

VACANCY: Assistant Parochial Administrator: For the parishes of St John Vianney, St Cuthbert & Our Lady of the Assumption to undertake a variety of activities working out of the office at St John Vianney. Hours: flexible but about 16 per week. Salary: by agreement depending upon experience in the range of £12 to £15 per hour. For job description & application form email: catholicsinsouthblackpool@gmail.com

Postscript from Brian Wood: Pope John Paul I was not the only Pope to go missing in the Vatican. On the day he was elected, Pope St John XXIII arrived in the Papal apartments to find that the refurbishment had not been completed and the place was full of workmen, with much noise and banging. A short while later, one of the Pope's aides noticed that the Pope was not where they had left him and the call went out "The Pope is missing". A search ensued with staff going from room to room in the Papal Palace. Eventually, they found the Pope in a side room, sitting on a carpenter's tool box, quietly reading his breviary. Realizing that the staff had been panicking and had instituted a major search, he said simply "I'm very sorry but I needed to catch up with saying my office". Dear Jesus, don't let me be distracted by the day's events from talking to you frequently.

REPEAT NOTICES

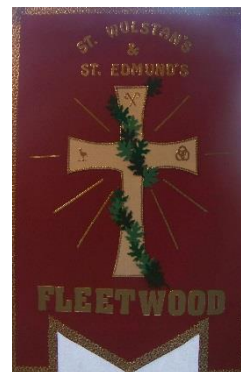
Discussion on St Edmunds: There was a very good turn out of 32 parishioners to discuss ideas about the future of the church building. There was a genuine sense of sadness that a building which held so many memories of family rites of passage was coming to the end of its useful life. Until Covid struck, it was being used for only one hour a week - the Vigil Mass on Saturdays. The last Baptism was in November 2014. There would have been one wedding last year, had the church not been forced to close during the pandemic, and there has been the occasional funeral.

Apart from those liturgies, the church stands empty. The overwhelming consensus at the meeting was that we should seek permission from the Diocese to close St Edmunds as a Mass Centre, and explore other uses which will benefit not only ourselves but the community in general.

For the last eight months, since we lost the use of the Marine Hall, St Edmunds has been the distribution centre for deliveries of food to the poor of Fleetwood, Thornton, Cleveleys, Poulton and Over Wyre. As a centre of outreach to the general public, it has certainly helped us to carry out the gospel precepts of clothing the naked, feeding the poor, visiting the sick etc. so you could say it has earned its keep in a very practical and Christian way. Minutes of the meeting will be published on the parish website, and all ideas and suggestions for its future use are welcome.

White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-Life students are increasingly under attack on university campuses and Pro-life witness is being restricted by local government now more than ever: we must be able to speak freely about abortion if we are to protect unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

Parish Preparation for the Worldwide Synod: The second three "Questions for Discussion" papers will be given out at Mass today and be available on the parish website. Please take the sheets away and fill them in, at your leisure, with your own personal views, or use them to make notes during our discussion at our first meeting on Thursday from 7-8pm in the Green Hut. This first session is about recalling our experiences of the Covid 19 pandemic and where we find ourselves now. The questions have been designed to match the questions and statements in our Diocesan survey, which correspond with the Synod questions provided by the Vatican. One more discussion will follow on Thursday 27th of January, and papers will be available on the preceding Sunday.



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2nd Sunday of Year C 16/1/22

Sunday 16 th	1000 Vincent Snape (LD)
Monday 17 th	No Mass
Tuesday 18 th	1800 Val Earnshaw (RIP)
Wednesday 19 th	Feast of St Wulstan 0930 Bob Rawcliffe (RIP) 1000 Holy Half Hour
Thursday 20 th	1800 Personal Intention
Friday 21 st	NB 0900 Fr Alf's very ill niece and nephew
Saturday 22 nd	0930 Bernadette and Tom Delaney (RIP)
Sunday 23 rd	1000 People of the Parish



SUNDAY MASS IS NOW LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE

CONFESSIONS: 0900 on Saturdays and 1730 on Thursdays

*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	Attendance
9 th Jan £326.30	Sunday - 101 Weekdays (total) - 109 Website - 88 Households
6 th Jan	Epiphany - 38 Website - 55 Households
Thankyou	

Keeping in Touch:

- Follow **Twitter** <https://twitter.com/ssWulstanEdmund>
- **Facebook**: <https://www.facebook.com/st.wulstansfleetwood/>
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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: Dolores Riches, Teresa New.

Baptism Anniversary: Alexandra Karen Hampton 19th January 2014

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: Winners for 8th January were Brenda Wilmot and Maureen Butler with No 27.

