

VERY URGENT PLEAS FOR HELP:

1. We are hoping that Father Christmas will be able to attend the Christmas Fair, but he needs a couple of willing helpers. Please let Maria D know if you could do this.



2. **BOTTLE TOMBOLA:** Bottles are desperately needed to enable this popular stall to be ready for the Christmas Fair. Please bring any donations to church or contact Steve or Maria D for collection. Many thanks in advance.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 25th FROM 1.30:

Please do come along to this annual fundraiser and bring family and friends.



ALPHA WEBINAR:

Please join us for the next joint Alpha & Divine Renovation webinar **Intentional Invitation: From Good Experiences to Life Changing Encounters** taking place on **Tuesday 21st November at 8pm.**

We all want our parish to be an inviting place where people encounter Jesus in a life-changing way. But the reality is, there's an art to invitation that is lost in most of our parishes — and with it the opportunities to invite people to know and follow our Lord. If invitation matters as a stepping stone into faith and ongoing conversion, how do we create these experiences intentionally?

Join Heather Khyme, Life Restoration Ministries & Abiding Together Podcast (pre-recorded), Fr Stephen Langridge, Parish Priest of St Elizabeth's, London, and Katie Bak, Snr. Director of Admin and Facilities at St Clement Parish, Chicago for this important and exciting conversation. Register at <https://alpha.org/catholic-context/webinars/>

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD:

Many years ago, Acker Bilk, the clarinettist and band leader, was on a cruise ship enjoying a holiday. On the first evening, he turned up for dinner and met a French man sitting opposite him at table. The French man said to Acker "Bon appetit." Acker spoke no French and thought he was introducing himself so he replied "Acker Bilk." This exchange happened over the next few meals until a fellow passenger took Acker to one side and told him "He's saying 'Enjoy your meal.'" At the next meal, Acker arrived at table and said to the man "Bon appetit". The man, triumphantly, with a thick French accent, replied "Acker Bilk." Dear Jesus, we thank you for all the wonderful music Acker and his band gave to the world.

REPEAT NOTICES

JOHN PRIDMORE'S MISSION:

Please make this as widely known as possible especially to anyone you know, who is struggling with life's problems. All the talks will be in St Wulstan's Church from 7-8pm. Topics are:

Monday 27th November - Renewed Freedom In Jesus including a Healing Service

Tuesday 28th November - God's Gift of Mary

Wednesday 29th November - The Holy Spirit

Admission is free. All are welcome, of all faiths or none.

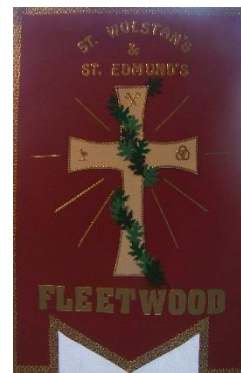
PREPARING FOR ADVENT:

Preparing for Christmas with the Advent Readings.



Why not give yourself an hour to read over the Readings for the 3 Sundays leading up to Christmas. Each week we will look at the Readings for the following Sunday. We will read, reflect and share on them. Come for all or just one of the Fridays, 1st, 8th, 15th

December from 7-8pm at St Teresa's Church, Cleveleys. (Come in through Church, we will be in the Sacristy) Don't lose the true meaning of Christmas.



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33rd SUNDAY OF YEAR A ~ 19/11/23

Sunday 19 th	1000	Fred Wade (Anniversary)
Monday 20 th	No Mass	
Tuesday 21 st	1100 1800	Funeral Service for Agnes Witton Martin Sullivan (RIP)
Wednesday 22 nd	0930 1000	ST CECELIA Desmond Coxall (A) Holy Half Hour
Thursday 23 rd	1800	John Lynch (RIP)
Friday 24 th	0930	Margaret Guatelli
Saturday 25 th	* NB * 0900	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 th	0930 - 0945 1000	32nd SUNDAY OF YEAR A Confessions Kev Cullen (Birthday Anniversary)

SUNDAY MASS IS NOW LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE

The Lady Chapel is open every day from 0800-1700 for private prayer.

