

REPEAT NOTICES

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Many people have told me they miss the Holy Half Hours we had before Covid, which included Benediction, so we will re-instate them in the New Year. With the new Mass schedule, I'm not sure what the best times would be. They used to be after 1200 Mass Wednesdays and 0900 Mass Saturdays, but both Masses are now at 0930. I suggest we start back with just Wednesdays from 1000-1030 for the time being, as we have Alpha at 1000 on Saturdays, and see how it goes. Having those twenty minutes or so, in silence before the Blessed Sacrament, is a beautiful time for prayer, and does the heart (and the soul) good.

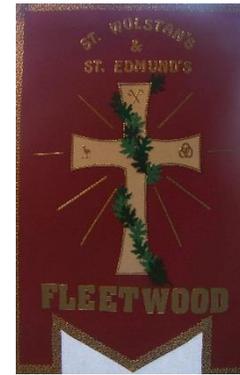
Help with Household Bills: As the new year approaches and the weather may quite possibly get colder, there is some extra help available for residents on a low income, who are struggling to pay their gas and electricity bills. Applications to Wyre Council's Household Support Fund, are now open, and will be processed in order of the date they are received. If you, or anyone you know, may need this help, go to www.wyre.gov.uk/householdsupport

Alpha 2022: As mentioned last week, the next Alpha course will take place at St Nicholas, starting on Saturday 15th January, with breakfast at 1000. If you have done the course and would like to help in some way, please put your name on the sheet at the back of church. If you haven't done the course but would very much like to - and it is really worthwhile - please put your name on the other sheet at the back of church, preferably before the 8th January. Thank you.

St Bernadette - Visitation of Relics: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has arranged for the relics of Saint Bernadette to be brought to England, autumn 2022. A programme of visits to diocesan cathedrals has yet to be drawn up, and we expect this to be done early in the New Year. We look forward very much to welcoming the relics of St Bernadette to Lancaster, mindful that the Diocesan Chief Patroness is Our Lady of Lourdes. This event provides an invitation for all of us to know the story of Saint Bernadette and to give her a place in our devotion in advance of our receiving her relics

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.

Exploring Vocation to Priesthood: A Day of reflection Exploring Vocation to the Priesthood. On Saturday 22 January 10.30am - 4pm we are hosting a day for any men, from 18yrs old, who are thinking about a priestly vocation. The day will include Mass, some time for reflection, discussion, adoration. Lunch will be provided. The venue is Our Lady and St Joseph, Warwick Square, Carlisle, CA1 1LB. There is no expectation of commitment. This day is offered to provide an occasion to reflect and think about vocation. If you would like to join us please book a place by email: fr.ruscillo@carlislecatholicchurch.org



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Baptism of the Lord Year C 9/1/22

Sunday 9 th	1000 Margaret McCann's Intentions
Monday 10 th	No Mass
Tuesday 11 th	1330 Funeral of Theresa Hampton 1800 Jean Roberts (LD)
Wednesday 12 th	0930 People of the Parish 1000 Holy Half Hour
Thursday 13 th	1800 Holy Souls
Friday 14 th	0930 Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Saturday 15 th	0930 Lancashire Infirm Clergy
Sunday 16 th	1000 Vincent Snape (LD)



SUNDAY MASS IS NOW LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE

CONFESSIONS: 0900 on Saturdays and 1730 on Thursdays

*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*

Collection	Attendance
2 nd Jan £446.70	Sunday - 114 Weekdays (total) - 85 Website - 73 Households
Thankyou	

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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: Kath Ogden, Nora Nicholson, Harold Young, Marie Raynor, Peggy Hayes, Robert Walsh, Martyn McVeigh.

Baptism Anniversary: Alfie Dewhurst-Harvey 10th January 2010

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St Peter's Church and the people of Abercrombie Road, Brock Avenue, Elizabeth Street, Highbury Avenue, Lower Lune Street, Percy Street, Southgate and Wraywood Close with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bonus Ball: Winner for 1st January was Colin Brown with No 42.

Meetings this week: Wednesday 12th 7pm Finance Committee In presbytery
Thursday 13th 7-8pm Synod discussion In Green Hut

Parish Preparation for the Worldwide Synod: The first three "Questions for Discussion" papers will be given out at Mass today and be available on the parish website. Please take the sheets away and fill them in, at your leisure, with your own personal views, or use them to make notes during our discussion at our first meeting on Thursday from 7-8pm in the Green Hut. This first session is about recalling our experiences of the Covid 19 pandemic and where we find ourselves now. The questions have been designed to match the questions and statements in our Diocesan survey, which correspond with the Synod questions provided by the Vatican. Two more discussions will follow on Thursdays 20th and 27th of January, and papers will be available on the preceding Sundays.

