

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

24th March 2019

No. 75 George Roe £50

No. 92 Kathleen McGinley £15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **138**

8.30 - 54

10:30 - 84

Offertory: £487.28

Candles: £132.25

Books/Papers:

St. Anthony:

Building Fund: £35.23

World Needy: £99.21

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Week beginning 7th April

Readers: Helen S. / Lorraine R.

Ministers: Ania M. / Peter J.

Anne T. / Jackie J. / Kath D'S.

Church Cleaning

(On Saturday 13th April, please would all 3 groups meet at noon for a thorough church clean.)

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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

31st March 2019

**God of compassion, you await the sinner's return
and spread a feast to welcome home the lost.**

**Save us from the temptations that lead away from
you, and draw us back by the constancy of your
love, that we may take our place in your household
and gladly share our inheritance with others.**

**Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever.**

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 26th July to 2nd August. The Youth Pilgrimage will travel by coach, departing 25th July and returning on 3rd August. Funds are available to support any young person from the parish who would like to go. Please just ask!

Further information is available on www.tangney-tours/Lancaster or call 01732 886666

A poster with Lenten Lunch venues is in the porch 11.45 – 1.15.

St. Mary's will join with St. Peter's at St. Peter's church on Friday 5th April.

Please support if you are able.

***Rev. Dr. Steve Edwards:** Steve and I have been friends for well over 30 years. I was his best man at his wedding and he was my best friend. About 20 years ago he developed M.S. Sadly he died last Monday. Please pray for his wife, Anne, and her family. May Steve rest in peace. His funeral is on Friday morning in Burnley, so it will be a Celebration of the Word here in St. Mary's.*

Sunday 31st Fourth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	Mary & Leo Heap (J.&W. B.)
	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Marjorie & Jim Richardson (S.N.) Evening Prayer & Benediction
MONDAY 1st April	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 2nd	7.00 p.m.	People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 3rd	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
THURSDAY 4th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
	12.30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
FRIDAY 5th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
SATURDAY 6th	10.00 a.m.	Anne Roe (G.R.) Anniversary
Next Sunday 7th Fifth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m. 4.00p.m.	Patsy Briggs - birthday memories Evening Prayer & 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, Christina Jones, Liam Edward Lenihan, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyons, Bridget McCann, Gerry McCaul, Kathleen McGinley, Joan Moss, Michael O'Sullivan, Bob Rawcliffe, Lidia Romanowska, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Harry Slater, Mark Surelock, Josie Tester, Frank Ward, Winifred White, Fred & Mary Wylie

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



> **those who have died recently**: Rev. Steve Edwards, Antonio Faraone

> **and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Barbara Hearty, Catherine Donnelly, Raymund Melville, Hilda Brooks, Mabel Fyall, Joan Cook, Joseph Dashwood, Michael O'Donoghue, Mary Holden, John Ashton, Mavis Adams, Michael McDaid

THE WORD AHEAD – Next Sunday's Gospel

Read –The Gospel for Sunday 7th April (John 8:1-11) The Woman Taken in Adultery After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr. Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

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*Why this reading from John in the middle of the Year of Luke? All the other gospels during this Lenten season have been from Luke. The answer is that it is an independent, floating story which does not even fit into the Gospel of John. In early manuscripts of the gospels this story moves around and is found in various places before it becomes anchored as an example of Jesus' teachings just after he says, 'Our Law does not allow us to pass judgement on anyone without first giving them a hearing' (John 7:51). It is appropriate for this Year of Luke because the tone of the story and the theme of welcome for the repentant sinner are both thoroughly Lukan, a theme which is constantly stressed in Luke's Gospel (for example, in the Parable of the Prodigal Son). What did Jesus write on the ground, or was it that he was just doodling to allow the accusers time to reflect on their self-righteousness? The latter is certainly one of the main concerns of St Luke's Gospel, where it is made clear that you cannot be a follower of Christ without first admitting your sinfulness: when Peter meets Jesus, he tells Jesus to go away, because he (Peter) is a sinner; Zacchaeus recognises that he is a sinner and promises to make multiple restitution for his embezzlements; the woman at the supper weeps for her sins at Jesus' feet. **Why do you think Jesus wrote on the ground? Do I find myself judging others too quickly and too often?***
Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Diary

First Reconciliation - The sacrament will be celebrated on **Monday, 8th April at 6.00 p.m.**

First Holy Communion preparation will begin on Sunday, 5th May after 10:30 Mass in the Presbytery. The **First Holy Communion Mass** will be on Sunday, 23rd June.

Would you like to contribute to the cost of flowers for Easter? Please see Fr. Michael or Tony Whiteside.

Easter Raffle - Not many tickets left. We are now looking for fancy goods and gifts for the Easter Raffle. If you would like to donate, please sign on the list at the back of church. Thank you. On Easter Sunday edible treats will be available for sale after both the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.

We invite you to join in refreshments after the 10:30 Mass when the Easter Raffle draw will take place