

REPEATS

Marriage Care: Has written to say that they are still operating behind the scenes during the pandemic with an Online service for Clients. In line with current Government and Public Health guidance regarding the Coronavirus, Marriage Care continues to provide all Marriage Preparation and Relationship Counselling via secure webcam. Counselling and marriage preparation sessions can still be booked on 0800 389 3801 or by emailing: appointments@marriagecare.org.uk

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, 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. 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/>

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/>

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/>

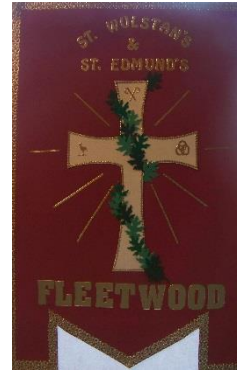
Recordings of the previous talks are ere: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/media/video/>

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



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6th Sunday of Year B 14/2/21

Sunday 14 th	1000 Antoine Bamber (RIP) (Will also be on Parish website at same time)
Monday 15 th	No Mass
Tuesday 16 th	1800 Edna ? (LD)
Wednesday 17 th	ASH WEDNESDAY NB 1200 Paul Buschini (Anniversary)
Thursday 18 th	1330 Funeral of Stephen Welsh 1800 John Brady (LD)
Friday 19 th	0930 People of the Parish
Saturday 20 th	0930 Margaret Lawson (LD)
Sunday 21 st	1000 Theresa Campy (Anniversary) (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

31st Jan £410.90

7th Feb £409.20

Thankyou.

Attendance

Sunday - 47 Weekdays (total) - 70

Sunday - 50 Weekdays (total) - 68

Website - 325 Households

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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: Hilda Geldart, Carol Spriggs, Tom Flanagan, Joe Murphy, John Greig, Bertie Pirie, Sonja McNamara, Don Jorgenson, Fred Abrams, Theresa Campy, Anthony Harrison.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Jasmine Louise Allman	11 th February 2018
Paige Marie Allman	11 th February 2018
Scarlette Anne Rose Moran	12 th February 2017
Ruby Madonna Cantrell	20 th February 2013
Jax, Lola, Elliot Buschini	20 th February 2011

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St Paul's Church and the people of Albany Road, Burns Road, Esk Avenue, Hollywood Grove, Macbeth Road, Pike Court, Stanley Gate and York Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Ash(less?) Wednesday: The great season of Lent begins this Wednesday with Mass at 1200 noon. Normally, at this Mass, we would each receive ashes on our foreheads as a visible sign of recognising our mortality, and of our intention to do some form of penance. Under current Coronavirus restrictions, we are not allowed impose the ashes, but sprinkling ashes is apparently acceptable, so we'll see what you think on the day! Ash Wednesday, like Good Friday, is a day of fasting and abstinence for all Catholics in good health, aged between 16 and 65. For those still thinking what to do for Lent, maybe a daily prayer, or praying the rosary each day, for an end to the coronavirus pandemic, for those still suffering from it, and for those doing their best to combat it, might be an idea.

Ecumenical Lenten Course in Lockdown: Our friends at St Nicholas are inviting us to join them in their Lent studies which will take place via Zoom at 7 pm on Wednesdays commencing 24th February. The title of the five, one hour studies is 'Looking Out in Lent' and will use St Mark's Gospel, and the five marks of mission, to explore ways of being a more outward-looking church, as we start to move out of the pandemic. The format will be opening worship, followed by a 15 minute talk. Break out groups will then encourage reflection and discussion on the topic after which we'll come back together for a round up and closing prayers. Please do prayerfully consider taking on this discipline in Lent. **Joining details are:-**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86156639384?pwd=WHdZaHBhY1p6ZGI MakNDdXhCNFlSQTO9>
Meeting ID: 861 5663 9384
Passcode: 794046

Bonus Ball: Winner for 30th January was Colin Brown with No 42. Winner for 6th February was Jean Whitehead with No 6.

Family Fast Day 26th February: CAFOD has written to thank us for our continued support throughout the Coronavirus pandemic, which has enabled it to be there for the poorest and most vulnerable communities of the world. This FF Day's appeal is centred on their 'Walk for Water' campaign, which is dedicated to helping to provide water for people in areas where water is a scarce resource, and getting even scarcer, as the seasons become drier and hotter.

Donna Worthington's Retreats for Lent:

FEEDING OF THE 5,000. From a boat, to the shore of a lonely place: healing, the hungry are fed, the fragments are gathered. **Sat 13th Feb 2-5pm OR Mon 15th Feb 9.30am-12.30pm**

TREES, THE TREE OF LIFE & THE COSMIC CHRIST. Sun 28th February 2-5pm

LENTEN JOURNEY WITH SAINT PAUL. A compelling, passionate witness to life lived in the Risen Christ, Paul a dedicated builder of Christian community and writer of Scripture, lived deeply from the ground of his deep faith. After his dramatic and life-changing conversion, he spent time in the desert - so we begin by following Paul into the desert during Lent and then seek to explore his challenging and profound experience of faith. This is a 4 week course and participants should attend all sessions if they are able to. **Thursdays 6.30-9pm March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th (£80)**

All Retreats £20, unless otherwise stated. For bookings, please see website or contact Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk By the way, a book recommendation: Tom Wright's 'God and the Pandemic'.

Right to Life: has asked us to offer a few prayer ideas for Lent on behalf of those who have no voice of their own. *"As we begin this season of Lent, we offer up the merits of our daily sacrifices to the needs of the most vulnerable in society. We offer them especially for the poor, the lonely and the unborn. That the Lord would see their needs and pour out his love and blessing upon them. We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for their protection and that of their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming love and support from all who surround them".*

New Dementia Friendly TV Service: Poppy Sharples from the charity My Life Films has asked us to make you aware of a new dementia-friendly TV service they have launched, and the offer of free access to the service for a 3 month period. This can be used by people with dementia anywhere in the UK either in care homes or private residences. Poppy writes: "My Life films has just launched the first video-on-demand dementia friendly tv channel. My Life TV has content specifically curated for the cognitive needs of the viewer, it's basically Netflix for people living with dementia. There's a variety of content including animal and nature programmes, gardens, feelgood programmes, lots of quizzes, archive news, popular tv shows from 1960s & 1970s and more. **This is a not for profit service** and launched by charity My Life Films who specialise in using filmmaking to improve the lives of people affected by dementia. Please take a look: <https://mylifefilms.org/my-life-tv/> we are offering this service free for three months and then a £4 per month subscription.

Quiz Night: Our next Quiz Night will be on Wednesday 17th February starting at 7pm. Please join us on Zoom : **616 766 9574** ~ Password: **4Pdd7w**



PS from Brian Wood: I stopped making New Year resolutions many years ago. They never lasted and I was always consumed by guilt. Instead, in this difficult time, I have simply renewed my patience in waiting for my vaccinations and, in the meantime, kept my head beneath the parapet. We owe so much to those who are looking after us and to those whose skill has produced the vaccines. Dear Jesus, we pray for all those in the NHS and for all the scientists working for our welfare.