

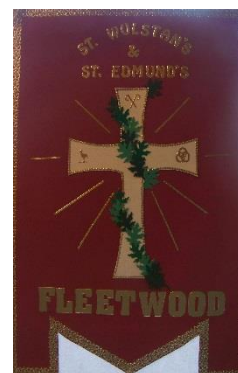
**Sponsor a Refugee Family?** Pope Francis recently made an appeal on behalf of the many refugees in our troubled world today - "May every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary of Europe, take in one family" A little group of us in the parish have been talking about responding 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?

**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.

**Tailpiece:** **MAMIHLAPINATAPAI** - According to the Guinness Book of Records, this is the most succinct word and the hardest to define. It is a term used in the Fuegian language, spoken in Southern Argentina. It means *"Two people looking at one another without speaking; each hoping that the other will offer to do something which both parties desire but neither is willing to do"*



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### 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C 17/3/2019

Saturday 16th	1800 (E)	Anna-Maria Panter (v.ill)
Sunday 17th	1000 (W)	Pauline Greenall (Anniversary)
Monday 18th	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 19th	0900 (E)	<b>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH</b>
		Eileen Fisher (LD)
Wednesday 20th	1200 (W)	Mary and Frank Waring (Anniversary)
Thursday 21st	1830 (W)	People of the Parish
Friday 22nd	0900 (W)	Pat Wilson (LD)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	0845 (W)	Holy Souls
	1800 (E)	Charles Robert Scott (LD)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	1000 (W)	Charles and Patrick Monaghan (RIP)

#### 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:** £524.01

**Attendance:** 160 (W) 41 (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:** Mary Brunell, Pauline Greenall, Frank Waring, Edith Brown

**Baptism Anniversary:**

Harriet Amelia Belk 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Shae Ben Doughty 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Alban James Callaghan 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

**Churches Together Prayer Calendar:** This week we are praying for St Wulstan's Church and the people of Allen Close, Calder Avenue, Euston Crescent, Honister Close, Maple Avenue, Poulton Road, The Strand with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

**NEW NOTICES**

**Bonus Ball:** Winners for the 9<sup>th</sup> March were Charlotte O'Halloran and Chris Crowther with No 2.

**Meetings this Week:**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - 1830 - Full Governors' Meeting in school.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - 1900 - Finance Meeting in Presbytery.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - 1900 - Bible Share in Presbytery

**Stations of the Cross:** Will take place in St Wulstan's at 3pm on Sunday.

**Alpha:** This week's topic is "Does God heal today?"

**Lent Lunches:** This Friday's Lent lunch will take place at Fleetwood Methodist from 1200-1400, and will be supported by St David's.

**Altar Servers' Mass:** Advance Notice for your diaries - There will be a Mass for all Altar Servers and their families, celebrated by the Bishop, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 1215 in Lancaster Cathedral, followed by a social gathering in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Details to follow nearer the time

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2019:** Due to very popular support this year, all places have been taken. Should anyone want to go in 2020 (the re-consecration of Mary's Dowry) sign up now by contacting Paul Briers at: [guildshop@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:guildshop@yahoo.co.uk)

**Late Vocation?** The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30-55, from 30<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September, at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales. The weekend is hoping to reach men who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. Information and registration at: [www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernmentweekend-older-men](http://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernmentweekend-older-men)

**Family Weekend 24-26<sup>th</sup> May:** Castlerigg is hosting a chance for the whole family to have a lovely weekend in The Lakes. For more information, go to [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/new-events](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/new-events)

**Thankyou from Friends of the Holy Land:** We have received a letter thanking us for the kind donation of £270.00 raised from Afternoon Tea at St Wulstan's Green Hut. This will enable us to continue to support those who need it most in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Over the last year our supporters have helped us to achieve the following:

40 day-care places for elderly ladies at St Martha's House

67 places funded at the School of Joy

84 families received income support to cover their basic needs

176 ad-hoc medical and welfare projects

229 school / university fees paid

400 families received a One-off Easter payment

The letter concludes: "Thank you once again, as everything you do makes a difference. Please remember the work of FHL, and those we support, in your prayers".

**REPEATS**

**Bonus Ball:** The Bonus Ball has paid for a lot of extraneous things over the years we have been operating. 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 thankyou 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:frdanieletienne@gmail.com).