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**A Note from the Hospital Chaplain:** If you have people there whom you would like the Catholic Chaplain to visit you can call him at St Kentigern's on 01253 393439. The Hospital Chaplaincy Office number is 01253 953876 or you can email [bfwhospitals@nhs.net](mailto:bfwhospitals@nhs.net). In urgent cases ring the switchboard 01253 300000 and ask for the on-call Catholic Chaplain.

#### Mass for the Sick, their Families, NHS Front-Line and Social Care workers:

In order to show spiritual solidarity with all the above, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in his Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm:-  
14th May Bishop Robert Byrne CO Newcastle Cathedral, 21st May Bishop Mark Davies - Shrewsbury Cathedral  
28th May Bishop Terence Drainey - Middlesbrough Cathedral  
See the Bishops' Conference Webpage ([cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)) for the live-streaming of these Masses.

#### Useful websites and phone numbers

[NHS 111 coronavirus](#) or call 111 if you are concerned about your condition  
- do not visit a GP surgery, pharmacy or A&E department if you have symptoms.

[Fleetwood Together](#) or telephone 01253 774313

Co-ordinating the Town's response, supporting local residents in urgent need of help with food or other essential items.

[Wyre Together](#) or telephone 01253 891000

Support for those on the NHS shielded list, those with no support from family, neighbours or carers.

Signposting to groups and services.

[Lancashire Volunteer Partnership](#) or telephone 01772 416417

providing befrienders who can call individuals on a regular basis for a chat and to make sure they are OK. Volunteers welcome.

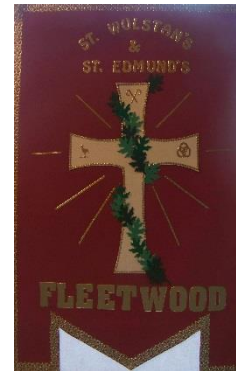
[AGE UK](#) is offering support locally and nationally. Referrals to these services can be made via 0300 303 1234 or [advice@ageuklancs.org.uk](mailto:advice@ageuklancs.org.uk)

**Empty Containers:** There has been an appeal from the Foodbank for containers with lids, in which to decant washing powder, which we receive in bulk, but which needs to be shared out among many people. If you have any, you can drop them at the presbytery, Thank you.

**Glory Bees:** Our girls are out in force at the moment, and, hopefully, if the good weather persists, we may have a more successful honey crop than last year's bad summer allowed. You can help by making your garden bee-friendly eg grow lots of traditional cottage-garden flowers such as catmint, lavender, lupins, comfrey, geraniums and scabious. Grape hyacinth and lungwort are great for early spring, while asters, cosmos and helenium flower into autumn. Bees have different length tongues, so grow both deep flowers like foxgloves, and shallow ones like dyers chamomile. Don't use pesticides.

**Our Centenary:** As you know we will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Wulstan's 2025 so it would be good to start gathering memorabilia, photos, anecdotes, tales of characters, parish priests, events, history, which we can put towards a great celebration. If you have photos to share, please put your name on the back, and annotate any people you know in the photo. Please hand in at the presbytery. They will be returned to you after they have been scanned.

**Repository ~ Cards etc :** There have been several requests for cards and other items during the last few weeks and they have been delivered as requested. If you need any cards ie Mass cards or birthday cards, please contact Maria (07732278730) and she will deliver them to you.



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### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A 17/5/20

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Roche (Anniversary) 1000 (On Parish website)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda McHugh (LD) 1500 Cremation of Clifford Scott (RIP)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Philip Corns (LD)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> 1900 (On Parish Website) People of the Parish
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Wilson (LD) 1400 Cremation of Pat Wilson (RIP)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bernadette and Tom Delaney (RIP)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Neville Colbert (LD) 1000 (On Parish Website)

**CONFESSIONS:** On request - providing social distancing is observed

**Both our churches are closed until further notice**

**Collection:**  
£234.00

**Attendance (Website)**  
324 households

Thankyou.



**Please pray for:** All the sick and housebound of our parish family and also those in care or in hospital

**Anniversaries this Week:** Wyn Gowling, Pearl Crawford, Josie Ellwood.

**Baptism Anniversaries:** Alexander Benedict Currey 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Churches Together Prayer Calendar:** This week we are praying for Fleetwood United Reformed Church and the people of Arndale Close, Chaucer Road, Flag Street, Kenilworth Court, Medlock Place, Rhyl Street, Toronto Avenue and Birkbeck Place with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

## NEW NOTICES

**Bonus Ball:** Winning number for May 9<sup>th</sup> was No 59. Nobody has that number.

**Heavens' Bells!:** An edited note from one of our neighbours - 'Forgive us our tardiness, but we would just like to give thanks and encourage the church for the blessed musical offering of the bells at Christmas. We live in a Christian household down Coniston Avenue and were delighted to hear the various carols coming from the church on Christmas morning. We really appreciated your kind act of service in order to bless the local community. Thank you for making a cherished day even more special. It is something we will always remember. We pray for the Body of Christ in this time of tribulation. May God bless you and keep you'. Wasn't that kind of them! There was also a donation of £5.00.

