

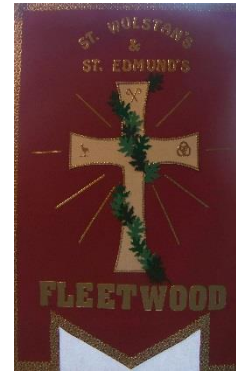
**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2019:** Thank you to those parents who turned up for the Parents' Meeting on Tuesday. The follow-up meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in the Lady Chapel. Please remember to bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.

### REPEATS

**Deanery Advent Service:** Our annual Deanery Service will be led by Cardinal Allen High School and will take place on Wednesday 12 December at 6pm in St Mary's. All welcome.

**Religious Advent Calendar:** These are now on sale as well as Christmas Cards, Nativities and Christmas Gifts ideas.

**The Alpha Course:** In the New Year, our parish will be hosting an Alpha Course, which will take place for 10 weeks on Saturday mornings from 10am-12noon, beginning on January 19<sup>th</sup>, in the school hall. The course is for anyone, whether they believe in God or not. It consists of a meal, a half-hour video talk, followed by discussion in small groups. Everything is free of charge. Alpha is about 20 years old now and is a well tried and tested way of introducing people to Christianity with special emphasis on getting to know Jesus in a very personal way. Millions of people around the world have done an Alpha Course, and for many of them, it has been a life-changing experience. If you have a friend or family member who might like to try it please invite them to come along. I will say more about it as the weeks go by. Feel free to ask me any questions about it in the meantime.



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### First Sunday of Advent Year C 2/12/18

Saturday 1st	1800 (E)	Bernard Roche (Anniversary)
Sunday 2nd	1000 (W)	Kev Cullen (Birthday Anniversary)
Monday 3rd	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 4th	0900 NB (W)	Joe Dutton (LD)
Wednesday 5th	1200(W)	James (Jake) Bywater (LD)
	1230 (W)	Holy Half Hour
Thursday 6th	0915 (W)	Whole School Advent Mass
		People of the Parish
	1830 (W)	Bessie Burn (LD)
Friday 7th	0900 (W)	Ron Beavers (ill)
Saturday 8th		<b>The Immaculate Conception of the BVM</b>
	1030 (W)	A sick and lonely friend (MS)
	1800 (E)	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
		Anne Marie Panter (seriously ill)
Sunday 9th	1000 (W)	Deceased Earnshaw & McVeigh Families

**Confessions:** 1100 - 1130 Saturdays (W) plus Holy Half Hour  
1730 - 1745 Saturdays (E)  
*Or anytime on request*

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

**Collection:** £739.35

**Attendance:** 160 (W) 47 (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:** Maurice Meehan, Margaret Lydon, Dorothy Gradwell, Jack Price, Nora McLellin, Teresa Mansell, Molly Holford, Arthur Isherwood, Leonard Jinks.

**Baptism Anniversaries:**

Lexi Jay Rawcliffe 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012  
Daemon Alfie Cantrell 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010  
William Bowker-Harvey 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Christmas Fayre:** A huge thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Fayre yet another great success. The total raised to date was £3597.00. Special thanks to Maria Doherty and her team for overseeing the organisation of the day and to Annie Benson for providing bacon butties and refreshments in the Green Hut. There is a list of prize winners for the Grand Christmas Draw, and the various stall raffles, at the back of our churches.

**Youth Sunday:** Another huge thanks, this time to our Young people, who led such a beautiful Mass for us last Sunday. Many people mentioned to me how moving the drama was, and inspiring the songs. What can I say about Grace's testimony, and her message of the sheer joy her relationship with Christ has brought into her life! I think it blew quite a few of us away, and gave hope to others who may be going through a hard time.

**Pensioners' Party:** Invitations to our school's party for our Senior Citizens on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, are at the back of church. If your envelope is not there, please see Maria Doherty.

**Ecumenical Advent Service:** The annual inter-church Advent Service will take place this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 1830 in St Nicholas' church. The singing will be supported by the Blackpool Male Voice Choir. All welcome.

**Christmas Talk:** What are we celebrating at Christmas? Talk and discussion led by Martin Bennett. Looking at the differences (and contradictions) between Matthew and Luke's infancy narratives, we will consider what they understood happened in Bethlehem, and how this helps us celebrate the birth of Jesus. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm at English Martyrs Church hall, Highcross Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.

**Bonus Ball:** Winners for 24<sup>th</sup> November were Kath Vincent and Sue Gow with No 10.

**EasyFunding:** Thank you to all those who use our Charity name when shopping online. This month £20.79 was raised for the parish, at no cost to the supporters, of which we now have 30. So far £661.45 has been raised in the last couple of years. Perhaps those who do Christmas shopping online, might like to nominate us, or one of their favourite Charities.

**Mini Vinnies Christmas Blessings Appeal:** The Mini Vinnies (Junior SVP) are a dedicated group of children in our school, age 6+, whose mission is to touch the lives of others by their thoughts, words and actions. With this in mind, they would like to collect **Brand New** toys and gifts (no second items please) to give to our less fortunate families this Christmas. If you can help with their appeal, gifts can be left at the school office or brought to Mrs Earnshaw. For more information please pick up a leaflet which explains everything, from the back of church. If you know of a family who would benefit from the Minnie Vinnie's appeal, please send the name in a sealed envelope (to keep details private) to the school.

**Closure of Poulton Road:** As you may have heard, Poulton Road from Beach Road to Broadway, will be closed for improvement works, from 6<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> December, but hopefully access to the church and school will not be too disruptive.

