

Lockdown 3 - A message from Bishop Paul: Along with the latest information from the Hierarchy on the new restrictions, Bishop Paul has also written to the priests of the Diocese, (gently reminding us, I'm sure, that the Grace of Orders does not make us immune to Covid). What he writes, of course, applies to all of us:

"In the light of the new variant of the virus, which is more transmissible, I cannot stress enough the need for all of us to strictly adhere to the rules, and to ensure best hygiene practice in our churches at all times. If you feel unwell, and especially if you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not attempt to lead any church services. You may also have noticed that 'shielding' is being re-introduced for the most clinically vulnerable. If you fall into this category, please take appropriate steps to protect yourself. In the spirit of the 'lockdown' rules, I would suggest that only pastoral visits which are absolutely essential are made at this time".

Christian Unity Week 18-25th January: It is truly wonderful and a great blessing to see how the various Christian churches work well, and get on well, together here in Fleetwood. This annual week of prayer for unity reminds us that it is the will and prayer of Christ that we may all be one. Pope Francis, in his recent letter to the world entitled Fratelli Tutti, (on fraternity and social friendship) has given us this prayer which we could all perhaps pray during the Octave:

"O God, Trinity of Love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love. Grants us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family at Nazareth, and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each brother and sister who makes a new start".

ALPHA online from St Joseph's, Lancaster: Starts on Thursday 14 Jan at 7PM via zoom.

Feel free to invite friends and family.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86003931944?pwd=Q2J4Q1BVMFJnWWhzaXFDWGVuWEF1Q090>

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Any connection issues please contact Eleanora 07743257498 or Hilary on 07961752760

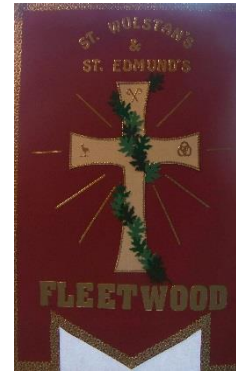
Donna Worthington's retreats for January:

Friday 22nd Jan 1400-1700 - *The Tiger and the Tree of Light* - the wounded healer

Wednesday 27th Jan 0930-1230 - *The Woman who anointed Jesus and the Celtic Story of the Selkie* - the wisdom which speaks to reclaiming the lost self and heroic journeying.

To book, go to drworthington@live.co.uk

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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3rd Sunday of Year B 24/1/21

Sun 24 th	1000 Deceased Flynn, Rushforth, Bethany, Wood Families (Will also be on Parish Website at same time)
Monday 25 th	No Mass
Tuesday 26 th	Saints Timothy and Titus 1800 Pauline Greenall (Birthday Anniversary)
Wednesday 27 th	0930 Paul Travis (Anniversary)
Thursday 28 th	1800 Sally Christie (LD)
Friday 29 th	0930 Christopher Mulcahy
Saturday 30 th	0930 People of the Parish
Sunday 31 st	1000 Gillian Halkyard (LD) (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

10 th Jan £285.20	Sunday - 43	Weekdays (total) - 83	Website - 220 Households
17 th Jan £389.30	Sunday - 44	Weekdays (total) - 55	Website - 385 Households

Thankyou.

Keeping in Touch:

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- 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: Brenda Casarsa, Marion Fulford, Olive Hyland, Mike David, Thomas Entwhistle, Denis Greer, Fr Ted Mitchell, Dennis Geraghty, Jo King, Peter Cuffe, Olive Rogerson, Bernadette Falconer, Pat Wilson, Catherine McVeigh.

Baptism Anniversary: Jake Douglas Moran 31st January 2009

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St Mary's Church and the people of Addison Road, Brook Street, Elm Street, High Gate, Lowther Road, Pharos Court, South Strand and Wyre Court with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bonus Ball: Winner for 9th January was Marie Boardman with No 53. Winners for 16th January were Maureen Butler and Brenda Wilmot with No 27.

Racial Justice Sunday 31st January: The theme is 'A Time to Act'. Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. In light of this Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is particularly significant. Action is needed to further the cause of racial justice but what can we do? Resources are available on <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justicesunday-2021/>

An offer from The Universe: At the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 Months-£25.00, 12 Months-£99.00 or £55.00 for yearly Digital Copy.

