

A Poem from John Bradbourne:

John Bradbourne was born near Penrith, served in the Army, became a Catholic and was martyred in Zimbabwe in 1979. He wrote a huge amount of poetry. A friend of mine who is involved in promoting John's beatification, came across this poem John wrote about Fleetwood. My friend commented, "I guess there were more boats out of Fleetwood 70 years ago".

Week VIII: Travels around England : 29th April Fleetwood (1949)

In late October sunlight,
The ninth hour of a day
I saw a trawler steaming out
To fishing far away;
And raucously she trumpeted
And brightly shone the sun,
The docks behind, the seas before,
Her work again begun.

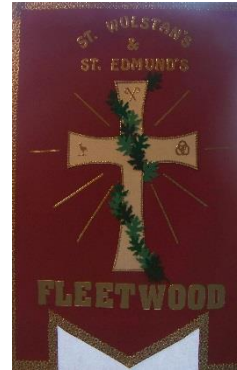
Within the docks of Fleetwood,
The port she'd left behind,
Among the ranks of fastened ships
Against each other lined.
A fisherman bound up his gear,
A watchman blandly cursed:
The fisherman had lost his job,
The watch had found his thirst.

A dredger squealed and grumbled,
Down holdwards chattered coal,
White seagulls hovered hopefully
And eyed the quays for toll -
For fish the trawlermen had caught
In searching northern seas:
But he who was 'spragged' from work
Was left to fundless ease.

I know not where he's travelled
Nor where he is today:
He was a man of forty years
Bereft of work and pay.
O good Saint Peter, keep his soul
And lead him to his rest;
And show him that of all the ports
The port of Christ is best.

REPEATS

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.



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2nd Sunday after Christmas Year B 3/1/21

Sunday 3 rd	1000 Val Earnshaw (RIP) (Will also be on Parish website at same time)
Monday 4 th	No Mass
Tuesday 5 th	1800 Carole Baines (80 th Birthday)
Wednesday 6 th	THE EPIPHANY 0930 People of the Parish 1800 Fred Wade (LD)
Thursday 7 th	1800 Helen (nee Walsh) Successful Operation
Friday 8 th	0930 Norma Farricker (LD)
Saturday 9 th	0930 Deceased Members of Marlow Family
Sunday 10 th	BAPTISM OF THE LORD 1000 Pamela Stephenson (LD) (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:

20 Dec £578.40
Christmas £904.14
27 Dec £504.24
Households
Thankyou.

Attendance

Weekdays - 103 (total), Sunday 10.00 - 72, 14.00 - 78 Website - 168
1700 - 93 1930 - 74 0930 - 52 Website - 147 Households
Weekdays T/W/Sa - 45 (total), Sunday - 48 Website - 168

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

Anniversaries this Week: Con Peoples, Pauline Moyle, Irene Nolan, Irene Scott, Frances Tomlinson, Agnes McGreevey, Evelyn Flynn, Audrey Andreas, Shelia Squirrel, Kath Ogden, Nora Nicholson.

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St Edmund's Church and the people of Broadwater Gardens, Eden Avenue, Henderson Road, Lord Street, Peel Road, Southfleet Avenue and Wolsley Road with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES



Thankyou: for all the Christmas gifts and the very generous offerings. A huge thank you also to all who made the church look lovely for Christmas, and especially to our stewards, who have been on duty since the pandemic started, enabling

us to keep the church open throughout, and to Maria for her filming and broadcasting of Mass every week. We have also had many donations of cash and gifts for our Food Bank Christmas appeal, which have allowed us to help many, many families who are struggling at this time. It goes without saying that a huge debt of gratitude is owed to our Fleetwood Together volunteers, many of whom are from the parish, who make our reaching out to those in need possible.

Christmas Raffle: For obvious reasons we could not have a parish Christmas Fayre this year, but the raffle was a stunning success, raising a very commendable £1260.00

Pastoral Ministry: As I mentioned in my Christmas homily, we are very blessed with many 'Josephs', both male and female, who quietly beaver away in the background to make parish life thrive, as well as others who play their part in the well-being of the community. I also mentioned that in view of the dire lack of vocations to the priesthood, it is essential that pastoral leaders be trained. A couple of months ago Bishop Paul asked me to see if I could find some. I am delighted to say that Catherine Anderton and Kim Hindle have accepted the invitation to do the three year Diploma in Pastoral Leadership, facilitated by Loyola University of Pastoral Studies, Chicago, in association with Liverpool Hope University. I ask your prayers for them, as they begin the course at the end of January, and hope that their study and its practical applications, will bear much fruit for the future of our parish. I also hope more people will consider doing the course in the years to come.

Consultation on Marriage: The Law Commission is undertaking a nationwide consultation on weddings law, which closes on 4th January 2021. There are quite a few proposals which many of us would have strong opinions on, such as one of the partners not having to be present at the wedding and other rather strange-sounding ideas, some of which appear to remove the need for serious consideration of marriage as a solemn commitment, by giving preference to performance over content. I have submitted my responses. If you would like to you can find the consultation at: <https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/>

Next talk from the Cor et Lumen Community Wigton: Fri 22 - Sat 23 Jan 2021 - Online 'Growing in the Prophetic & Open Miracle Healing Service' - with Damian Stayne
For more information: Tel: 016973 45623 or 07588 159341
www.coretlumenchristi.org Email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org

The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation: A free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. At 7:30pm every second Thursday, from 14th January to 25th March. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

ALPHA online from St Joseph's, Lancaster: Starts on Thursday 14 Jan at 7PM via zoom. Feel free to invite friends and family.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86003931944?pwd=Q2J4Q1BVMFJnWWhzaXFDWGVuWEFUQT09>
Meeting ID: 860 0393 1944 Passcode: FaithE
Any connection issues please contact Eleanora 07743257498 or Hilary on 07961752760

Donna Worthington's retreats for January:

Sunday 10th Jan 1830-2100 - *Entering the Heart of Christ* - a journey into the profound mystery
Saturday 16th Jan 1400-1700 / Monday 18th Jan 0930-1230 - *The Healing of the Blind Man* - light, darkness and listening to the voice of Christ.
Friday 22nd Jan 1400-1700 - *The Tiger and the Tree of Light* - the wounded healer
Wednesday 27th Jan 0930-1230 - *The Woman who anointed Jesus and the Celtic Story of the Selkie* - the wisdom which speaks to reclaiming the lost self and heroic journeying.
To book, go to drworthington@live.co.uk

A Prayer from 'Right to Life': *"As we begin this new year, we pray for all who may be considering an abortion. We pray that 2021 would see a decrease in cases of abortion, and instead a year of increased support, both practical and emotional, from all of us in society, bettering the care for all expectant mothers. Lord hear us."*

A Prayer to the Creator from Pope Francis: Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognise the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects and shared dreams. Amen. *(Not a bad prayer for the coming new year!)*

Bonus Ball: Winner for 19th December was Keith Earnshaw with No 23, and winner for 26th December was Jean Whitehead with No 6.

Quiz Night: Our next Quiz Night will be on **Wednesday** next week starting at 7pm. Please join us on Zoom : **616 766 9574** ~ Password: **4Pdd7w**
It is the question master's birthday - so expect some questions about the year he was born, which was 19??



PS from Brian Wood: The red buoy which normally floats in front of the little lighthouse has disappeared. Boats entering and leaving the harbour must now guess where to turn in order to stay in the safe channel. A bit like life really. Sometimes it is easy to lose our bearings and get into difficulty. Dear Jesus, give us the grace always to be attentive and follow those who illuminate our path safely.