

REPEAT NOTICES

Donna Worthington's Advent Retreat: 'Waiting for the Light of the World' will take place on Friday 17th December from 1830 - 2100. All retreats cost £20, unless otherwise stated. To book, go to drworthington@live.co.uk

Advent Retreat at Castlerigg: will be December 10-12th. It's just £65 (yes, for everything) and it's open to young people in Year 10 and above, up to age 25. Open retreats at Castlerigg are a great chance to make some friends and deepen our faith in a relaxed, fun environment. Please spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested!

To book // www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/advent

Christmas Shopping? A note from Viv McCarron, our Parish CAFOD Rep. "We all know how hard it is to find a gift for the person who seems to have just about everything. Why not take a look at the CAFOD World Gifts booklet available at the back of church? You can buy gifts for just a few pounds - a solar lamp, wonderful worms, an energy-saving stove, a queen bee or the chance for someone to learn to read - and lots more. CAFOD will send you a gift card for you to give as a present, and your money goes to help someone in greater need. Postage is free and you have until December 15th to order. Spend wisely this year and help CAFOD help others! Thank you."

Christmas Church Cleaning: Many people will remember the slogan in the days before emails, 'Post early for Christmas'. I think Judith may have borrowed from that idea with the following message: **CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING WILL BE ON MONDAY 20th DECEMBER AT 9.30 am. If you can help, please come in by the choir door.** Always good to think ahead.

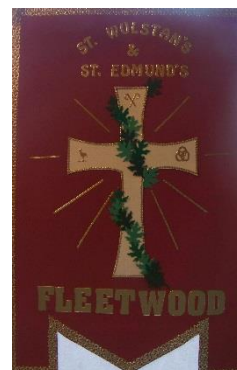
Foodbank Donations: Thank you as always to so many who donate to our Foodbank. For those of you who pay tax, if you would like to, it's now possible to gift aid your donation. Bank details for Faith in the Community are attached to the Gift Aid forms at the back of church.

Inside Out 2: You may remember the very successful art exhibition last summer (Inside Out 1) of all things creative made right here in Fleetwood by local people during Lockdown. Inside Out 2 is taking place in the old hospital (entrance via Bold Street Atrium), from 18th November - 11th December, 1000-1500. Free entry.

Christmas Mass Times: As we're not 100% over the Covid crisis yet, it was felt that, as last year, we will not have Midnight Mass. So, there will be Mass at 1800 and 2000 on Christmas Eve, followed by 0930 on Christmas Morning. Hopefully, next year we'll be back to normal times.

Nativity sets, Advent Calendars, Catholic Diaries, Christmas Cards, and gifts.

These items are all available from the repository stall in church or by contacting Maria (07732278730) if you are unable to get to church. Diaries are priced £3.30. Please let Maria know if you would like one as, unlike other items, leftovers are no use next year! Hundreds of items, including beautiful nativity sets, can be viewed online at www.cbcdistributors.co.uk (no priced unfortunately) but Maria is happy to advise on prices.



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2nd Sunday of Advent Year C 5/12/21

Sunday 5 th	1000 Deceased Monaghan and McCaffrey Families
Monday 6 th	No Mass
Tuesday 7 th	1800 Val Earnshaw (RIP)
Wednesday 8 th	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM 0930 Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Thursday 9 th	1800 Margaret Quinn (RIP)
Friday 10 th	0930 Paul Mair (LD) 1130 Funeral of Bernadette Benson (St Joseph's, Preston)
Saturday 11 th	0930 People of the Parish
Sunday 12 th	1000 Kieran Sullivan (Birthday Anniversary)



SUNDAY MASS IS NOW LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE

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.
The Lady Chapel is now open again every day from 0800-1700

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
28 th Nov £381.30	Sunday - 139 Weekdays (total) - 96 Website - 70 Households

Thankyou

Keeping in Touch:

- Follow 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: Jack Price, Nora McLellan, Teresa Mansell, Molly Holford, Rose Lewis, Leonard Jinks, Theresa Hull, Ann Swales,

Baptism Anniversaries:

Daemon Alfie Cantrell	5 th December 2010
William Bowker-Harvey	6 th December 2009
Alfie Patrick Callaghan	9 th December 2012

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 27th November was Brenda Gray with No 9.

