

A gentle reminder: Please do not attend Mass if you have any of the following symptoms: a fever; a new persistent cough; shortness of breath; a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell. If you do experience any of these symptoms, you should self-isolate for 10 days as per new government guidance, and call 119 for a swab test.

Special Collections: The Holy See and Bishops' Conference have requested that the special collections that were not taken during the pandemic should be rescheduled for the autumn. Parishioners who have already put the relevant special collection envelopes in are not asked to give a second time. The Bishop will circulate a list of dates for our diocese, when these become available, and has asked that at this time, we should not forget to support, for example, the Apostleship of the Sea, which is helping seafarers stranded on ships.

Parish Centenary Co-ordinator: Mary Bird has very kindly agreed to be the co-ordinator of any memorabilia people might like to contribute to St Wulstan's centenary celebrations in 2024. If you have any photos, articles, anecdotes or things of interest, even curiosity, to share, then contact Mary on 01253 770564. All photos will be scanned and returned to their owners.

Parish Prayer Group on Zoom: Takes place every Saturday at 1000. Code for this Saturday is 882 174 7392 and the Password is Abc123

Zoom Green Hut Tea and Coffee: Feel free to join us on Zoom after Mass on Sunday from 1100-1130, having made yourself a nice cuppa. See repeat news overleaf for details. To join
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6786424346?pwd=dzhJRmFwVXJ5UjQZODZyYXlnZlNkdz09>
The Meeting ID: 678 642 4346 Password: 7Ajkr7

Help to get out and about: Community Transport is a door-to-door service available to Lancashire residents who find it difficult to access public transport. Fares are payable to the driver (currently £2 each way) and can provide access to local supermarkets and other destinations. Tel: 01772 537290 for info.

Keeping in Touch:

- Follow **Twitter** <https://twitter.com/ssWulstanEdmund>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/st.wulstansfleetwood/> / **Instagram:** St Wulstan & St Edmund

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. In urgent cases ring the switchboard 01253 300000 and ask for the on-call Catholic Chaplain.

PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE CORONAVIRUS:

Almighty and eternal God, from whom the whole universe receives energy, existence and life, we come to you to invoke your mercy, because today we are still living the fragility of the human condition in the experience of a new viral epidemic.

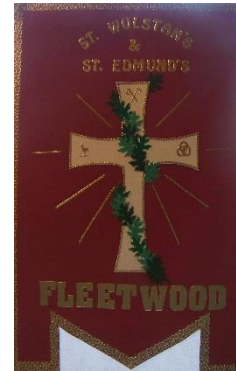
We believe that it is you who guides the course of human history and that your love can change our destiny for the better, whatever our human condition may be.

This is why we entrust the sick and their families to you: for the Paschal mystery of your Son gives salvation and relief to their body and their spirit.

Help each member of society do their job by strengthening the spirit of mutual solidarity. Support doctors and health workers, educators and social workers in the performance of their duty.

Free us from the epidemic that is affecting us so that we can calmly resume our usual occupations and praise you and thank you with a heart renewed.

We trust you and address our plea to you for Christ our Lord. Amen



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21st Sunday of Year A 23/8/20

Sunday 23 rd	1000 (W) John and Sarah Gilmartin (RIP) (Will also be on Parish Website at the same time)
Monday 24 th	No Mass
Tuesday 25 th	1800 (W) Mary-Ellen Frilot (LD)
Wednesday 26 th	0930 (W) Alan Stansfield (Birthday Anniversary)
Thursday 27 th	St Monica 1800 (W) Thanksgiving for all who prayed for Amy's heart operation
Friday 28 th	St Augustine 0930 (W) Thanksgiving for Damien Murphy's recovery
Saturday 29 th	0900 (W) Jennifer Oroson (Cancer recovery)
Sunday 30 th	1000 (W) People of the Parish (Will also be on Parish website at the same time)

CONFESSIONS: On request - providing social distancing is observed

St Edmund's church is closed until further notice.
St Wulstan's will be open from 30 minutes before the start of each Mass.

Collection: £585.14	Attendance (Website) 163 Households	Attendance in Person Sunday 47 : Weekdays 50 (total)
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Thankyou.



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

Anniversaries this Week: Eva Dodd, Ruth Pirie, Elizabeth Probert, Anne Peoples.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Lily Rose Dalglish 26th August 2012

Noah Jacob Dovey 28th August 2011

Kobi Lynton Pratt 29th August 2010

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for Trinity Baptist Church and the people of Belmont Road, Custom House Lane, Grasscourt Close, Larkholme Avenue, Nansen Road, Rowntree Avenue and Welbeck Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bonus Ball: Winners for 15th August were Vicki Hardacre and Alexander Currey with No 21.

