

Christmas Draw: Tickets, priced £1 per book, are available at the back of church for our annual Christmas Draw which will take place on Sunday 5th December. We hope you will be able to support this as you did so generously last year.

If you can donate a prize, there is a list at the back of church.

We will not be holding our usual Christmas Fair this year, but we will, on Sunday 28th November, be having a tombola and cake sale after Mass. More details to follow.

PS from Brian Wood: Pope St John XXIII had been meeting a distinguished visitor and had been involved in discussions with him during the day. When they had finished, the Pope took his visitor out for a walk in the Vatican gardens. As they walked along, the visitor asked: "How many people work in the Vatican?" Pope John replied: "About half of them". Dear Jesus, help us to recognize that humour plays a very important part in our spiritual lives.

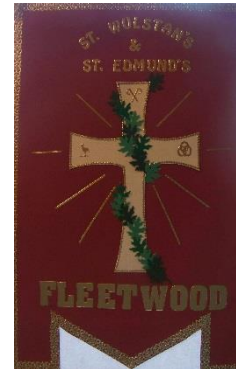
REPEAT NOTICES

Anti-Slavery Day: Churches Together in Lancashire are having a Roadshow event in Preston on **Saturday 16th October** at various places but centred around the Flag Market. For more information and timings go to [Clewes initiative](#) as it has some fabulous prayer resources and information on modern slavery that they hope will be of use to us.

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

Bonus Ball Subs: 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.

ALPHA: The next ecumenical Alpha course will take place in the Broadway Rooms, at our neighbouring church of St Nicholas, from Saturday 15th January - 2nd April. Each session starts with breakfast at 1000 and ends promptly at 1200 noon. Alpha, as you know, is a gentle introduction to Christianity for anyone seeking God with a sincere heart. You probably know people just like that. Please feel free to let them know that Alpha is coming up. In the meantime, we will need helpers for various tasks associated with making sure everything runs smoothly, eg setting up and taking down, washing up, welcoming hosts, group leaders etc. If you would like to volunteer, please let Fr Alf know. More details to follow nearer the time.



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29th Sunday of Year B 17/10/21

Sunday 17 th	1000 Connie Loveless (RIP)
Monday 18 th	No Mass
Tuesday 19 th	1800 Lesley Bamber (Anniversary)
Wednesday 20 th	0930 Jonathan Good (Birthday anniversary)
Thursday 21 st	1800 Intentions of the Allen Family
Friday 22 nd	0930 Funeral Mass for Ken Jones RIP
Saturday 23 rd	0930 Bernadette and Tom Delaney (RIP)
Sunday 24 th	1000 Bernard Roche (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

3rd Oct £485.20
10th Oct £574.40

Attendance

Sunday - 116	Weekdays (total) - 104	Website - 103 Households
Sunday - 118	Weekdays (total) - 112	Website - 85 Households

Thankyou

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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: Georgina Hill, Graham Cole, Rose Mansell, Dennis Yeo, Lillian Finlay, Angela Houten, Denis Lupton, Dorothy McKeon, Brian Kerr, David Etherington, Robert Wilkinson, Fr Gerry Dunn, Doreen Turner, Bob Larkin, Stuart Edwards, Winifred Kirk, Beverley Squire.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Reuben Yardley	11 th October 2015
Thomas Joh Rawcliffe	13 th October 2013
Phoebe Grace Smith	17 th October 2010
Olivia May Smith	17 th October 2010
Zachary George Birch	17 th October 2010
Jacob James Timms	18 th October 2015
Archie Jack Brooks	19 th October 2014
Elizabeth McLellan	20 th October 2013
Rachel Megan Abbott	23 rd October 2011
Stephen Abbott	23 rd October 2011

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St Peter's Church and the people of Blakiston Street, Derwent Avenue, Harbour Way, Leighton Avenue, North Albert Street, St Peter's Place and Westgate with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bonus Ball: Winner for 2nd October was Judith Wood with No 43. Winning number for 9th October was 55. No-one has that number.

Harvest Festival: Our school will be celebrating Harvest Festival in church on Wednesday, but, unfortunately, parishioners are not permitted to attend due to current Covid restrictions for schools. The children are using a rainbow themed appreciation of God's creation and will be bringing lots of food to be given to the Foodbank.

Meetings This Week: Wednesday 1600 - SVP in the Green Hut
Wednesday 1900 - Maintenance Committee in presbytery
Thursday 1830 - Pastoral Strategy in presbytery

Latest from Catherine and Kim on their studies: Dear All,

Can you believe that Kim and I are already 2/3 of the way through our pastoral ministry diploma. We have learnt so much that sometimes I'm not sure my mind can fit everything in. This module has by far been my favourite, I never realised just how big an influence the North West had on ensuring that not only did Catholicism survive but that it thrived. Not only that but our little town played a major part in this, as Cardinal William Allen was educated at Rossall school. This module has helped me better understand the division between the Catholic and Protestant faith and the conflict this has caused for many generations. The work which has and is taking place to help mend these divisions is a testimony to all those who believe in the word of God.

This course has made us think of how we can try to spread the word of God within our own community. One question that was put to my module group was "How do you introduce yourself? Do you acknowledging that you are a Catholic at the beginning or is it way down the list after being a mother, daughter, sister, wife, nana? The list could go on. So now I do try to open with

"Hi I'm Catherine, I am a practicing Catholic doing a diploma in pastoral ministry as well as a wife, mother, daughter, sister and midwife."

Yes, Kim and I are doing this course but one thing it has taught us is that ministry is the responsibility of every single one of us. We cannot sit back and expect our faith to thrive. We need to all be participants in spreading the word of God. This may be in setting an example in the way we live our lives, actively engaging in working parties, strengthening our parish family values and ensuring that we are forward thinking, so that our faith does not just survive but thrives and is something the next generation wants to be a part of.

We ask for your continued support and prayers as we do our small part in ensure the future for our parish community is one filled with love and hope.
God bless, Catherine and Kim xx

Train as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care: Catholic Marriage Care are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. We are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with us as **relationship counsellors** and make a world of difference to couples and families. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc Marriage Care have just launched a Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) recruitment route. There will be an online **CRC Open Event** for anyone who would like to know more about this role on **Monday 25th October (1-2pm)** via Zoom. Anyone interested in joining the open event can contact Rachael Obrien at rachaelo@marriagecare.org.uk.

Right To Life UK urgent appeal: The abortion lobby has already been successful at using the Coronavirus crisis to temporarily introduce home 'DIY' abortions. The policy has not only accompanied a large increase in the number of lives ended by abortion but has also been linked to a number of serious incidents where women's lives have been put at risk while performing their abortion at home. Our opposition is now eager to see more widespread changes to legislation enacted and we are currently facing major threats on both abortion and assisted suicide issues. Fighting both the abortion and assisted suicide lobbies over this period has already made a huge dent in Right To Life UK's limited resources. We are, therefore, appealing to you to please give as generously as you can to ensure we can defeat the abortion and assisted suicide lobbies in these upcoming battles. Every donation, no matter how small, will go towards saving the lives of the unborn and many others. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/give for more information. **Fr**

Francis Maple OFM Cap: from Pantasaph Friary has written: "I am wondering whether you might be interested in homilies I have written that Amazon has printed. They sell for between £5 and £6 but are cheaper on Kindle". The samples he has sent have a gentle charm. The link is https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08L5XVT6V/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_ADqLFbWGHEDAX

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