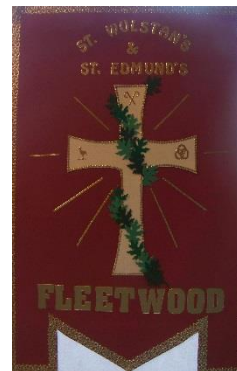


Sponsor a Refugee Family? Pope Francis recently made an appeal on behalf of the many refugees in our troubled world today - "May every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary of Europe, take in one family" A little group of us in the parish have been talking about responding to his plea, and doing a bit of research on what's involved. I heard on Wednesday that 4 parishes in our Diocese, and 26 other parishes in the North West, have already responded. What do you think? Shall we give it a go?

Repeats

Gardening Club: With all the uncertainty looming over Brexit, it has been suggested it would not be a bad thing to start growing our own vegetables. Our school has plans to do so in the near future, and I've been thinking for some time of using the presbytery garden. If you're interested and would like to talk about giving it a go, speak to Fr Alf.

Tailpiece: "Man's way leads to a hopeless end: God's way leads to an endless hope".



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1st Sunday of Lent Year C 10/3/2019

Saturday 9th	1800 (E)	Joe Dutton (RIP)
Sunday 10th	1000 (W)	Carol Finley (LD)
Monday 11th	No Mass	
Tuesday 12th	0900 (E)	Betty Smith (Birthday Anniversary)
	1130	Funeral of Canon Dakin, Sacred Heart, Thornton
Wednesday 13th	1200 (W)	Terry Halford (LD)
Thursday 14th	1830 (W)	Fr Gerry Dunn (RIP)
Friday 15th	0900 (W)	Deceased Drake Family Members
	1130 (W)	Funeral Service for Callum Fyall RIP
Saturday 16th	0845 (W)	People of the Parish
	1800 (E)	Anna-Maria Panter (v.ill)
Sunday 17th	1000 (W)	Pauline Greenall (Anniversary)

Confessions:

1730 - 1745 Saturdays (E)
0915 - 0945 Sundays (W) *(Till further notice)*
Or anytime on request

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

Collection: £573.50 **Attendance:** 141 (W) 58 (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: Patricia Williamson, Winifred Gibbons, Rose McKenna, Allen Miller, Mary Carr, Charles, Charles Monaghan, Marjorie Morgan.

Baptism Anniversary:

Harry and Lilly Cook 10th March 2013

Evie-Lea Nolan 11th March 2018

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St Nicolas' Church and the people of Aider Court, Byron Street, Ettrick Avenue, Homestead Way, Manor Wood, Poulton Grove, Staveley Grove with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Meetings this Week:

Maintenance Committee - 7pm - Tuesday in the presbytery.

Prayer Group - 1pm - Wednesday in the Green Hut.

Stations of the Cross: Will take place in St Wulstan's at 3pm on Sundays during Lent, starting this Sunday 10th.

Alpha: Next Saturday will be an extended day to consider "Who is the Holy Spirit and What does the Holy Spirit do?"

Lent Lunches: This Friday's Lent lunch will take place at Emmanuel at The Mount from 1200-1400.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: You will have received today the CAFOD envelope for the Lent family fast day which is this Friday. Keep the fast as you wish - you may like to eat a simple meal or forgo a glass of wine or beer. Please put your offering into the envelope and return it to church next weekend. CAFOD supports projects overseas and enables people to plan for their needs and sustainability. Thank you. Viv CAFOD Rep

Gift Aid - are you a tax payer? If you are a tax payer, you can increase the amount you donate to the parish by using Gift Aid. We can claim back 25p for every £1 you give. There is no extra cost to you and is easily arranged by completing a form with your details. Please contact Maria Doherty for a declaration form or more details.

Offertory envelopes for 2019-20 are available from this weekend.

Repository: New cards in stock include St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter cards as well as cards for other occasions. There is also a large selection of religious and gift items. Please ask if there is something you would like Maria to order for you.

Bonus Ball: Winner for 2nd March was Nicola Wilson with No 54. Just a reminder that half-yearly subs of £25.00 are now due. As mentioned last week, the Bonus Ball has paid for a lot of extraneous things over the years we have been operating, and these are just a few. Vestments for St Edmunds, leaving presents for our Head and Deputy Head, Easter Eggs and Christmas Boxes for our Altar Servers & Sacristans, Train fairs & accommodation for Alpha & RCIA courses, plants for the lawns, Bibles for Catechumens and so on. Generally speaking the Bonus Ball pays for things which are good to do, but might be questioned if they went through the parish account. So thank you to everyone who takes part in the weekly draw, and welcome to anyone else who would like to take part. See Anne Holland or Nicola Wilson for details.

Day of Discernment for Priesthood: Young Catholic men (16+) in the Diocese are invited to discern and reflect on this vocation. Come and see on Saturday 30th March at St Joseph's Church, Lancaster, LA1 2HU. The Day begins with Mass at 10.00am and concludes at 2.00pm. For more information please contact Fr D Etienne on 01253 762227 or frdanieletienne@gmail.com.

Day of Recollection: On 'Prayer' with Fr Raphael S.S.S a Blessed Sacrament Father, Saturday 23rd March 2019 from 10.00am including Holy Mass at 12noon. Pope John Paul Centre (St John Vianney's Parish Centre) Glastonbury Avenue, Blackpool, FY1 6RD. All welcome. Bring a packed lunch - drinks provided. Contact 01253 692562.

Lourdes - An Appeal from Bishop Paul: The dates for the pilgrimage are 26th July 2nd August 2019 and the pastoral theme this year is "Blessed are the poor, for the Kingdom of God is theirs". Please consider coming! We need all pilgrims, especially nurses, carers, brancardier (male carers) & young people. It is through the support of these volunteer groups that we can take sick pilgrims from our diocese. Do you know of a sick person who would benefit from a week away? Flights are from Manchester Airport. For more information please contact www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-lancaster-2019. The Young people (Year10+) travel overland by coach 25th July - 3rd August 2019. Please visit www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/events-whats-on.

More Than Meets The Eye: We're all familiar with Adrian's talent in playing the organ, and some of his liturgical compositions, but I've recently become aware that he is also a composer of meditative electronic music which goes out on YouTube and his website. If you'd like to listen go to www.biodiode.com.