World Creation Day: Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by his encyclical "Laudato Si", which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for its protection." This Day of Prayer begins the Season of Creation, observed by Christians around the world, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

The key messages from Pope Francis include the following:

- We are called to protect creation-and we are missing the mark. "Something good in the eyes of God has become something exploitable in human hands."
- The Season of Creation is a "time to re-acquaint ourselves with praying immersed in nature, where our gratitude to the creator God arises spontaneously."
- The Season of Creation is a time to grow in sustainability. "This is the time to reflect on our lifestyles . . . Let's change and adopt simpler and more respectful lifestyles!"
- The Season of Creation is a time to urge governments to enact better climate policies. "This is the time to take prophetic actions" and governments have the task of "demonstrating political will, to drastically hasten their measures to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible . . . in line with the Paris Agreement goals."

And talking of Creation... Some of the vegetables we have sown in the presbytery garden have started to mature and are ready for consumption. Hopefully, we'll have some cabbages available after Mass Sunday. If you'd like to try them, any donations made will go towards the Foodbank. They are, of course, holy cabbages with a tender heart.

Thank you: To all the Stewards who have made public Mass in St Wulstan's possible since the lockdown rules were lifted, and thank you to all attending for co-operating so well with the current regulations. Special thanks to Joe Callaghan for his contribution of hymns to accompany our weekly televised Mass.

Easyfunding: Thank you to our regular on-line shoppers who nominate our parish as their chosen charity. It brings in a small but steady trickle to parish funds and is greatly appreciated.

Zoom Bible Share? Following the success of the Zoom prayer group, after Mass 'coffee' and Quiz nights, would people who took part in our weekly Bible share before lockdown, or others eager to join, like to give a Zoom Bible share a go? Let Fr Alf know.

The Last Rites: I have noticed in recent years, that many Catholics in our parish have died without receiving the last sacraments. In days gone by, the first person a Catholic family called when someone was dying, or seriously ill, was the priest. Nowadays, often the first time I know someone has died is when the funeral director rings to book a funeral. This could be because the family of the deceased does not practice, or is maybe unaware of the power of these sacraments which include absolution, anointing and, if the dying person is able, receiving Holy Communion - ("viaticum" or food for the final journey). Receiving these sacraments when preparing to meet Our Lord face to face, brings tremendous consolation to people of faith, and often a wonderful peace of mind. It's a tradition we should make our children aware of for when the time comes.

Our Lovely Patrick: Patrick's mum Catherine has written: "Hi Father Alf. To help us, we are trying to find a personal assistant for Patrick. Hours will be flexible 2-3 days a week. If interested, people can contact me on 07710 196506 for more information. Thank you".

Postscript from Brian Wood: How important is our Morning Offering! It offers the opportunity to consecrate every single action of our day as a prayer, and makes use of everything we do, say or think. We can dedicate it all to our favourite intentions, or we can simply leave it all to Our Lord. Dear Jesus, help me always to consecrate all I do to you.

REPEAT NOTICES

Sunday Mass: We are once again celebrating Mass in St Wulstan's on Sundays at 1000. Mass will continue to be televised at the same time for those unable to, or not yet ready to, return to a publicly celebrated Mass. We are acutely aware that the Covid crisis is not yet over, and is unlikely to be, until a vaccine is found. For that reason we have taken a very cautionary and gradual approach to getting back to 'Normal' by distributing Mass times throughout the week, allowing more people to come than could have been fitted in on a Sunday. Hopefully, until things do return to normal, some people will still attend Mass on their chosen weekday, in order to share the opportunities available for Mass.

A few reminders about attending Mass to ensure the safety of all present:

- ❖ Face masks must be worn in church and social distancing (1m) should be observed at all times.
- ❖ If you wish to light a candle please do so **before** Mass so that, at the end of Mass, everyone can leave in an orderly manner without causing congestion.
- ❖ Please wait until you are away from the church building to stop for a chat.
- ❖ Please follow the directions from the stewards who are there to help - you will be invited to receive communion one person from each side of church alternately, and invited to leave church in an ordered way to ensure everyone's safety.
- ❖ Please try not to touch church benches or other surfaces unnecessarily.
- ❖ Church is open half an hour before the start of each Mass, **please do not come earlier** as there must be two stewards present whenever church is open for Mass. (Bishops' directive)