8th December

Readers: Helen S. / Judith H.

Ministers: Ania M. / Peter J.
Geoff S. / Kath S. / Charlie W.

Church Cleaning

Children's Liturgy

Jackie & Maureen

**Please join us for refreshments
after the 10:30 Mass**



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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.

First Sunday of Advent

1st December 2019

God of majesty and power, amid the clamour of our violence
your Word of truth resounds; upon a world made dark by sin
the Sun of Justice casts his dawning rays.

Keep your household watchful and aware of the hour in
which we live. Hasten the advent of that day when the
sounds of war will be for ever stilled, the darkness of evil
scattered, and all your children gathered into one.

We ask 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.

**St. Mary's Music Group – Practices for the Sponsored Sing for the 14th
December - 9th December – 7p.m. in the Millennium Room. All very welcome.
Any donations for the tombola on the 14th December would be very welcome.
Thank you. Matthew**

JUST GIVING - RESTORATION NEWS

St. Mary's now have a just giving page to raise funds for the restoration. If you or
your family / friends would like to donate online then please follow the link below. If
you are a tax payer, we will receive an extra 25p per £1 donated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stmarysfleetwood>

For more details please pick up a flyer at the back of Church or ask
Matthew.

**SPONSORED SING – 50 songs in 5 hours. Saturday 14th
December in church and Millennium Room. 11:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

Also, two elves will be on present wrapping duty in the Millennium Room.
Please bring the wrapping paper and present you wish to be wrapped. The
only charge will be a donation to the Restoration Fund.

There will be a tombola. Christmas cards and a few goods will be for
sale and refreshments will be available.

Sunday 1st December First Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Richard Hearty (D.&K.) Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction
MONDAY 2nd	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
TUESDAY 3rd	7.00 p.m.	Shaun McCann (B.McC.)
WEDNESDAY 4th	10.00 a.m.	Joseph Hurl – brain injury (Noel)
THURSDAY 5th	10.00 a.m.	Vivien Kloszek (A.K.)
FRIDAY 6th	10.00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Valerie Housley (M.McG.)
SATURDAY 7th St. Andrew	10.00 a.m.	Margaret McFadden – lately dead (M.F.)
Next Sunday 8th Second Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Peggie Ball (D.& K.) Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



»**all the sick**, especially: Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephan Barretto, Vera Berry, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carredu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Antony David Dunn, Sarah Finley, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Liam Edward Lenihan, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyons, Gerry McCaul, Kathleen McGinley, Joan Moss, Michael O’Sullivan, Cath Powers, Bob Rawcliffe, Lidia Romanowska, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Josie Tester, Summer van Bogerien, Frank Ward, David Wilkinson, Fred & Mary Wylie



>> **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Thomas Ball, Bridget McCann, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Doris Roberts, Pamela Warwick

>**those who have died recently**: Margaret McFadden, Donald Patrick McLaughlin, Emily Richardson, Elsie Clapp

>**and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Ada Greer, Margaret Fishwick, Mary Hartley, Gladys Maiden, Alan Tipping, Elizabeth Clarkson, Brian Hearty, Frank Turner, Flo Flood, Margaret McGuirk, Billy Baldwin, Norah Heaney, Elizabeth Novo, Bernard Javens, Peter Irving, Thomas Morgan

THE WORD AHEAD – Next Sunday’s Gospel

Read –The Gospel for Sunday 8th December (Matthew 3:1-12) John the Baptist’s Call to Repentance

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

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‘Repentance’ seems an unattractive word. It conjures up images of morose brooding over past sins and failures, a negative idea. This is not what John the Baptist proclaimed. His message was wholly positive. In Hebrew and Greek the concept of ‘repentance’ is about a change of behaviour, a change of direction. John is calling on his listeners to change their ways, to change their scale of values, their whole direction of life. To reinforce his message he wears the clothes worn by Elijah, the prophet whom Jewish tradition taught was to return to announce the final coming of the Lord. John proclaims his message in the desert, that apocalyptic landscape of the arid and bare Jordan Valley, below sea-level, where merchants would be crossing the Jordan on the road to the East. So John makes a deliberate claim to be this final prophet and to be preparing a way for the Lord. We see Jesus as the Messiah, the loving Saviour, but John was not at this point proclaiming this Jesus. He was proclaiming the threatening and imminent arrival of the sovereignty of God, when rotten trees would be cut down and evil swept away to be burnt in unquenchable fire. If we are to be open to the arrival of the Kingship of God, we may need to look to our own scale of values.

Is my scale of values compatible with those of the Kingship of God? How far do they coincide?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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Diary –TODAY– 1st Dec. Collection for Diocesan Poor Missions

FLEETWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER – Advent Service – TODAY - Sunday 1st December 2019 at 6:30p.m. in the Church Hall of Fleetwood U.R.C. on Dronsfield Road. The collection will be donated to Fleetwood Trust Hospital.

Cardinal Allen invite the Senior Citizens of St. Mary’s parish to their Annual Christmas party on Tuesday 10th December in the school hall, 1.20 – 3.00p.m. Please let school know **by TOMORROW** Monday 2nd December if you wish to attend. 01253 872659

Welcoming the Light – Advent Day Retreat - Saturday 7th December, St. Cuthbert’s, The Old Convent, Wigton. Tel: 016973 45623 or 07588 159 341 for details.

Should you wish to contribute to **flowers for Christmas**, please give your donation to Tony, Geraldine, Fr. Michael or post in the red box at the back for church – please label clearly “flowers”. Thank you.