

On-line Talks from Stoneyhurst: Over the next few months we will be offering a series of online talks, "Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters". Exploring some of the great figures of Western spirituality with well-known experts, the series is free to attend online. It will take place at 7:30pm on Thursdays, beginning on 3rd September and running through till 10th December. Simply register to receive a link, either online at <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/> or by email at events@christianheritagecentre.com. The next talk will be given by Canon John Udris on "Forging a Little Way to Heaven: The life and spirituality of St Therese de Lisieux".

Donna Worthington's September Retreats:

Wed 9th and 16th 2-5pm Exploring Scripture through guided, imaginative prayer
 Sat 19th 2-5pm or Mon 21st 0930-1230 Jonah and the Whale - a spiritual journey from the darkness of the whale moving towards a pathway of light.
 To book go to drworthington@live.co.uk

Parish Centenary Co-ordinator: Mary Bird has very kindly agreed to be the co-ordinator of any memorabilia people might like to contribute to St Wulstan's centenary celebrations in 2024. If you have any photos, articles, anecdotes or things of interest, even curiosity, to share, then contact Mary on 01253 770564. All photos will be scanned and returned to their owners.

Parish Prayer Group on Zoom: Takes place every Saturday at 1000. Code for this Saturday is 882 174 7392 and the Password is Abc123

A Note from the Hospital Chaplain: If you have people there whom you would like the Catholic Chaplain to visit you can call him at St Kentigern's on 01253 393439. The Hospital Chaplaincy Office number is 01253 953876 or you can email bfwhospitals@nhs.net. In urgent cases ring the switchboard 01253 300000 and ask for the on-call Catholic Chaplain.

PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE CORONAVIRUS:

Almighty and eternal God, from whom the whole universe receives energy, existence and life, we come to you to invoke your mercy, because today we are still living the fragility of the human condition in the experience of a new viral epidemic.

We believe that it is you who guides the course of human history and that your love can change our destiny for the better, whatever our human condition may be.

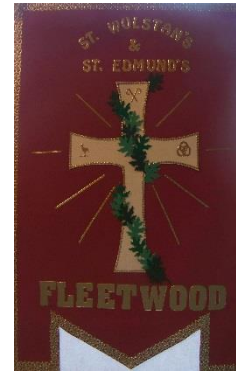
This is why we entrust the sick and their families to you: for the Paschal mystery of your Son gives salvation and relief to their body and their spirit.

Help each member of society do their job by strengthening the spirit of mutual solidarity.

Support doctors and health workers, educators and social workers in the performance of their duty.

Free us from the epidemic that is affecting us so that we can calmly resume our usual occupations and praise you and thank you with a heart renewed.

We trust you and address our plea to you for Christ our Lord. Amen



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23rd Sunday of Year A 6/9/20

Sunday 6 th	1000 (W) People of the Parish (Will also be on Parish website at the same time)
Monday 7 th	No Mass
Tuesday 8 th	1800 (W) Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Kenneth Whitehead (Anniversary)
Wednesday 9 th	0930 (W) Bill Groves (Birthday Anniversary)
Thursday 10 th	1300 (W) Funeral of Frank Corrigan RIP 1800 (W) Jean and John Allen's Intentions
Friday 11 th	0930 (W) Teresa Campy RIP
Saturday 12 th	0900 (W) People of the Parish
Sunday 13 th	1000 (W) Charles and Patrick Monaghan (RIP) (Will also be on Parish website at same time)

CONFESSIONS: On request - providing social distancing is observed

***St Edmund's church is closed until further notice.
 St Wulstan's will be open from 30 minutes before the start of each Mass.***

Collection: £378.60	Attendance (Website) 120 Households	Attendance in Person Sunday : 61 Weekdays : 97 (total)
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Thankyou.



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

Anniversaries this Week: Tom Green, Mary Waring, Teresa Walsh, Bob Walsh, Charles Holder, Shaun Mangan, Pat Cocking, Eileen Whaley, Ken Wright, Syd Lane.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Jacob William Reilly 8th September 2013
Darcie Moon Brooks 8th September 2013
Kian James Brown 11th September 2011
Kiera Louise Brown 11th September 2011

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St Wulstan's Church and the people of Birch Street, Dean Court, Greenfield Road, Larkholme Parade, Nelson Court, Rydal Avenue and Wensley Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bonus Ball: Winner for 29th August was Michael Quinn with No 16.