Meetings this week:

Wednesday 19 th 1600	SVP	In presbytery
Thursday 20 th 1900-2000	Synod discussion	In Green Hut
Saturday 22 nd 1000-1200	Alpha Course in St Nicholas Parish Hall	

Synod Session 1: was a lively session attended by about thirty people. I thought the questions which came down from the Diocese were a bit anaemic, so it was great that people brought up other things that mattered to them, like the position of women in the Church, the lack of young people taking part in parish life, homosexuality, etc. In respect of the lack of young people, it was significant that there were probably only three or four people under the age of 50 at the meeting, yet the under 50s age group is the one most likely to be affected by what the new Church will turn out to be. I really hope they will start to get engaged, based on the principle "Decisions made about us, without us, are not for us". Perhaps discussions within our extended families may help encourage them to take part. Next session is on Thursday 20th at 7pm in the Green Hut. All welcome.

First Holy Communion: We ask your prayers for those children and their parents starting this year's programme this Sunday at 0900 in the Green Hut.

Peace Sunday January 16th: Education, work and dialogue between generations; tools for building lasting peace" is the theme chosen for World Peace day. Pope Francis is inviting us to think of the role of education and upbringing in building lasting peace and creating solidarity and dialogue between generations as a way of building peace. This provides a golden opportunity for families, schools and groups to explore their role in peace-making. What could be a better image of the meeting of the generations than a wedding celebration, where young and old mingle, both at the meal-table and on the dance-floor; when old loves and hopes are re-awakened by the joy of seeing the bride and groom publicly pledge their love? It is at such a wedding party that we meet the Lord in today's gospel, at Cana in Galilee.

A Note from Martin Bennett: You may be interested in the launch of the website containing the work of three remarkable Liverpool priests, Frs. Austin Smith, Kevin Kelly and Tom Cullinan, which is now going to be via zoom on Saturday 15th January, 1:30-4:30 pm, with **Christine Allen (Director of CAFOD) as the main speaker**, followed by workshops on the theme of 'Listening to the margins for hope'. To register email - prophets.disciples.teachers@gmail.com) to get the zoom link, The website has a wide range of talks and writings on scripture, moral theology, pastoral theology, church in the community and much more. Please visit (www.fr-tom-cullinan.co.uk) and have a good look round. All the material is freely available to use as you wish.

Courses at Castlerigg:

Easter Retreat // For anyone in Year 10 up to 25 years old - ENGAGE // Our online Youth Ministry Course. Starts March 15th, Overflow // Our online Young Adults Group RISE // Our online Youth Group for Years 7-9
Castlerigg Lottery // Sign up for your chance to win the monthly jackpot and support us into the bargain! For details and booking 01768 772711

New Parish Running Group: As mentioned last week, Sam Roberts, one of our parishioners, who is a qualified Fitness Trainer, has starting an intermediate running club, meeting on Mondays at 7.30pm outside the Green Hut. If there is enough interest she is also willing to start a Beginners' run / fitness builder session on Tuesday evenings. She also runs a fitness class on Wednesday evenings at 1815 in St Nicholas church hall - suitable for novices and the superfit! The course can be adapted although a good level of health is required. All contact details are on her page - 'Fitness in Mind with Sam Roberts'.

Thank you:

Judith has sent a note from the flower ladies to thank you for the donations for Christmas flowers which helped to make our church so beautiful for Christmas.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: The Holy Land is now open again for pilgrimages from the UK. Northern Star Travel are offering the following dates: 27th October 2022, 3rd November 2022, 10th November 2022, 17th November 2022, 24th November 2022, 2nd February 2023, 09th February 2023, 16th February 2023 & 23rd February 2023. Departures from Manchester, Luton or Gatwick Airport. Special Price: £1095 per person sharing, £1350 in single room. 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast 4* Hotel Bethlehem, 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast 4* Hotel Tiberias. It has been a long time since the last parish trip (to Valladolid). Would anyone be interested in going to the Holy Land sometime this year? Let Fr Alf know. To view the Pilgrimage itinerary visit our website www.northernstartravel.com

Help with Household Bills: As the weather may quite possibly get colder, there is some extra help available for residents on a low income, who are struggling to pay their gas and electricity bills. The Council has released details regarding the support that is being offered for fuel bills to lower income households. If you, or anyone you know, may need this help, information is available via this link to our web page <https://www.wyre.gov.uk/news/article/203/extra-help-for-residents-with-their-household-fuel-costs-this-winter>

Legacy: I have received an email from John Cuffe to let bus know that his mum Margaret Cuffe has left £1000.00 to the Parish in her will. Margaret has also left a gift to the SVP. We are very grateful for Margaret's generosity, and may she rest in peace

Job Opportunity with LIFE: An exciting new job opportunity as opened up with our friends at Fiat FertilityCare who are looking for someone aged 16-24, claiming Universal Credit, who feels they have the skills to work in Marketing and Admin Support. Do you know anyone who may be right for this role? The successful applicant will be able to work from home and will make a difference to the lives of couples seeking fertility support: The closing date is Monday 17 Jan 2022. Click to link to find out more - <https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/details/7572708>