**Joan Casey:** Latest news is that Joan, who has been seriously ill in hospital for the last two weeks, is being discharged back to Milton Lodge on Friday. We pray for a full recovery.

### Reflection from Sr Margaret Atkins (from Boarbank Convent) on the Lock-down:

Out of the blue, most of the world was invited on retreat. We were forced to ponder our mortality, our vulnerability, our weakness, our ignorance. We were prompted to repent of the collective thoughtlessness of our modern way of life and its side-effects. We have had to slow down, to abandon our ordinary routines, to wean ourselves from the addictions of 'business as usual'. Our values have been overturned: care workers, fruit pickers, parcel packers and cleaners have become our new saints, while go-getters, celebrities and billionaires kick their feet in their own homes. We have rediscovered our neighbours, and even our own families. We have shared our fears and anxieties; we have grieved together, even at a distance, for the wonderful individual human beings we have lost. We have publicly honoured courage, fidelity, and simple acts of kindness. We have learnt to value statesmanlike modesty, honesty and truthfulness over political bluster. The religious among us have been praying more intensely, with more focus, than for decades, despite the disruption of our normal supports. And many, many others, who do not normally pray, have begun to join us, without embarrassment. We know that we cannot do this by ourselves. And we have all been in this together: rich and poor, famous and unknown, old and young, strong and weak, from every corner of the globe, together, we have shared fear, anxiety, sorrow, compassion and love. In our own country, at least, we were blessed with a backdrop of a glorious springtime. It was filled with birdsong we could hear, flowers we had time to notice, birds and animals that grew in confidence when we withdrew. "Nature is filled with words of love, but how can we listen to them amid constant noise?" wrote Pope Francis five years ago in *Laudato Si'*. Suddenly, the noise has stopped, and we have a chance to listen. Let us listen to the sounds of nature, let us listen to the tradition of our faith, and let us listen once again to the Holy Father's appeal. Rereading *Laudato Si'* would not be a bad place to start.

**Thankyou:** A note from Joan Mitchell - 'My thanks to the Parishioners and yourself who have said prayers, sent flowers, cards and visited me during my illness. God Bless'.

**Pax Christi Annual General Meeting:** Due to Coronavirus, the AGM will be online on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 1015 for a 1030 start. To take part go to [info@paxchristi.org.uk](mailto:info@paxchristi.org.uk) to find the link or phone 0208 203 4884.

**Caring for our Common Home:** On the Feast of Pentecost five years ago (24 May 2015), Pope Francis unveiled his great encyclical letter on the environment, ecology and climate change: *Laudato Si* (Praise Be), addressed not just to the Catholic Church, but to the whole of humanity, as we face the global climate emergency, to encourage us to build a better world together. **The week of 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 has been designated "Laudato Si week" when we are asked to pray about caring for Our Common Home.** It will end on Sunday, 24 May, with a global day of prayer. Pope Francis has encouraged us all to participate in *Laudato Si'* Week through a [video message](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHzOWp8ZQY&feature=youtu.be). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHzOWp8ZQY&feature=youtu.be>

**Laudato Si Study Guides** can be downloaded at CAFOD <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical-Or-Columbans> <http://www.columbans.co.uk/news/laudato-si-columban-study-and-action-guide/> CAFOD at <http://jp.liverpool.org.uk/resources>

### 'Children's Challenge'

Our latest challenge : Our 'Glory Bees' are very happy in their lovely homes in the presbytery garden but would like names for their hives. Can you help? Email ideas to [wulstans@gmail.com](mailto:wulstans@gmail.com) For more details, Please see our website.



We had a good response to the recent 'Saints' challenge with some very comprehensive alphabetical list of saints, pictures and even a PowerPoint presentation! They have been published on the website. The pictures of Fr Alf, drawn by our children are available here ~ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TMXnW7bHI4>

**Postscript from Brian Wood:** How many times do we wake up in the night and cannot get back to sleep? Prayer during the night is profound and is always heard in the darkness. So try it. Dear Jesus, help me to pray during the night, and remind me that the Trappist Monks know a good thing when they see it.

## REPEATS

**Syrian Cook Book:** Siobhan, from our Welcome Project, has written to say that LCC has produced a new cook book in conjunction with some of our Fleetwood Syrian families. It looks lovely and contains some of these lovely dishes we have tasted in the past. It's ready for pre-order now and will be available from the end of month. I'm hoping (Covid-19 permitting) to get the ladies to make some of these dishes after Ramadan - which can be donated to some of the great volunteers that are working so hard in the community. This is a way for our families to say thank you for all the support they have received during this strange time, but also as a way for the Syrians to get involved with their community too and, of course, to promote how delicious their food is. Thanks Siobhan x