

PS from Brian Wood: Frederic Handel was quite a man. On one occasion, he was accompanying on the harpsichord a less than competent singer. The singer turned to him and shouted "If you don't accompany me properly, I will jump all over your harpsichord and destroy it.". Handel replied "Oh good, do let me know when you are going to do this and I will sell tickets. Many more people will pay to see you jumping than to listen to you singing.". Dear Jesus, please stop me from falling into the temptation of always wanting the last word

REPEAT NOTICES

Mask wearing at Mass: As mentioned at Mass on Sunday, people coming to **weekday** Mass are free to choose whether to wear a mask or not, as our church is more than large enough for 20 odd people ('odd' as in 'about') to socially distance. You are, of course, free to continue wearing a mask if you prefer. However, until we hear differently from the Diocese, wearing a mask for **Sunday** Mass is still compulsory. Fr Alf will continue to mask up to distribute Holy Communion.

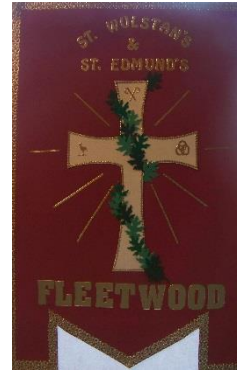
Return of the Choir: 'As Parish life starts to get back to normal, we would like to welcome back our choir. Practice will be on Wednesdays at 7pm. Entrance on the night will be by the side door near the organ. All newcomers are welcome. Please speak to Adrian our organist after mass on Sunday if you require further details..

Going into hospital: Just a reminder that if you would like to see the hospital Chaplain when you are a patient, you can ask the Ward Staff. You can also hand in a little form, when you first arrive on the ward, which you can give to the Staff to put in your case notes. The forms are available at the back of church.

1st Holy Communion: Covid regulations permitting, we would like to re-introduce our preparation course for First reconciliation and Holy Communion in the new year. Any parents interested in learning more let Fr Alf know and I will arrange a date for a meeting.

LET'S RESPOND TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF CLIMATE CHANGE says Sean McDonagh SSC <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/42830>. It is crucial that the world leaders act very positively when they meet in Glasgow in November for COP 26. Have you signed the CAFOD Petition to the Prime Minister? If so can you urge others to do the same. <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

QUIZ NIGHT: At long last we no longer have to have our Quiz Night on Zoom. We can meet in person for our first 'post covid' social event. This will take place in the School Hall on Friday 1st October from 7pm. (Quiz starts at 7.30) and will include Steve's Quiz and a Hot Pot Supper. Please bring own nibbles and drinks. We hope you will be able to join us on what has always proved to be a very enjoyable parish social event. Why not bring a few friends? Tickets cost £4 to include Hot Pot Supper.



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25th Sunday of Year B 19/9/21

Sunday 19th 1000 Kenneth Whitehead (Anniversary)
Monday 20th **No Mass**
Tuesday 21st **St Matthew, Apostle**
1800 Dempsey Family illness
Wednesday 22nd 0930 Paul Buschini (Birthday Anniversary)
Thursday 23rd 1800 People of the Parish
Friday 24th **Our Lady of Walsingham**
0930 Charles and Patrick Monaghan (RIP)
Saturday 25th 0930 Intentions of Sr Anita McDonald LCM
Sunday 26th 0930 Len O'Halloran (Anniversary)



SUNDAY MASS IS NOW LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE

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.

The Lady Chapel is now open again every day from 0800-1700

Collection

12th Sept £586.40
Thankyou

Attendance

Sunday - 115 Weekdays (total) - 111 Website - 183 Households

Keeping in Touch:

- Follow **Twitter** <https://twitter.com/ssWulstanEdmund>
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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: Kenneth Whitehead, Bernard Murray, Madison Hart, Alice Jordan,.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Nancy Pearl Holyhead 19th September 2010
Roan Joseph Bullough 23rd September 2012
Jordan Shaun Riley 25th September 2011

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for Trinity Methodist Church and the people of Birkbeck Place, Deepdale Road, Gregson Drive, Laurel Avenue, Nelson Road, Saer Close and Wentworth Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bonus Ball: Winner for 11th September was Anne Holland with 39 (Inside job?) Annual subs are due on 1st October - £50 for full year (2 free goes), £25 for half year (1 free go). Please pay Anne Holland or Cathy Wilson direct or leave your subs with Fr Alf to pass on. There are spare numbers available for new members if anyone wants to join. These are:- 9.12,13,15,16,19,20,24,24,25,28,31,32,36,38,40,41,43,46,47,49 to 52,53 to 57 and 59. Some people do have one of these numbers but as we have 2 names for each number, it's still possible to choose one of these if it is your favourite. Just tell Anne which one you would like.

