

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.

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.

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.

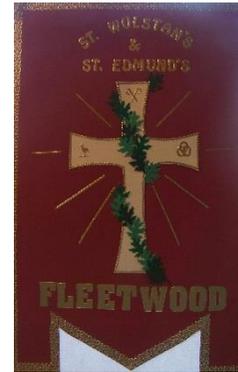


Train to Teach with the Catholic Teaching Alliance: Are you looking for a new challenge? Would you like a job where no two days are the same? Have you considered training to be a teacher? If you, or somebody you know is, or soon to be, a graduate, the Catholic Teaching Alliance, based in Preston, offers 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 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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4th Sunday of Advent Year B 20/12/20

Sunday 20 th	1000 Deceased O'Halloran / Wilson Families (Will also be on Parish Website at same time) 1400 First Holy Communion Mass
Monday 21 st	No Mass
Tuesday 22 nd	1800 Anthony Bird (Anniversary)
Wednesday 23 rd	0930 Maureen Sharples (RIP)
Thursday 24 th	Christmas Eve 1700 People of the Parish 1930 Margaret Daniels (LD)
Friday 25 th	Christmas Day 0930 Tom Farrell (LD)
Saturday 26 th	St Stephen 1200 Muriel Bamber (LD)
Sunday 27 th	1000 Sick and Housebound of the Parish (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
£708.50	Weekdays (total), Sunday Website 160 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

Sunday 27th **The Holy Family**
1000 Sick and Housebound of the Parish
(Will also be on Parish website at same time)

Monday 28th **No Mass**

Tuesday 29th **St Thomas Becket**
1800 Teresa Campy RIP

Wednesday 30th 0930 Roche and Stanton Families (RIP)

Thursday 31st 1800 Brian and Judith Wood's Intentions

Friday 1st **Mary, Mother of God**
1200 People of the Parish

Saturday 2nd 0930 Anthony and Paul Buschini (RIP)

Sunday 3rd 1000 Val Earnshaw (RIP)
(Will also be on Parish website at same time)

Anniversaries this Week: Ted Wilson, Mary Latham, Richard Hearty, Thomas Conroy, Michael Kennedy, Terence Murtagh, Jimmy Keane, Raymond O'Connor, Reg Graham, James Walsh, Ida Pritchard, Eileen McKenna, Anthony Bird, Kate Ballantyne, David Cowan, Laura Harrison.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Anna Rose Bowker-Harvey 21st December 2014

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St David's Church and the people of Broadwater Avenue, Eastwood Avenue, Heathfield Road, Lonsdale Crescent, Patterdale Avenue, Smith Street and Witton Grove with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Seasonal Visitors: If you know neighbours or family who come to Mass only at Christmas, please warn them that, because of social distancing regulations, they may not be able to just turn up, and should book ahead.

The Bulletin: Please keep this bulletin for Mass times, as there will be no bulletin next week.

Two Notes from Right to Life: 1. Please ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide. The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

2. At this time, we pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. We pray especially for all expectant parents who are worried about the practical means of supporting a child, that they would find hope in the story of the Holy Family and its ability to overcome all obstacles.

Church Cleaning: Our regular cleaners have asked for volunteers to help with getting the church looking its best for Christmas, not on Monday as usual, but on Tuesday December 22nd from 0930. Please wear your mask and exercise social distancing.

Bonus Ball: Winning number for 12th December was 59. Nobody has that number.

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 who use easyfundraising - this year has brought in £94.49.

Christmas Posters:

Christmas posters are available from the back of church, and have been delivered with bulletins. Please display one in your window to remind all who pass your house about the true meaning of Christmas.

Alpha on-line: St Joseph's, Lancaster, who recently ran the 'Faith Explorers' course on Zoom, will be offering an Alpha course on line starting on January 14th at 7pm. I will give the link for joining in the next bulletin in the new year.

PS from Brian Wood: Humility is a much ill-used word, especially among politicians. Humility is dealing in the truth at all times. Nothing is as hollow as false humility which is a denial of the truth. As long as we stick to the truth, we will avoid false humility. I once congratulated my friend George Barton on his beautiful singing performance. He replied, "Yes it was beautiful, but it's nowt to do with me. It's a gift from God." Dear Jesus, please let me always be as humble as George.

REPEATS

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.

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

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/

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.