More On-line talks from Stoneyhurst: We are pleased to be offering an online series of sessions for young adults (18-30 years old), on human sexuality and relationships. The "Set Free Summit" is being offered by ICPE Mission, in partnership with the CHC, and is led by a number of exciting speakers from around the world, building on St John Paul II's beautiful writings. It takes place on the six Sundays from 7th February to 14th March, from 4 - 5:30pm. Each session involves a talk, sharing in small groups and a general Q&A. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/set-free/>

Our new **Christian Leadership Formation programme**, offered in partnership with St Mary's University, Twickenham and the Catholic Union of Great Britain, is now open to applications. The programme is offered to students in Lower Sixth who are committed to their faith and aspiring to some form of public life. Students will require the support of their schools and religious minister in applying. For info and application forms: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/clf/>

The **Drama Displayed** series continues with the next talk, 'The Naked Truth' by Dr David Torevell, on Thursday 28th January at 7:30pm. The series offers theological reflections on the key moments of salvation, supported by a study of various great works of art. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

Recordings of the previous talks are ere: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/media/video/>

A Wall Unit: If anyone would like a nice Wall Unit for free, Joan and Fred Mitchell have one. It's a glass cabinet, containing a bar, with four cupboards underneath. Tel: 01253 770400

News from Castlerigg: Here at Castlerigg, we are responding to Lockdown 3 (sigh!) by taking as much as we can online. We've got some seriously exciting things starting up in the next few weeks and months. Feel free to contact us if interested.

RISE // Online Youth Group - Our first online Youth Group launches on March 11th. It's free of charge and open to anyone in Year 7 to 9. Every other Thursday from 7pm to 8pm. www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/riseonline

Online Study Days for Adults - Our first study day will be on Saturday March 13th. Father Michael Docherty will be talking to us about Salvation History. Tickets £5. 1pm to 5pm. www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/study

ENGAGE // Online Youth Ministry Course - The second run of the ENGAGE course starts on March 16th. The course is aimed at people starting out in Youth Ministry or people who've been around a while and want to learn a little more. Earlybird price £48 until February 10th. www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/engage

Women in the Shadows - new course for Lent: Each week, the course will concentrate on different forms of modern slavery facing women and girls in the UK today. Participants will learn more about how sexual exploitation, forced labour and drug smuggling can flourish in society, and what can be done to combat it, and to support victims when they escape entrapment. Through honest discussion and reflection, we aim to expose misunderstanding surrounding these sensitive subjects, meditate on God's heart for the poor and marginalised, and consider our response. Our hope is that many churches and communities will use the films and devotional material as their focus for Lent this year. In light of the latest lockdown, the ability to run a Lent Course online is key. The Women in the Shadows course will contain everything a church needs to run a successful online course and will require no extra preparation. The mini-films will kick off each session and be followed by a guided Bible study, reflection and prayer in an accompanying devotional booklet. For more information and to sign up: <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/>

Lancashire Adult Learning Virtual Careers Fair - Thursday 28th January: A FREE online careers fair with an inspiring motivational speaker, interactive workshops, and mini bites from 7 different employers about their industries. The event will also include engaging sessions for your mental wellbeing, to build resilience and confidence and create a healthier, happier you. To enrol: https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=11230

PS from Brian Wood: Our Parish is indeed very fortunate. Many people have worked hard to keep things ticking over satisfactorily. Church cleaning, flower arranging, stewarding at Mass, keeping us safe, gardening and producing the crops, running the foodbank; the list goes on. Dear Jesus, help us all to keep helping others as we wait patiently for our turn to be vaccinated.

REPEATS

Walk for Water: CAFOD has written to remind us that in 2021 the UK is set to host two major international meetings - the G7 and the UN Climate Talks (COP26). Climate change means that access to clean water is becoming more unpredictable. We know that one in three people around the world do not have access to safe drinking water. That's why this Lent, we're asking everyone who can, to take on our 'Walk for Water' challenge - Sign up, get sponsored and get walking - 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/walk