Penitential Service: In the light of Bishop Paul's Pastoral letter last Sunday, we will start making the sacrament of reconciliation more available once again. During the pandemic it has been available only on request, but we will now return to a regular time slot on a Saturday morning from 0900, before Mass, starting from Saturday 11th December, and Thursday evenings from 1730 before Mass. In addition, there will be a penitential service on Wednesday 22nd December at 7pm in St Wulstans. Although we are not permitted to give General Absolution, this will be the nearest thing! Please come along as part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas.

Holy Half Hour: We're hoping to reinstate exposition of the Blessed Sacrament again and would welcome suggestions for the best day and time to put it on.

Daily Rosary: We're also reinstating praying the Rosary 15 minutes before weekday Masses, starting on December 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Maria Stansfield will lead that day, but we would welcome volunteers for the other days of the week. Please let Maria know if you would like to take a turn.

Children's Liturgy: We hope we will be able to restart Children's Liturgy in the New Year.

Keeping Advent in mind: Each Thursday (7:30 - 8:30) a group from different parishes meets online to discuss the Sunday readings to deepen our understanding and appreciation of how our faith enriches daily life. Anyone is welcome to join - we're not experts and we take the readings but not ourselves seriously. Please email Martin Bennett at martwinben@gmail.com for the link or for more details.

The World-Wide Synod: As you know, Pope Francis has inaugurated a Synod of the whole Church, Laity and Clergy together. There is a good summary of what it is all about in this month's 'Catholic Voice' which is available this weekend. The consultation period for parishes is 15th December to 28th February. There will be three sessions for us to get together, and I have received the questionnaire that goes with them. This is not a great time of the year to start something like this, so may I suggest that we start in January and meet on the three Thursdays 13th, 20th, and 27th from 7-8pm. I will print off the questionnaires the week before the 13th.

Thank you: A big thank you to all who supported our fundraising event last weekend.

Thank you to Maureen and her team who raised £100 on the tombola, to Doreen and her team who raised £135 on the cake sale, to Lynn who raised £25 selling her home-made chutney and Maria who raised £330 selling toffee throughout November. At present our Grand Draw has raised £900. Please return tickets by Saturday as the draw will take place before Sunday Mass.

Reclaiming St Edmunds: During lockdown we have not been able to use St Edmunds as a church because of the cloth seating which could not be sanitised, as wooden seats can be. In some ways, it has been a blessing, as we have been able to use the building as a distribution centre for all the food deliveries we have made during the crisis. These numbers are not what they were, and we are hoping to get deliveries down to the bare minimum, ie to those who are unable to go to the Pantry to pick up. However, we are being cautious because numbers are starting to creep up again as Christmas nears, and families are feeling the effect of the loss of the £20 top-up to Universal Credit. We have set a date of January 31st for ending the deliveries from St Eds. The question then arises, "What do we want to do with the building after that?" Clearly, it would not make practical sense to open for just one hour a week, to cater for the Vigil Mass. I hope to have a parish meeting in early January to discuss what to do. Please give it some thought.

Ask your MP to end 'DIY' abortion: The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP. It only takes 30 seconds.

Research Project: Staff from Lancaster University are working in Fleetwood on research that will support future projects in the Town. They would like to hear your views on living and working in Fleetwood and there will be various opportunities to get involved. For the next two Wednesdays we'll be joined by researchers at our Information Centre, Affinity, and you can drop in to meet them and share your thoughts. Please contact us if you'd like to take part and help shape your community. Email listening@healthierfleetwood.co.uk or call 07399 093835.

Handmade Reindeer: As mentioned after Mass last week, Keith Urwin, who does such fabulous work looking after the parish gardens, has hand crafted reindeer from spare bits of wood, and they are really lovely. He'll have some on display on the Green Hut after Mass today.

PS from Brian Wood: In his excellent and very readable book *Alive In God*, which I recommend, Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP tells us about Brother Vincent OP who was blind from birth but, nevertheless, very adventurous. One day he set off to visit Liverpool. During the visit, he came up against what was clearly a very busy main road in the city centre. He asked the man next to him "May I cross the road with you?". The man replied "Certainly", grabbed his hand and they set off, accompanied by the noise of the screeching of brakes and the blaring of car horns. When they got to the other side, Brother Vincent said "Thank you for helping me across." The man replied "No, No, It was you who helped me, I'm blind." Dear Jesus, please help me always to see my way clearly to you, my Good Shepherd.