Discussion on St Edmunds: There was a very good turn out of 32 parishioners to discuss ideas about the future of the church building. There was a genuine sense of sadness that a building which held so many memories of family rites of passage was coming to the end of its useful life. Until Covid struck, it was being used for only one hour a week - the Vigil Mass on Saturdays. The last Baptism was in November 2014. There would have been one wedding last year, had the church not been forced to close during the pandemic, and there has been the occasional funeral.

Apart from those liturgies, the church stands empty. The overwhelming consensus at the meeting was that we should seek permission from the Diocese to close St Edmunds as a Mass Centre, and explore other uses which will benefit not only ourselves but the community in general.

For the last eight months, since we lost the use of the Marine Hall, St Edmunds has been the distribution centre for deliveries of food to the poor of Fleetwood, Thornton, Cleveleys, Poulton and Over Wyre. As a centre of outreach to the general public, it has certainly helped us to carry out the gospel precepts of clothing the naked, feeding the poor, visiting the sick etc. so you could say it has earned its keep in a very practical and Christian way.

Minutes of the meeting will be published on the parish website, and all ideas and suggestions for its future use are welcome.

White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-Life students are increasingly under attack on university campuses and Pro-life witness is being restricted by local government now more than ever: we must be able to speak freely about abortion if we are to protect unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

Latest from our Hospital Chaplain: Unfortunately, the year is not beginning happily, and the Trust has taken the difficult decision to further restrict visiting. There are special arrangements for children's and maternity, but otherwise there is no visiting except for End of Life care and those patients who need a carer (Learning disability, dementia, no knowledge of English etc.). May I remind you of the 'Attend Anywhere' system that may be of interest to any family or friends of patients you are supporting. It can be used to facilitate a 'Virtual Visit' between a patient and a family member if they do not have access to, or are unable to use, their own mobile phone. To set this up the family member should speak to the ward clerk to arrange a mutually convenient time.

New Parish Running Group: Sam Roberts, one of our parishioners, who is a qualified Fitness Trainer, is starting a running club beginning next Monday at 7.30pm, meeting outside the Green Hut. This will be an intermediate group. You should be able to run 4-5kms without stopping (although don't worry too much about this - we'll soon build you up!). This is an instructor-lead group in which to learn good running technique, build fitness and confidence, enhance mental well-being, have great fun and meet new friends. Cost £4 only. Information on other courses will be available next week. Sam has 10 year's experience, is fully insured, qualified and knowledgeable, has an enhanced DBS and is fully vaccinated. For further details go to her business page 'Fitness in mind with Sam Roberts'. (PS Sam is also responsible for the church steps and paths looking so clean and bright for Christmas!)

Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator: The diocese is looking to recruit a suitably qualified individual with significant safeguarding experience to the post of diocesan safeguarding coordinator. An exciting opportunity for a qualified person with recent or current experience in leading and delivering safeguarding services in either the statutory or voluntary sector. The post holder will have a minimum of 3 years safeguarding experience and hold a professional qualification gained in social work, public protection, health or education. The post holder will be expected to manage a varied portfolio of safeguarding case work, promote a culture of safeguarding in the diocese through support, advice and training initiatives. The Post is part time - 25 Hours per week. Salary IRO £27K - (subject to qualifications and experience). Office Base is in Lancaster - some home working is possible. Use of a car is essential as some travel within the Diocese is required. The Diocese of Lancaster is committed to implementing the new National Catholic Safeguarding Standards in order to create safe environments for all children and vulnerable persons who come into contact with us. Closing Date for Applications 9am Monday 17th January 2022. Interviews will be held on 24 January 2022 at The Pastoral Centre, Balmoral Road. Lancaster LA1 3BT Application packs are available from the safeguarding office safeguarding@lancasterrcdiocese.org.uk

Postscript from Brian Wood: Before being consecrated the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, The Reverend David Sheppard was a brilliant cricketer, playing for Sussex and England. For many years he successfully combined his pastoral work with his cricket. During a test match against the Australians, Fred Trueman had been toiling hard on a hot day with no success when, late in the afternoon, the Australian batsman had nicked a ball from Trueman towards Sheppard in the slips. Unfortunately, Sheppard dropped the catch. Trueman let out a loud expletive and shouted "The only time he ever gets his hands together is in church!". Dear Jesus, give me the grace to appreciate the efforts of others and to forgive easily their occasional failings.