

Join Us! The National SVP are launching a recruitment drive, and is offering some information meetings on-line over a week starting on Tuesday November 24th. The topics covered are: Partnering with the SVP / Forming new Conferences and Services / Parish outreach Groups / Supporting your existing Conferences / and Joining the SVP. In our parish, we have been very blessed over the years with an active and compassionate Conference, which has done a huge amount of good for the poor and needy of Fleetwood. When this pandemic is over, there will still be people in need of the wonderful work of the SVP, so new members will be very welcome. To register for the Zoom SVP information meetings, email: membership@svp.org.uk.

E Book: may be downloaded free of charge to any computer/ tablet/ phone. It offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year B, followed by a reflection. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney. Go to: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/



Train to Teach with the Catholic Teaching Alliance: Are you looking for a new challenge? Would you like a job where no two days are the same? Have you considered training to be a teacher? If you, or somebody you know is, or soon to be, a graduate, the Catholic Teaching Alliance, based in Preston, offers bespoke PGCE training in Early Primary, Primary, Secondary (Preston or Blackburn) and

Secondary 14-19 (Post 16). With over 60 schools in the alliance they are able to offer a range of experiences in a variety of locations. Please contact them for further information, or to book onto one of their online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

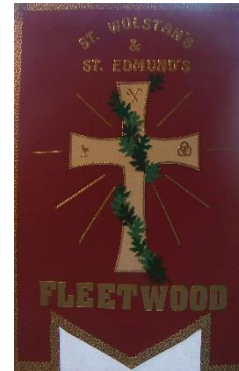
Christmas Draw: We will not be able to hold our Christmas Fair this year but will be having our usual Christmas Draw which we hope you will support with your usual generosity. Tickets are now available. If you are not able to get out and would like tickets delivered or if you are able to donate a prize, please ring Maria D (07732278730) or Maria S (07394181554).



Christmas Cards, Nativity sets and gifts: Cribs, Religious Christmas Cards, Calendars, Catholic Diaries and other gifts will soon be available at the back of church. These, other religious items and

gift items may also be viewed online www.cbcdistributors.co.uk (nb prices are not available online). We are hoping that some of the items will be available to view in our website over the weekend. Maria is happy to deliver to those who are not able to get at church or open church for 'viewings' by appointment if needed. For enquiries or orders please contact Maria Doherty 07732278730 / mariaohertyfy7@gmail.com or use the 'contact us' page on the website

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.



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1st Sunday of Advent Year B 29/11/20

Sunday 29 th	1000 (On Parish website) Terry McCarron (Anniversary)
Monday 30 th	No Mass
Tuesday 1 st	St Andrew, Apostle Maureen Sharples (LD)
Wednesday 2 nd	0930 Deceased members of Fanning / Oldfield families
Thursday 3 rd	1800 Deceased members of Monaghan / McCaffrey families
Friday 4 th	0930 Frank Corrigan (RIP)
Saturday 5 th	0930 People of the Parish
Sunday 6 th	1000 Stan Campy (90 th Birthday) (Will also be on Parish Website at 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:	Attendance (Website)
£432.50	360 Households

Thankyou.

Keeping in Touch:

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



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

Anniversaries this Week: Terry McCarron, Catherine Jones, Mary Airnes, Michael Harding, Edward Mansell, Maurice Meehan, Margaret Lydon, Jack Price.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Toby John McCrodden-Steele 29th November 2016
Lexi Jay Rawcliffe 2nd December 2012
Daemon Alfie Cantrell 5th December 2010
William Bowker-Harvey 6th December 2009

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St Nicholas Church and the people of Brentwood, Duddon Avenue, Hawthorne Avenue, Lofthouse Way, Oxford Road, Siding Road and Windsor Terrace with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bonus Ball: Winner for 21st November was John Wilson with No 47.

Public Mass Restored: As you know we are allowed to begin celebrating Mass in public again from 2nd December, but with the same Covid restrictions in place. So, for example, we still need to wear a face mask, sanitise hands, and maintain a social distance. May I offer a huge thank you to our generous stewards whose presence allowed us to open the Lady Chapel for private devotions during these last four weeks of lock-down.

