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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

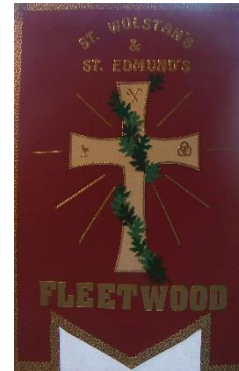
Secondary 14-19 (Post 16). With over 60 schools in the alliance they are able to offer a range of experiences in a variety of locations. Please contact them for further information, or to book onto one of their online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

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 / mariadohertyfy7@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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2nd Sunday of Advent Year B 6/12/20

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| Sunday 6 th | 1000 Stan Campy (90 th Birthday) (Will also be on Parish Website at same time) |
| Monday 7 th | No Mass |
| Tuesday 8 th | THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 1800 John Hurley (LD) |
| Wednesday 9 th | 0930 Maureen Heafield (LD) |
| Thursday 10 th | 1800 Antoine Bamber (RIP) |
| Friday 11 th | 0930 People of the Parish |
| Saturday 5 th | 0930 Lilian Mooney (LD) |
| Sunday 29 th | 1000 Anthony and Peter Bird (RIP) (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.

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| Collection: | Attendance (Website) |
| £476.40 | 320 Households |

Thankyou.

Keeping in Touch:

- Follow **Twitter** <https://twitter.com/ssWulstanEdmund>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/st.wulstansfleetwood/>
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Please pray for: All the sick and housebound of our parish family and also those in care or in hospital

Anniversaries this Week: Nora McLellin, Teresa Mansell, Molly Holford, Rose Lewis, Leonard Jinks, Brenda Stott, Theresa Hull, Ann Swales.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Alfie Patrick Callaghan 9th December 2012

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: Winner for 28th November was Steve Doherty with No 32.

Thank you: Thank you very much for the generous donations to the Silent Nights in Bethlehem Christmas Appeal. All very much appreciated. God Bless. Many thanks. Maria Stansfield.

A Note from CAFOD: Thank you for your support this year. We know that it has been a difficult time for our churches, and we are truly grateful that you did not forget our brothers and sisters across the world. During Harvest Fast Day you reached out to give and pray in different ways. The need this year has been huge and challenging across the world. But thanks to you we have been able to continue our international work. Through CAFOD you have supported some of poorest communities most impacted by the virus. You have reached people in more than 33 countries, with over six million people receiving health and prevention advice, and more than half a million people receiving safe hygiene supplies and services to prevent and reduce infection. Many more poor and vulnerable families have been supported with food supplies when there was no way to earn a living in the lockdown. Your care for others meant that we were able to continue support in countries like Yemen, Syria, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Brazil where communities were already facing the toughest of challenges before the arrival of the virus.

Fleetwood Together at Christmas: We have had a great response from people wanting to donate to our campaign, and the supplies are building up nicely, especially for children. Many people have asked what sort of things to buy or offer. At the moment, we are short of gifts for some age groups, eg teen boys or girls, adult men, and older men 65+. For all these groups, things like toiletries, new clothing (with or without tags) festive snacks, novelty or craft items, may be an idea, but anything, really, which you think they might like.

Donations can be given in at the presbytery or at the back of church. They can also be dropped off at the Marine Hall from Monday to Friday 0900-1600 or collection can be arranged by contacting Lauren Harrison at cedo@fleetwoodtowncouncil.org.

A Prayer for the Unborn: 'Right to Life' writes: *This Tuesday we will be celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, let us remember all unborn children, especially those recently conceived, and pray that safety, protection and love would be granted to them, and that we the church, with the intercession of Our Lady, would take on the call to support these precious children of God.*

Final on-line Talk from Stoneyhurst: Will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th December, and the topic will be "God and the Crib: Francis and Greccio" given by Fr Gabriel Kyle, CFR. For more details go to www.christianheritagecentre.com/events.

Quiz Night: Our next Quiz Night will be on Wednesday next week starting at

7pm. Please join us on Zoom : 616 766 9574 ~ Password: 4Pdd7w

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6167669574?pwd=UU1FK1Qxam5YZEJ0TWlFNk9Pd05xQT09>



PS from Brian Wood: David Attenborough tells us that nature is in big trouble. We need to turn things round before it's too late and many species become extinct. What would the world be like without elephants and rhinos? What would our food chain be like without insects to pollinate our crops? Dear Jesus, give us the strength, wisdom and good sense to be good stewards of your creation.

REPEATS

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.

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

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