Apologies: For the loss of the first twenty minutes of our live streamed Mass last Sunday. We're not sure what caused it, but hopefully it won't happen again.

Bidding Prayers: As you know, we do not have microphones dotted around the congregation, so what is heard on the live-streamed Mass on Sundays, is only what goes through the dedicated microphones. The heartfelt prayers that often come up from people seeking help for sick relatives or something momentous going on in their lives, deserve to be heard so that we can all add prayers to theirs. So please get used to putting your hand up, so that the roving microphone can be brought to you. Over the last few weeks, a prayer has been included for all watching the Mass who can't be with us in church. May I offer a special prayer for our young families, whose experience of schools disruption during Covid has made them extra cautious about coming back to church. We hope you'll soon feel confident to join us once again.

Collection Counters: If anyone would like to join the merry band of collection counters on the rota, please let Maria Stansfield know. Ideally, we need about 6 teams of 2 people so that you're not overcommitted. Training will be given.

Easyfundraising: £13.08 was raised by our online shoppers in August. The organisers have sent the following message. Help St Wulstan and St Edmund Parish - Fleetwood WIN from a £5,000 prize fund in the new #easyfundraising Refer to Win competition! We'll get a FREE entry when you sign up before the 1st October! It only takes a moment and it's completely free, so please get involved if you haven't already! Sign up here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stwulstanandedmund/?invite=3F10DX&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

Narcotics Anonymous: As we all know, drugs addiction is prevalent throughout the country, indeed throughout the world, and is no respecter of persons, regardless of their place in society. Some people reading this may have had, or may know someone who has, a problem with drugs? Help is at hand. Narcotics Anonymous is coming to Fleetwood, and will start meeting this Thursday, and every Thursday after that, from 1900-2000, in the Millennium Room at St Mary's, entering through the Warren Street entrance. For more details talk to Stephen or ring him on 07445 265300.

Manager for the Pantry: A position has become available for a Part Time Pantry Manager/Church Worker in Fleetwood. Full Time Position - 37.5 hours per week, split across Pantry Manager Church Worker Salary £22,000 per annum Fixed Term Contract 2 years This is a joint venture between Faith in the Community (Fleetwood) and St. Peter and St. David's Church of England Churches. If you feel you have the skills to support the work we deliver please request further information and job description from johnbloem@aol.com or telephone on 01253 876176. Closing dates for applications is 30th September 2021. Shortlisting will take place on 3rd October 2021. Interviews will be held in Fleetwood on Friday 8th of October 2021

Cleaner Required: St. Mary's School requires a cleaner. 2 hours a day - Monday to Friday (term time only) 3.15 - 5.15p.m. This is a temporary position with an immediate start. If you are interested, please contact the Office Manager on 01253 878445

Young People's Retreats: In the coming months, we have two open retreat weekends at Castlerigg which our young people might be interested in: October 1-3 for those preparing for Confirmation. December 10-12 Advent Retreat - A chance for young people to make some friends and deepen their faith in a welcoming, relaxed environment. There are separate streams for Young People aged Year 10 and above, and for Young Adults aged 18-25. Any questions, give me a shout - jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Assisted Suicide Bill: Baroness Meacher's assisted suicide Bill will likely have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on 22 October, and the pro-assisted suicide lobby have been further increasing pressure on peers to support this dangerous bill. This has included many members of the public writing to peers with personal stories that make a strong case for introducing assisted suicide. **TAKE ACTION** - Peers need to know that any assisted suicide law would be fundamentally unsafe and that now is the time to invest in better palliative and end-of-life care instead. We are asking for members of the public to send in their compelling personal stories of the powerful benefits of palliative and end-of-life care, and of the dangers of assisted suicide. If you, or someone you know, has a compelling personal testimony, please click the button below to find out more about what we are looking for and to provide full details of your story using our easy-to-use tool. Any story, no matter how big or small it might seem, could be critical to the fight against assisted suicide in the Lords. These positive experiences of end-of-life care and negative experiences around assisted suicide will be very helpful in shaping the views of peers on this bill and convincing them to reject this extreme and dangerous proposal.

Donna Worthington's next Retreat: The Fire, The Well and the cloak | Explore the spirituality of St Brigid and her compelling symbolism. Wednesday 29th September 6.30-9pm Booking at drworthington@live.co.uk or <https://christianretreats.live>