Confessions : Sunday 9.30 - 9.45

Collection

29th October £358.60

Attendance

123

Website - 75 Households

Keeping in Touch:

X (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/ssWulstanEdmund>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/st.wulstansfleetwood/>

Instagram: St Wulstan & St Edmund



Please pray for: All the sick and housebound of our parish family and also those in care or in hospital.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Herbert Novo, Bernadette Benson, Patricia Caldwell, Joan McKay, Yvonne Ashworth, Margaret Guatelli, Fr Dan Darragon, Julie McLoughlin, Fred Wade, Mary Peel, Fr Bernard Hearty,

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Conna Alexander Kirkwood 21st November 2014

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for St Peter's Church and the people of Bristol Avenue, Esk Avenue, Hornby Avenue, Marina Mews, Queens Terrace and The Croft with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

BONUS BALL: Winner for 11th November was Steve Doherty with No 32

ROTAS: New rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are at the back of church.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 21 st	1630	Welcome Project in Presbytery
	2000	Alpha Webinar
Wednesday 22 nd	1800	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting in Green Hut
Thursday 23 rd	1830	Bible Share in Presbytery
Saturday 25 th	1330	Parish Christmas Fair

A VIEW FROM THE PEW: (Carol Baines)

I was thinking recently how the attitude of the Church towards small children at mass has changed over the years. I only have experience of St Wulstan's in the 1960s and 70s. As a young mother of three children under five years, that time was very different from today. Then, it seemed to me that small children should be seen but definitely not heard. Often during the service, the priest would stop speaking if a child cried or caused a disturbance until the child was removed from the church. No sanctuary in the lady chapel! Also, the church floor was cleaned by ladies on hands and knees polishing the floor with wax polish. Prams with dirty wheels were discouraged. Now, the children's liturgy, making children an integral part of the service, makes a significant difference to how they are welcomed in the church. Thanks to all concerned with this important work every week.

A MESSAGE FROM LIZ BODEN: Dear Father Alf, Please can you let the people who wave at the camera at the end of Mass just how much they are appreciated. I know I am no longer a parish member, but it makes me feel included just the same. How much more must it feel for your parishioners who are unable to attend Mass in person. I hope you are staying well. Best wishes and God bless. Liz x

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADVENT RETREAT: **ADVENT RETREAT // DEC 8-10 //** Open to anyone in Year 7 upwards, with separate streams for different age groups. The Advent retreat is a chance to make some friends, deepen your faith and continue your Castlerigg journey. There will be reflections, prayer times, social times, trips out, and more. It costs £65, but please get in touch if you can't quite afford that - money shouldn't be an obstacle to coming. [More info...](#)

CARMELITE RETREAT: Chilswell Priory near Oxford is a renowned centre of Christian Spirituality with a Carmelite community at its heart. Join the Carmelite friars to explore the precious liturgical season of Advent: Sundays 26th November and 3rd, 10th & 17th December - 7pm online (Zoom) **An Advent opportunity for prayer, reflection and community** Join us on Sundays as we prepare to welcome the Word who is Life - a Word that we will hear and see and touch as we engage with Scripture, poetry, music and art. Each session will offer reflective material and input, together with time for sharing and building community together, all so that the message of Christ, in all its richness, may find a home with us (Col 3:16). To register and information - [Welcoming the Word - Advent Retreat - Carmelite Friars](#)

DONNA WORTHINGTON'S RETREATS: There are 2 online retreats coming up soon.

'The Prayer of the Heart' offers a peaceful and contemplative space:

(ONLINE) THE PRAYER OF THE HEART | *This retreat is about the inner contemplative journey and wisdom from Desert and Eastern Christianity. Including the Jesus Prayer.*

Wednesday 22nd November 6.30-9pm

Then, in December, perfect for Advent, is a retreat that helps us turn our gaze to Creation: (ONLINE) LEARNING FROM NATURE | We seek the divine through Creation... Drawing on the deep rooted Christian reverence for the earth, this retreat explores Scripture, poetry and images from nature alongside personal reflection and discernment.

Saturday 2nd December 10am-1pm When it arrives, have a rich and consoling Advent.

Best wishes, Donna. www.christianretreats.live

NEWS FROM HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD: You can expect to hear plenty of 'lived experience' from a visitor coming to Fleetwood later this month ... John Pridmore has a background in the violent world of East London gangland. Through the grace of God, he has turned his life around and now travels the world, inspiring and helping people to change their lives for the good.

John is coming to St Wulstan's Church, for a 3-day Mission from Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th November. The community, of all faiths or none, is invited to attend ... admission is free, the talks start at 7pm.



MASS OF DEDICATION AT LANCASTER UNIVERSITY: As you know, the altar from St Edmund's Church has been moved to the Catholic Chapel at the university and we have received an invitation from Fr Michael Docherty to attend a Mass of Dedication on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Friday December 8th at 7pm. The mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Swarbrick and will be followed by a drinks reception in the foyer. Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you would like to attend and have a place in the minibus.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: If you know of somebody who will be on their own over Christmas and would like to come for Christmas Lunch in St Wulstan's School Hall on Christmas Day, please let the organisers know by ringing Christine Johnstone 07889242733 or Heather Johnstone 07958558135

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER POST - HOME START: There is currently a vacancy for an Early Intervention Family Support Worker in the area. For more details and an application pack, please email enquiries@homestartbfw.org.uk Applications will be accepted until 9am on Monday 20th November. (CVs will not be accepted)