

<p>ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS 8th March 2020 No. 2 Steve Towler £50 No. 204 Duncan Lofthouse £15</p> <hr/> <p>LAST SUNDAY Mass Attendance: 123 8.30 - 51 10:30 - 72 Offertory: £491.05 Candles: £82.41 Books/Papers: Flowers: £7.37 St. Anthony: £9.03 Building Fund: £12.92 World Needy: £25.23</p>	<p>PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR A Volume 2 – Pg. 158 Preface I of Lent: The Spiritual Meaning of Lent, p. 70 Eucharistic Prayer II, p.25</p> <hr/> <p>Week beginning 22nd March</p> <p>Readers: Helen S. / Anne T. Ministers: Ania M. / Peter J. Jackie J. / Kath D'S. / Linda L. Church Cleaning</p> <p>Children's Liturgy Children stay in church</p> <p>NO REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10:30 Mass</p>
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Lists for Easter Liturgies – Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil will be available at the back of church. Please sign up for these special events.

Easter cards will be available for sale at the back of church.
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Easter Raffle – We are now looking for fancy goods and gifts and bottles (of the “spiritual” kind) for the Easter raffle. If you would like to donate, please bring goods / gifts to Sunday Masses. Thank you
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Donations for Easter flowers should be given to Fr. Michael or Tony Whiteside. Thank you

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Timetables for Lenten Lunches and Talks by local Clergymen are on the noticeboard in the porch.



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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 Sunday in Lent 15th March 2020

O God, living and true, look upon your people,
whose dry and stony hearts are parched with thirst.

Unseal the living water of your Spirit; let it become
within us an ever-flowing spring, leaping up to
eternal life.

Thus may we worship you in spirit and in truth
through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

Sunday 15th Third Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Drake Family (H.K.)
	10.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Wilkinson Family (A.&D.)
MONDAY 16th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
TUESDAY 17th St. Patrick	7.00 p.m.	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY 18th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
THURSDAY 19th St. Joseph	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
FRIDAY 20th	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
SATURDAY 21st	10.00 a.m.	Communion of the Word & Holy Communion
Next Sunday 22nd Fourth Sunday in Lent	8.30 a.m.	Mary & Leo Heap
	10.30 a.m.	Marjorie & James Richardson

Please remember in your prayers



»all the sick, especially: Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephani Barretto, Vera Berry, Irene Blyth, 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, Bob Rawcliffe, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, 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:

>and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Charles Parker, Isabella Fish, Bessie Lynch, Mary Johnstone, Walter Harrison, Alexander & the Ross Family, Joan Hawthorn, George Woodward, Ann Wilson, Michael Harris, Francis Turner, Ellen Hargreaves, Thomas McCartney, Alice McDaid, Leo Heap, John Gresswell, Peter Patrick Flanagan

THE WORD AHEAD – Next Sunday's Gospel

Read –The Gospel for Sunday 22nd March 2020 – The Cure of the Man born Blind (John 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38)

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

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*The second of the three great Johannine readings about water, light and life (which point to the baptisms of Easter) gives us the splendid account of Jesus bringing light to the blind man in the Temple. It is full of Johannine contrasts and irony. The 'Jews' or the Pharisees think they have the light and knowledge, but the more they abuse the man born blind, the clearer their own darkness and ignorance become. The more they try to thrust the blind man away from Jesus, the more they push him into seeking refuge in him. Much of the colouring of the scene comes from the controversies towards the end of the first century, when the Pharisees were the only branch of Judaism to survive after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. The New Testament shows that there was bitter opposition between those Jews who accepted the divine claims for Jesus, and those who rejected them. This is especially clear in the fear of the blind man's parents (recounted in the longer version of Sunday's Gospel) that they would be excluded from the synagogue if they accepted that Jesus' grant of sight was a sign of his divine mission. The doughty and pugnacious man born blind has no such hesitation! **What does it mean that Jesus is the light of the world? How can you bring this light of Jesus to other people?***
Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

This newsletter was composed on Thursday.

Fr. Michael should have returned from Italy on Friday last (13th). He will be in self isolation in Preston for 2 weeks at least.

CORONAVIRUS

Please take a sheet of advice for the guidance for St.Mary's home with you. These are at the back of church.

Communion to be taken on the hand, no Prayer or Hymn books to be used, no sign of peace, no holy water in the stoop.

The Collection will not be collected as usual, but parishioners to place their own donation in the basket at the back of church when leaving after Mass

Our thanks go to Fr. Tom Butler who has kindly offered to say both Sunday Masses at St. Mary's for today and next Sunday.