Thank you: Judith and Brian Wood would like to thank all our friends and parishioners at St Wulstan's for their Masses, gifts, cards, kind wishes and socially-distanced visits for our Golden Wedding Anniversary. We had planned to wait till next year, God willing, but as the day came we were sad that it would be unmarked, so your kindness and the family's internet connections made such a difference, and we had a lovely weekend.

Easyfunding: We currently have 35 people who nominate St Wulstan's as their chosen Charity when shopping on line, which is greatly appreciated. Special mention this week is to a parishioner whose nomination brought in £77.06 at no cost to herself. Thank you.

Parish Accounts: I wish to offer huge thanks to Sue Warburton who has done the day to day Parish accounting for quite a few years now, and to John Lynch for his annual auditing of our books for the Inspectors at the Diocesan Finance Office, for even more years. Sue and John have been a great team, and we are always congratulated by the Diocese for how meticulously well the accounts are kept. After this last Audit, Sue and John have now decided to retire, so I would like to place on record our gratitude for the great work they have done in keeping us solvent. Angela Cole has kindly agreed to take over from Sue, and Steve Doherty has agreed to do the annual audit, for which we're very grateful.

1st Holy Communion: Now that our children have been allowed to return to school, it seems appropriate to look at ways of resuming classes with those children unable to make their first Holy Communion this summer because of Covid restrictions. The Catechists are meeting to see how we might do this, and will be in touch soon.

Exercise Again? Fleetwood Town have been in touch to say they are looking at re-starting some simple activities, which are all in line with current government guidance and will be carried out in a safe and controlled environment. The Sessions would be a chair-based activity or on an individual mat, stretching, body weight and light movements exercise. Participants will socially distance on arrival, for the duration, and once the session is complete. If anyone is interested, please let Fr Alf know, and we will investigate if it would be possible to use the Green Hut.

Life's 50th Anniversary: Over the last 50 years, Life did not grow as a result of a massive advertising budget or product placements, but because Lifers were committed and passionate, and invited other people to join our mission. During the current pandemic Life has had a huge surge in people seeking help and advice in their pregnancies. Life needs to reach many more people to succeed in its mission, and if you'd like to help or are just interested in the wonderful work Life does, you can read Life's 50th Anniversary Tribute, which you can find at lifecharity.org.uk/covid/50years-html/

Televised Mass: As you will have noticed, the weekly number of households tuning in has fallen, as more people are attending Mass in person at church. However, quite a few people have mentioned they are not yet ready to return in person, so we will continue to broadcast the Mass at the usual time.

Postscript from Brian Wood: A big man with a big heart, John Pridmore set himself a big task of evangelising for Jesus. He was at one time rightly feared as a ruthless gangster wherever he went, but his soul was touched by the Lord when he chose to do his work. Now he is a powerful force for good, as we saw when he came to us at Sts Wulstan and Edmund. Dear Jesus, give John strength and wisdom, especially in his work with the Youth.

REPEAT NOTICES

Keeping in Touch:

- Follow Twitter <https://twitter.com/ssWulstanEdmund>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/st.wulstansfleetwood/> Instagram: St Wulstan & St Edmund

Benefits due to Unemployment or Redundancy: In one of our recent Healthier Fleetwood meetings it was asked where do people go if they have to make a claim for benefit due to unemployment or redundancy? An Adviser from DWP has kindly provided the following information: *Most (people) will now claim Universal Credit and should visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit>. Once they have made the online claim someone will get in touch with them usually within a few days, could be even that day, and they will be given a telephone appointment, as all new claims are still being completed over the phone and not in the (local Job Centre) office. If everything can be done digitally it will be.*

Note: If you do not have a computer, let Fr Alf know: I'm sure we can get someone who does have one to help.

A Note from Fr Andrew, the Hospital Chaplain: Blackpool Victoria Hospital will, this week, be the first hospital in the North West to introduce 'NHS111 first'. To ensure social distancing in the Emergency Department waiting areas, people who do not need an ambulance will be asked to contact NHS 111 for an appointment before attending A & E. The service will then book them a time slot at Blackpool Victoria Hospital, or at the most appropriate health service for the patient. In a similar way to people being sent to one of the Urgent Treatment Centres by NHS 111, patients arriving at the ED with an appointment through NHS 111 will be expected, booked in to the department through an 'express lane', and seen within 30 minutes of arrival.