

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.

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

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/>



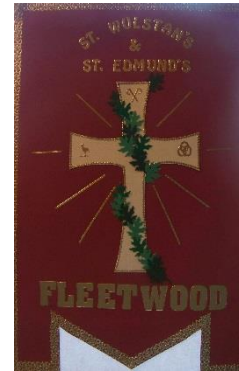
Train to Teach with the Catholic Teaching Alliance: Are you looking for a new challenge? Would you like a job where no two days are the same? Have you considered training to be a teacher? If you, or somebody you know is, or soon to be, a graduate, the Catholic Teaching Alliance, based in Preston, offers 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: As you know, we were not able to hold our Christmas Fair this year but are having our usual Christmas Draw which is being very well supported by tickets being sold and prizes being donated. Thank you all for your support. If you have offered a prize and not yet brought it to church, please could you do so this weekend as we are making a display of the prizes at the back of church. **Tickets are still available but should be returned by Friday 18th as we will be holding the draw before Mass on Sunday 20th. Lucky prize winners will be able to collect their prizes after that Mass.** If you are not able to get out and would like tickets delivering or need tickets collecting, 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



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3rd Sunday of Advent Year B 13/12/20

Sunday 13 th	1000 Anthony and Peter Bird (RIP) (Will also be on Parish website at same time)
Monday 14 th	No Mass
Tuesday 15 th	1300 Funeral of Fred Wade 1800 Anne Monaghan (80 th Birthday)
Wednesday 16 th	0930 The Dempsey Family
Thursday 17 th	1800 People of the Parish
Friday 18 th	1430 Funeral of Tom Farrell
Saturday 19 th	0930 Jean Mann (LD)
Sunday 20 th	1000 Deceased O'Halloran / Wilson Families (Will also be on Parish Website at same time) 1400 First Holy Communion Mass

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
£564.80	Wed-Sat 70 (total), Sunday 65, Website 160 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: Joan Kilbane, Maria Murray, Helen Spittle, John O'Leary, Maureen Robinson, Mary Earnshaw, Mary Gill, Christine Weetman.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Nathaniel Charles Currey 13th December 2015

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for Trinity Methodist Church and the people of Bristol Avenue, Eamont Place, Hazeldene Road, Lonsdale Avenue, Park Avenue, Silvia Way and Witton Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Christmas Mass Times: On Christmas Eve there will be an early Vigil at 5pm, which is ideal for families with young children, a second Vigil at 7.30 to replace Midnight Mass, and on Christmas morning Mass at 0930. 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. 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 07732 278730. The Mass will also be on YouTube via the parish Website from 7.30pm on Christmas Eve.

Hot Meals and Phone Calls: As you know there are many organisations involved in Fleetwood Together at Christmas. Two of them, Fleetwood Town Community Trust and BES Utilities, are leading on two initiatives ... the delivery of around 500 hot meals before Christmas and a phone call to somebody who is on their own on Christmas Day itself. Volunteers are needed for these activities - training and support is available. If you'd like to get involved please telephone 01253 208442 or email Marianne.davies@fleetwoodtownfc.com.

As I have mentioned previously, things are building up nicely for the distribution of food and Christmas gifts. If you know of someone needing help this Christmas, an on-line referral form to Fleetwood Together is available at <https://forms.gle/H822jssJCuVd3QD16>. This can be used to nominate an individual or family for support such as Gifts, Food Support, Christmas Meal, Card/Letter or a Christmas Day phone call for single people or elderly.

A Local Treat for Children (and Adults): On Wednesday, one of my fellow drivers riding shotgun with me in the minibus, mentioned Borage Close, off Pheasant Wood, Thornton, so we diverted to have a look, and spoke to some of the residents. For the weeks leading up to Christmas they rename it "Christmas Close". Here's the info they sent me in an email:-

"We are a cul-de-sac of 13 homes that love to decorate the outside of our houses with lights at Christmastime. It is something we have done for a few years but gets bigger, brighter and more imaginative each year. We felt this year needed to be brightened up!

Every year people ask why we don't do it for charity. For the residents, it isn't about money - it's about other people and especially children enjoying the magic of the lights. However, 2020 has had a devastating impact on charities so we all agreed that any money raised would be donated to Trinity Hospice and Brian House Children's Hospice in Bispham.

Our postcode is FY5 2ZH"

(There will be a bucket for donations or you can use the QR Code which will send any donations direct to Brian House).

On-line talks from the Diocesan Faith and Justice Commission:

Monday 14th Dec 7.45pm Laudato-Si: CAFOD Community Participation Co-ordinator, Liz Baldwin, tells how Laudato Si' is at the heart of CAFOD's new strategy, and talks about the LiveSimply Award for parishes and groups. http://stgregorys.org.uk/laudato_si/

Wed 16 Dec: 7pm: Electric Cars: benefits, issues, options and costs Green Christian Online Workshop
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZ0sdu2gpzIqH9WuxMiRA4JtH2Kdha1tevC>

Monday 21 Dec, Laudato-Si: Sister Margaret Atkins OSA will speak in particular about the third chapter of Laudato Si', and explain how Pope Francis traces the 'human roots' of the ecological crisis to what he calls the 'technocratic paradigm'. "In quest of human flourishing". Co-hosted by Green Christian and Christian Climate Action. http://stgregorys.org.uk/laudato_si/

Bonus Ball: Winners for 5th December were Sheila Young and Maria Doherty with No 18.

Easyfundraising: has notified us that we now have four new supporters nominating our Parish as the registered charity they would like to benefit from their on-line shopping. So thank you to all.

First Holy Communion: At long last the children of this year's group are going to make their 1st Holy Communion next Sunday, at a special Mass in the afternoon. Unfortunately, under current Covid regulations, only people sharing the same family bubble may attend, but I would ask your prayers for the children, that, not only will they enjoy their special day, but that they will truly treasure God's greatest gift for the rest of their lives. Pray also that their parents will help them to do that by their own good example of receiving Holy Communion regularly.

Christmas Posters:

Christmas posters will be available from next week at all Masses and will be delivered with bulletins on Thursday. Please display one in your window to remind all who pass your house about the true meaning of Christmas.

PS from Brian Wood: A famous footballer on loan returned recently to play for his Premier League club. He is paid £600,000 per week. Since his arrival (at the time of going to press) he has scored one goal. Surely, all people who care about poverty, child hunger and homelessness, will condemn this financial obscenity for what it is. In contrast, adverts on TV appeal for us to pay £2.00 per week to provide clean drinking water and food for starving children. Dear Jesus help us all to aim for a more just distribution of wealth in the world.

REPEATS

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.