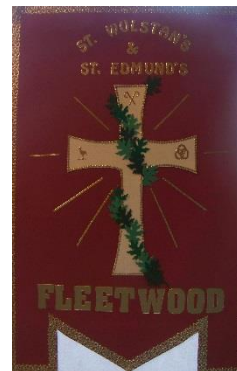


**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Will take place from 23<sup>rd</sup> July-1<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Details and booking forms are at the back of church. £779 for Adults flying, £595 for Youth, travelling by coach.

### Repeats

**Vote for Both Lives:** Right to Life UK has launched the above campaign in the run-up to the General Election in which people are asked to email prospective candidates asking them to take the Both Lives Pledge. For further info log onto [info@righttolife.org.uk](mailto:info@righttolife.org.uk).

**Invitations:** For our Senior Citizens' Christmas party in St Wulstan's school hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December are at the back of church. If your name is not there please let Maria Doherty know.



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### *2nd Sunday of Advent Year A 8/12/2019*

Saturday 7th	1800 (E)	O'Halloran & Wilson Families
Sunday 8th	1000 (W)	Fr Ed McCann (LD)
Monday 9th	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 10th	0900 (E)	Deceased Gilmartin & Mitchell Families
Wednesday 11th	<b>The Immaculate Conception</b>	
	1200 (W)	Jack Hargreaves (LD)
	1230 (W)	Holy Half Hour
Thursday 12th	1830 (W)	Stephen Dempsey (cancer)
Friday 13th	0900 (W)	George & Agnes Rowe (RIP)
Saturday 14th	0900 (W)	People of the Parish
	1800 (E)	Margaret Guatelli (LD)
Sunday 15th	1000 (W)	Patrick & June Dempsey (Golden Wedding)

**Confessions:** Saturdays 0930-1000 (W) / 1730-1745 (E)  
*Or anytime on request*

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

**Collection:** £656.70

**Attendance:** 167 (W) 61 (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:** Leonard Jinks, Arthur Isherwood, Brenda Stott, Theresa Hull, Ann Swales, Joan Kilbane, Maria Murray, Helen Spittle.

**Baptism Anniversaries:**

Alfie Patrick Callaghan 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012  
Nathaniel Charles Currey 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** Winning number for 30<sup>th</sup> November was No 51, no-one has this number.

**Christmas Fayre:** A huge thanks to all involved in making our annual fundraiser a huge success. The total raised was £3,344.00, a tremendous effort. Special thanks to Maria Doherty for overseeing the organisation, and Annie Benson for the catering. A list of prize winners is at the back of church.

**Meetings this Week:**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - 1530 - SVP Meeting in the presbytery.  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - 1830 - Welcome Project Meeting in the presbytery.  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> - 1000 - Alpha Reunion in the Green Hut.

**Pensioners' Party CAHS:** The minibus will leave St Wulstan's at 1pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and return at 3pm. Will those people who signed up for the party please let Fr Alf know if you will **not** be using the minibus, so that we're not waiting for people who may be going independently.

**Keeping Chris in Christmas:** Posters are available at the back of church for anyone who would like to place one in their windows at home.

**Silence:** In view of our plan to take 15 minutes a day, from the frenetic build-up to a material Christmas, for silent prayer, I came across this quote from "Time for God" by Jacques Philippe.

"I'd really like to do a mental prayer, but I don't have the time." How often this has been said! And in a hyperactive world like our own, the difficulty is a real one and should not be underestimated. But time is not always the real problem. That real problem is knowing what matters in life. As a contemporary author remarked, no one yet has starved to death because they didn't have time to eat. We always find (or rather take!) the time to do what really matters to us... People are no longer capable of finding time for one another, time to be with one another. In learning to give time to God, we will certainly become more able to find time to be there for one another. Our attentiveness to God will teach us to be attentive to others.

**Alpha Reunion:** Last week we completed the second of our Alpha courses, in which about 35 people took part. From the evaluation sheets, most participants got something very helpful to their ongoing journey of faith, and thoroughly enjoyed it. Alpha is a very 'User-friendly' introduction to the person of Jesus Christ, and makes no demands on people as to what course of action they may take as a result of the course. That is left to the action of the Holy Spirit. The reunion on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1000 in the Green Hut, is an opportunity for anyone thinking of doing an Alpha course, to hear from participants what they made of it, with a view to encouraging others. We all know that apart from our young people, the next biggest group uninvolved is the 20-35 year age group. You might like to suggest to those you know to give it a go.

**Christmas Mass Times:**

Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	1800	CAHS Carol Service at Sacred Heart, Thornton.
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Our school Carol Service in St Wulstan's.
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	1000	End of Term Mass at CAHS.
	1900	Penitential Service in St Wulstan's.
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
	1800 (W)	Vigil Mass
	2330 (W)	Carols before Mass
	2400 (W)	Midnight Mass
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
	0930 (E)	Mass of the Nativity

