

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

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 123
8.30 - 48
10:30 - 75
Offertory: £420.14
Candles: £70.46
Flowers:
St. Anthony:
Building Fund:
World Needy: £ 29.26

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Week beginning 15th December

Readers: Paula M. / Diane S.

Ministers: Julie B. / Julia B.
Elaine P. / Anne T. / Jackie J.

Church Cleaning

All 3 groups at 11:30 on 21st, please

Children's Liturgy

Judith & 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.

Second Sunday of Advent

8th December 2019

Your kingdom is at hand, O God of justice and peace; you made John the Baptist its herald to announce the coming of your Christ, who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Give us a spirit of repentance to make us worthy of the kingdom. Let complacency yield to conviction, that in our day justice will flourish and conflict give way to the peace you bestow in Christ.

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.

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.

JUST GIVING - RESTORATION NEWS

<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.

Last donations for tombola by end of 10:30 Mass on the 8th – thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Cleaning – please could all 3 groups come on Saturday 21st December at 11:30 a.m for the usual "in depth" clean. Thank you.

Sunday 8 th December 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
MONDAY 9 th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
TUESDAY 10 th	7.00 p.m.	Joe Bromilow (C.M.)
WEDNESDAY 11 th	10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow (C.M.)
THURSDAY 12 th Our Lady of Guadalupe	10.00 a.m.	Bernard and Kathleen Hearty – Anniversary (M.J.M.)
FRIDAY 13 th St. Lucy	10.00 a.m.	Deacon Bill Wright - Anniversary
SATURDAY 14 th St. John of the Cross	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
Next Sunday 15 th Third Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	Golden Wedding Bertram and Karen Dallas
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	People of the Parish 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, 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**: Fr. Edward McCann, Teresa Drake, Chris O'Flaherty, Margaret McFadden, Donald Patrick McLaughlin >**and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Alan Houghton, James Goulding, Alex Welch, Doreen Greenwood, Robert Albion, Joseph Drury, Josephine Sparks, Margaret Kennedy, Jacqueline Lawn, Margaret Hearty, George Millington, Deacon Bill Wright, Hamish Duncan

THE WORD AHEAD – Next Sunday's Gospel

Read –The Gospel for Sunday 15th December (Matthew 11:2-11) Miracles of the Messiah

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

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*John the Baptist was expecting a Messiah of judgment, who would cut down the rotten tree and burn the useless chaff. When, in prison, he hears that Jesus is not doing this, he is puzzled and sends messengers to ask if Jesus is really the Messiah. Jesus sends back the message that he is fulfilling the prophet Isaiah – the passage which we hear about in today's first reading. Jesus' understanding was that healing, not punishment, was the task of the Messiah. He goes and seeks out those who need healing, both physically and spiritually. He does not wait for sinners to repent before gathering them into the kingdom; he makes the first advance. Then he turns to praising the Baptist. It is a fascinating point of speculation as to whether Jesus was himself once a disciple of John the Baptist. After all, John says he did not recognise Jesus until he saw the Spirit coming down on him. But he also says that Jesus, who came after him, has passed before him. This is a typical position of a rabbi, leading his disciples, and suggests that John had been Jesus' rabbi, then became his disciple. Jesus was fully man, and even he needed to learn as all human beings do. John the Baptist did all he could to lead others to God. **How, through our actions and attitudes, can we point others to God? How do our lives show that we are preparing for Christ's second coming?***

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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Diary - Christmas cards at 40p each will be on sale after both Masses today – 8th and the 15th. They are from a photograph taken at the Lady Altar. Money is for the Restoration Fund.

Wyre is holding a consultation on the future of Fleetwood. You can read about it and respond

www.wyre.gov.uk/futurefleetwood

If we all respond and manage to mention St. Mary's Grade II listed church somewhere it might be useful later on! Particularly as the plan for the money they hope to get from the Heritage Action Fund mentions repairs to the structure and external fabric of historic buildings.

Monday 16th - 6p.m. – St. Mary's School Carol Service in church