

Donna Worthington's next retreat: THE STORY OF A SOUL | St Therese's wisdom testifying to the deep reality of a life lived in the profound love of God. Sat 30th October 2-5pm OR Mon 1st November 10am-1pm All retreats cost £20, unless otherwise stated. For bookings, please see the website or contact Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk
<https://christianretreats.live>

Catholic Diaries, Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, gifts and Nativity sets etc

These items are all available from the repository stall in church or by contacting Maria (07732278730) if you are unable to get to church. Diaries are priced £3.30. Please let Maria know if you would like one as, unlike other items, leftovers are no use next year! Hundreds of items, including any beautiful nativity sets, can be viewed online at www.cbcdistributors.co.uk (no priced unfortunately) but Maria is happy to advise and provide prices.

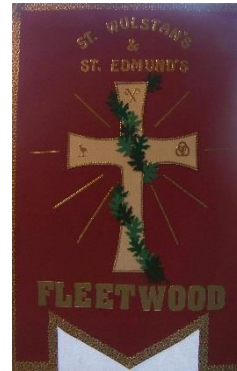
British Summer Time: Ends on Sunday 31st October, so put your clocks back an hour on Saturday night and enjoy an hour's lie-in.

PS from Brian Wood: Archbishop Desmond Tutu was walking down the street somewhere in South Africa. It was a particularly narrow pavement. Suddenly he was confronted with a very large white man who shouted "I don't give way to gorillas!" The Archbishop immediately stepped off the pavement into the gutter, saying "Ah but I do". Dear Jesus, help me to love everyone I meet as you in disguise.

REPEAT NOTICES

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.

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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30th Sunday of Year B 24/10/21

Sunday 24th 1000 Bernard Roche (Anniversary)
 Monday 25th **No Mass**
 Tuesday 26th 1800 Bessie and Reg Jones (Anniversary)
 Wednesday 27th 0930 People of the Parish
 Thursday 28th **Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles**
 1800 Bill Whiteside (Anniversary)
 Friday 29th 0930 Theresa Campy (RIP)
 Saturday 30th 0930 Ken Jones (LD)
 Sunday 31st **ALL SAINTS**
 1000 Stuart Dempsey (Skin cancer)

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

17th Oct £343.52
 Thankyou

Attendance

Sunday - 107 Weekdays (total) - 110 Website - 126 Households

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: George Stedman, Bernard Roche, Elizabeth Jones, Michael Taylor, Rona Meehan, Peter Abram, Bill Whiteside, Jean Wilson.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Georgia Grace Anyon 25th October 2009
Isla Rae Wilson 25th October 2015
Mia Juliet Halliday 28th October 2012
Phoebe Ann Barcock 30th October 2011
Isabella Rose McNaught 30th October 2011
Imogen Grace McNaught 30th October 2011

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for the Salvation Army and the people of Borrowdale Avenue, Dock Road, Harrow Avenue, Leyburn Avenue, North Church Street, Seabank Road and West Way with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Meetings this week:

Wednesday 27th 1830 - Parents' meeting for 1st Holy Communion, in Green Hut.
Thursday 28th 1830 - Bible Share in Presbytery (Book of Tobias)

Open Evening: Our school will be holding open evenings for Reception Class Intake 2022 on Thursday 4th November and Wednesday 10th November from 1700-1830. By appointment only on 01253 874785.

Teacher Training courses starting September 2022: The Catholic Teaching Alliance, based at Our Lady's is now accepting applications for our 1 year PGCE with QTS (qualified teacher status) teacher training courses. Minimum requirements are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary training), plus an honours degree. Teacher training is available in all phases (PGCE with QTS): Early Primary (3-7 years), General Primary (5-11 years), Secondary (11-16 years, in Preston or Blackburn), Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years). For further information, or to book onto one of our online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk Website: www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/train-to-teach.html

Lay Chaplain for Newman School, Carlisle: Permanent, part time, term time (39 weeks per year to include inset and work during school holidays) 15 hours per week - days and times to be agreed with successful applicant. **£25,991 pro rata (£13.21 - £13.47 per hour)**
St John Henry Newman Catholic School is seeking to appoint an exceptional Lay Chaplain. As Lay Chaplain at our school you will be a practicing Catholic, with the ability to be a credible witness to a life of faith. Ideally you will have the skills to contribute to the spiritual and pastoral care of all members of our school community. The successful applicant will have a central role in school life and will work alongside the RE Department and the Headteacher in leading and developing Catholic faith of our school. Application packs can be requested by emailing vacancies@newman.cumbria.sch.uk or downloaded from our website at <http://newman.cumbria.sch.uk/Vacancies/>

The Prayer of the Synod: This prayer 'Adsumus Sancte Spiritus' has traditionally been used at Church Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. This version has been specially designed for the current Synod Bishop Paul wrote to us about last week: *"We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen".*

By Popular Request: Many people were moved and commented on the anonymous letter I read out at the end of Mass last Sunday, which was a response to the question I asked "What do you love about our parish and what drives you crazy?" This is the content of the letter:

"We seem to do everything right. We are welcoming, we raise money for every needy cause, we feed the hungry, we give succour to the refugee. Our liturgy is meaningful, well prepared by our priest and open to all. We want to perpetuate Christ's teaching in Alpha, Divine Renovation, Catechesis.... And yet....and yet....

I kneel, sit, stand at Mass, I say my prayers, I put into the collection, I attend the afternoon teas, the quiz nights, Christmas Fayre. I do everything Christ asks of me. I am comfortable Good is in his heaven... And yet....and yet....

When I stand before God and say I was a loyal member of St Wulstan's and St Edmund's, I tried as best I could to fulfil your wishes.... Will this be enough? Did I really?

Does anybody tug at my sleeve and say "I want to go with you for you have taught me that God is with you".

Do I go out from Mass bearing you in my heart and soul and proclaim....do I spread the word about the parish that nurtured me and taught me and gave me means with which to adore you and make you known?

That parish I love, and yet that parish I may be failing....because I fail you. I do not spread your word and presence, but keep you to myself.

So, in some respects it's me that drives me mad because I am the parish, I can identify my problem but not my solution.

Dear Spirit "break me, mould me, fill me, use me"

World Mission Sunday: is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we share the love of Christ help to sustain the future of our Church. For more information go to mission.org.uk

Bonus Ball: Winners for 16th October were Jeannie Hibbell and Susan Noble with No 22.