What do we do about Mass at Christmas? In normal times we always get a much bigger congregation than usual for Mass at Christmas, and cater for that by having an early Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, Midnight Mass and Mass on Christmas Day. Clearly, with social distancing we will not be able to fit into church as many people as usual, and St Edmunds is still out of commission. Taking into account that families from the same household are able to sit together, thus making more room for singles, we can probably accommodate about 80 people. We have decided to offer an early Vigil at 5pm, which is ideal for families with young children, a second Vigil at 7.30 to replace Midnight Mass, and a Christmas morning Mass at 0930. The Mass will also be on YouTube via the parish Website from 7.30pm. For those who would like to attend in person, it is essential to let the stewards know which Mass you would like to attend, by phoning Maria on 07732278730.

A Message from June and Patrick Dempsey: June and I would like to thank Fr. Alf and the parishioners of St. Wulstans and St. Edmunds for their prayers and Mass. As some of you may know Stuart is suffering with skin cancer and Lisa with Coronavirus. For a time Lisa was in a high dependency ward, the doctors were amazed that she recovered so quickly and Lisa is now at home although she is still very poorly, She still needs our prayers. June and I are grateful that we belong to a parish led by Fr Alf that is so caring for its parishioners. Thank you. God bless you all.

The Voice: The on-line December edition of The Voice is now out. Go to Catholic Voice of Lancaster, to download it.

Next on-line talk from Stonyhurst: Will take place on Thursday 3rd December at 7.30pm and the topic will be "The Saviour of Europe: St Benedict and Benedictine Spirituality". For more details go to www.christianheriotagecentre.com/events

Donna Worthington's next Retreat: is called "Advent - a way of seeing" and will take place on Saturday 12th December 2-5pm, or Monday 14th December 0930-1230. The shepherds kept watch in the silence of the night, the Magi saw a vision in the sky and began to search. Herod's mind violently saw threat, the Roman Empire viewed people as numbers to count...and then, one night, a man and woman arrive in Bethlehem, a vision of hope burning in their hearts... For more info email: drworthington@live.co.uk

PS from Brian Wood: The Covid virus is not fussy. It strikes wherever it can and will always try to expand. It does not take time off because we are fed up, and it will not take Christmas off. Only by obeying the scientists' rules will the virus be held at bay until a vaccine is generally available. Dear Jesus, give us patience as we await the production of a workable vaccine.

REPEATS

Safeguarding: Last week we carried the response from the Hierarchy to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. As part of the Church's ongoing work to prevent such things ever happening again, a free and independent support service called *Safe Spaces* has come into being, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England, Church in Wales or the Catholic Church of England and Wales. Safe Spaces is run by Victim Support, a national charity with a track record of providing survivor support.

The service is for those who may have experienced at any time, past or present, any form of church related abuse, including sexual abuse, physical abuse, financial abuse, psychological abuse (including spiritual abuse), domestic abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour.

The service will run for an initial two years, with a view to extending this. It has been paid for by the Catholic and Anglican churches involved, supported by a grant from All Churches Trust. Further information is available at the Safe Spaces - Tel 0300 303 1056 or on the website www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk

Fleetwood Together at Christmas: As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, this Christmas will be an opportunity for Community Groups (like our SVP for example) to use the resources and experience of Fleetwood Together, which has been in place since the start of the pandemic in March, to offer coordinated support over Christmas. We will need additional volunteers for a number of roles - packing/delivering food parcels, wrapping gifts and administration. When the time comes to distribute the funds, gifts and support, Fleetwood Together will have the contact details of the individuals and families most in need, and the distribution network to reach them efficiently and safely. For those who can't be involved physically, we are looking for a number of volunteers who might be able to spare half an hour on Christmas Day to phone people in isolation. To get involved in our Christmas campaign please telephone 07903 177240 or email fleetwoodtogethercontact@gmail.com

Easyfundraising: We've just been paid £21.85 by #easyfundraising! Thanks to everyone who's raised. If you'd like to support St Wulstan and St Edmund Parish, Fleetwood, please sign up now. It takes 2 minutes & 4,300+ shops will donate to us for free every time you shop with them! Visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stwulstanandedmund/payments/64/>