

Bishop's Pastoral Letter: Just a reminder from the last paragraph of Bishop Paul's pastoral.

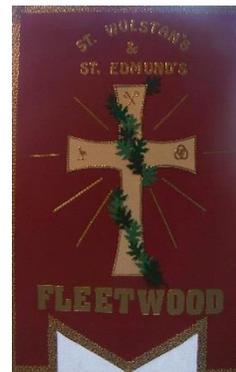
On a practical note, by way of conclusion to this long letter, I would like to suggest four things. I would like first, each Catholic home to have a crib at the heart of their Christmas decorations. Secondly, I would like each of us to try and do something this Christmas to alleviate suffering and hardship in any form. Thirdly, I ask you to make Mass the main event of Christmas, even if it is 'inconvenient'. Finally, I ask you to pray for unborn children. They are the children of God, present in the world, just as Jesus was present in the womb of Mary for those nine months prior to his birth.

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.

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



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Second Sunday of Advent Year C 9/12/18

Saturday 8th	1800 (E)	Anne-Marie Panter (seriously ill)
Sunday 9th	1000 (W)	Deceased Earnshaw & McVeigh Families
Monday 10th	No Mass	
Tuesday 11th	0900 (E) 1330(W)	Jim Moores Funeral Service for Julie McLoughlin
Wednesday 12th	1200 (W) 1230 (W)	Eucharistic Service Holy Half Hour
Thursday 13th	0915 (W)	Class Mass People of the Parish
Friday 14th	0900 (W) 1230 (W)	Jack Moraan (RIP) Funeral Service for Doreen O'Connor
Saturday 15th	1030 (W) 1800 (E)	Fr Michael Murphy's intentions Bernadette & Tom Delaney (RIP)
Sunday 16th	1000 (W)	Florrie Garrett (RIP)

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: £535.03

Attendance: 178 (W) 46 (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: Brenda Stott, Theresa Hull, Ann Swales, Joan Kilbane, Maria Murray, Helen Spittle, John O'Leary, Maureen Robinson.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Alfie Patrick Callaghan 9th December 2012
Nathaniel Charles Currey 13th December 2015

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St Wulstan's Church and the people of Bridge Street, Duncan Place, Hazel Avenue, London Street, Oxford Way, Silverdale Avenue and Wingrove Road with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bonus Ball: Winner for 1st December was Jane Conboye with No 57.

1st Holy Communion: The follow-up meeting for parents of next year's 1st Holy Communion children, will take place in the Lady Chapel at 7pm on Tuesday 11th December. Please make sure to bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate if the child was baptised in another parish. If your child was baptised at St Wulstan's or St Edmund's let Fr Alf have the date of when that was.

Christmas Mass Times:

Monday 24th - Christmas Eve - 1800 (W) Vigil Mass
2330 (W) Carols before Mass
2400 (W) Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th - Christmas Day - 0930 (E) Morning Mass

Confirmation: A big thank you to all who helped to make last Sunday's Confirmation ceremony such a wonderful occasion, not least our terrific candidates themselves. We pray that they will allow the Holy Spirit to lead and strengthen them in every step of their life's journey towards heaven. We also give thanks for Bishop Paul, who presided over our celebration with such joy.

Fleetwood Trust: As I mentioned last week, after over 3.5 years of trying, we have finally managed to buy Fleetwood Hospital from the NHS. This has been made possible by two large anonymous donations, and the creation of a Board of Trustees with various areas of expertise in finance, civil engineering, health services etc. There are ten of us on the Board, which will be chaired by Lord Tom McNally, an old boy from St Joseph's, Blackpool. The original vision of Tom Birch, (United Reform), Rev John Hall (St Peter's C of E) and myself (R.C.), was to give a United Christian witness to the gospel precepts of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which Our Lord urges on us, by creating a "one-stop" facility in the hospital, which would benefit the whole community, regardless of race, colour or creed. This is still at the heart of the vision, but some of our original ideas for the use of the floors have had to be modified to allow for an income stream to pay the running costs. On Thursday 13th there will be a public meeting in the hospital itself. People can visit anytime between 5pm to 8pm, entering by the North Albert St entrance. There will be a short presentation at 5.30pm and again at 7pm and people will be able to see the plans and ask any questions. The building itself is quite a mess inside, and could be cold, so wear a warm coat if you're coming.

A Plea from Phil Whiteside: "Sybil is missing friends. If you are passing Bispham Gardens, pop in for a cup of tea in the afternoon. She would love a visitor".

Congratulations: To Melissa & Scot Hardie who were married in St Wulstan's on Saturday. We pray that they will have a long and happy life together.

Christmas Concert: Fleetwood & District Choral Society are performing a Christmas Concert in St Mary's on Wednesday 19th December at 7.30pm. Entrance £5. Tickets are available from today - 2nd December.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Several people have asked about a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and I have received a 7 day and 10 day itinerary, (3rd-10th June or 3rd-13th June.) to choose from. The prices go from £1600-£2500, depending on which itinerary, and the numbers of people who go. The more people who go the cheaper it becomes. If anyone is interested let Fr Alf know asap and I will call a meeting to look at the options.

