

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

24th November 2019

No. 94 Gerrard Wright £100

1st December 2019

No. 184 Sue Tipping £50

No. 204 Doreen Lofthouse £15

8th December 2019

No. 71 Duncan Lofthouse £50

No. 165 Brenda Gray £15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance:

8.30 -

10:30 -

Offertory: £477.38

Candles: £99.37

Flowers: £14.29

St. Anthony: £13.89

Building Fund: £17.84

World Needy: £ 28.64

PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR A

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Preface I of Advent: "The Two Comings of Christ," p65

Eucharistic Prayer II p. 25

Week beginning 22nd December

Readers: Anne D. / Linda L.

Ministers: Helen S. / Ania M.

Kath D'S. / Linda L. / Diane S.

Church Cleaning

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

Children's Liturgy

No group

**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.

Third Second Sunday of Advent

15th December 2019

God of glory and compassion, at your touch the wilderness blossoms, broken lives are made whole, and fearful hearts grow strong in faith.

Open our eyes to your presence and awaken our hearts to sing your praise. To all who long for your Son's return grant perseverance and patience, that we may announce in word and deed the good news of the kingdom.

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.

JUST GIVING - RESTORATION NEWS

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

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.

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.

SPONSORED SING - Many thanks to all the members of Music Group who so generously gave up so much time at this busy time of year for yesterday's Sponsored Sing. Your efforts are very much appreciated! Special thanks to Matthew Cowell whose idea it was! Thanks also to those who organised the tombola, goods for sale and refreshments!

Sunday 15th December 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
MONDAY 16th	10.00 a.m. 6.00p.m.	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion St. Mary's School Carol Service
TUESDAY 17th	7.00 p.m.	Beryl Skitterall – wedding anniversary (A.S.)
WEDNESDAY 18th	10.00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Family Reconciliation (J.H.)
THURSDAY 19th	10.00 a.m.	Fr. Edward McCann (B.McC.)
FRIDAY 20th	12.45 p.m.	Funeral Mass for Teresa Drake
SATURDAY 21st	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
Next Sunday 22nd Fouorth Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Fr. Edward McCann – lately dead (B.McC.)
	4.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



»**all the sick**, especially: Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephania Barretto, Vera Berry, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carreddu, 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 >**and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Mary Biston, Florence Gater, Ernest Carr, Donald Currie, Nancy Blair, Phyllis Magnusson, Robert Winstanley, Anne Wilson, David 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

THE WORD AHEAD – Next Sunday's Gospel

Read –The Gospel for Sunday 22nd December (Matthew 1:18-24) Emmanuel

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

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*Matthew begins his Gospel about the birth of Jesus with a long and elaborately formal genealogy of Joseph. But Jesus is the son of Mary, not of Joseph! The whole point of this story is that Joseph is not the genealogical father of Jesus, but adopts Jesus into his line, the line of King David. At first Joseph is hesitant to do so, presumably thinking that he is unworthy to acknowledge the child as his own, and unworthy to bond with Mary who is with child by the Holy Spirit. But the angel insists that only Joseph can do this job ('Do not be afraid,' he says). As soon as the child is born, he is given the name Jesus, and is given it by Joseph. It is the father's prerogative to name a son, and by so doing Joseph takes the child as his own. We hear little more of Joseph, but what a joy it must have been to have Jesus as a son! What a relationship there must have been! What responsibility too! When Jesus calls God his 'Father', he is using something of the concept of 'father' which must have been formed in his mind by his adoptive father, Joseph, the perfect ideal of the loving parent. **Why is it important that Jesus should be adopted into David's line? What sort of father would Joseph have been, and what can we learn from him?***

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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

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

Deanery Advent Service - Sacred Heart, Thornton - Tuesday 17th December 6p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS at 6.00p.m. A last year children and their families are particularly welcome at this Mass. This year we invite all children who wish to dress up as one of the characters in the Christmas story, e.g. Mary, Joseph, an angel, a shepherd, a king – or even a donkey! But please don't feel you have to! You will be very welcome just as you!

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