

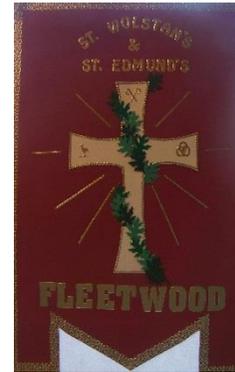
Repeats

New Sound System: Is now installed in St Wulstans. It looks a bit strange, but does a brilliant job in reaching all nooks & crannies in the church in an even wave of sound, including the loop system. The other strange thing is that I have to wear a head-mike which will possibly make me look a bit cool!

No Sound? I'm sure everyone is aware that the relentless hard sell for Christmas has already started in media advertising and promotion in shops. While this is to be expected at this time of the year, how about taking 15 minutes out during Advent to sit in silence, in the Lady Chapel, to calm the soul during the feverish build up! Apart from the usual Wednesday & Saturday exposition, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar from 12 noon till 1215 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday during Advent. No services involved - just an opportunity for a silent 15 minutes.

Vote for Both Lives: Right to Life UK has launched the above campaign in the run-up to the General Election in which people are asked to email prospective candidates asking them to take the Both Lives Pledge. For further info log onto info@righttolife.org.uk.

Invitations: For our Senior Citizens' Christmas party in St Wulstan's school hall on Monday 16th December are at the back of church. If your name is not there please let Maria Doherty know.



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1st Sunday of Advent Year A 1/12/2019

Saturday 30th	1800 (E)	Bernadette & Tom Delaney (RIP)
Sunday 1st	1000 (W)	Bernard Roche (Birthday Anniversary)
Monday 2nd	No Mass	
Tuesday 3rd	0900 (E)	Lancashire Infirm Clergy
Wednesday 4th	1200 (W)	George & Audrey Baines (RIP)
	1230 (W)	Holy Half Hour
Thursday 5th	1830 (W)	Sick & Housebound of Parish
Friday 6th	1130 (W)	Funeral Mass of Margaret Guatelli
Saturday 7th	0900 (W)	People of the Parish
	1800 (E)	Halloran & Wilson Families
Sunday 8th	1000 (W)	Fr Ed McCann (LD)

Confessions: Saturdays 0930-1000 (W) / 1730-1745 (E)
Or anytime on request

The Lady Chapel is open for private prayer every day from 8am till evening

Collection: £654.20

Attendance: 153 (W) 56 (E)

Thankyou.





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

Anniversaries this Week: Michael Harding, William Priest, Edward Mansell, Maurice Meehan, Margaret Lydon, Dorothy Gradwell, Jack Price, Norah McLellin, Teresa Mansell, Molly Holford, Rose Lewis.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Lexi Jay Rawcliffe 2nd December 2012
Daemon Alfie Cantrell 5th December 2010
William Bowker-Harvey 6th December 2009

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St Nicholas' Church and the people of Brentwood, Duddon Avenue, Hawthorne Avenue, Lofthouse Way, Oxford Road, Siding Road and Windsor Terrace with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bonus Ball: Winner for 23rd November was Gerry Statham with No 31.

Thank you: During the week we were audited by Morley Accountants, Lancaster, on behalf of the Diocese. Apparently they do about 8 Parishes per year. The Audit is not just about Finance, but covers all sorts of things e.g. Security, Safeguarding, Health and Safety etc. We got a very good report, and in respect of finances, the verdict was "Flawless", which is all down to our Bookkeeper Sue Warburton. So a big thanks to her, and also to John Lynch who does the annual Parish Audit for the Diocese. They are a great team.

Welcoming the Light: Is an opportunity to make Advent a time of preparation to welcome Jesus, the Light of the world, into our hearts again; a chance to take a break from the commercial Christmas rush, to stop and reflect on what it's really all about, spending a day away, getting ready to welcome the Light. This day includes inspirational teaching, as well as space and time for praise, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer ministry, reflection, and creative work with the Scriptures and themes relating to the Advent season. For more details telephone 016973 45623, mobile 07588 159341 or email stcuthberts.wigton@gmail.com.

Pensioners' Party CAHS 10th December: Will those senior citizens going to the above, let Fr Alf know if they do **not** need transport to Cardinal Allen. For those who do want a lift in the minibus, please be at St Wulstan's for 1pm. Mr Harding would like everybody there for 1320.

How should Adults Look at the Nativity Scene? The adults who heard about the birth of Jesus reacted very differently to the news. Martin Bennett (from Liverpool) will talk about how the characters in the Nativity story responded differently, and how the Gospel writers used them to show that these same responses occur throughout the Gospel.... and are still present this Christmas. English Martyr's Church, Hardhorn Road, Poulton FY6 8DA. Friday 6th Dec. 7:00pm. See poster for more details.

Young People's Advent Retreat: Our Advent Retreat, 6th-8th December, is open to young people in year 9 and above. It is a great opportunity for young people to step back from the busy-ness of life and spend some time with God and with other young people. Young people often tell us that these experience and friendships they make on these retreats are what sustain them in their faith. See our website for more information. www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/events-whats-on.

News about Lourdes: For 2020 the Diocese has changed Tour Operators to "Joe Walsh Tours", which means the pilgrimage cost will be reduced to 2017 prices. Hopefully this may make the pilgrimage more affordable for people who would like to go. For our young people in Year 10 and above, travelling with the Diocesan Youth Service, the cost will be £595.00. To book, got to castleriggmanor.co.uk/new-events/Lourdes-2020.

Whole School Advent Service: Our annual Advent Service will be led by Yr 3/4 at 6pm in St Wulstan's on Tuesday 3rd December. During the week on radio Chris Evens was enthusing over the Harrods Advent Calendar, saying that behind each window was a picture of something delicious for the Christmas table. Similar Advent calendars are very common now - not a hint of the birth of Christ! It is so good, therefore, to see our school encouraging our children to build up to Christmas spiritually, with this lovely, meaningful service. All welcome.

Finance Meeting: The next Finance Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm in the presbytery.

