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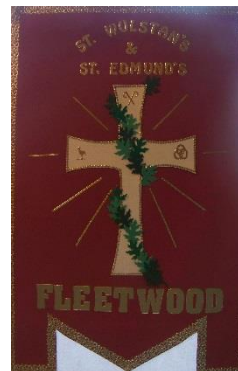
A Note from Martin Bennett: You may be interested in the launch of the website containing the work of three remarkable Liverpool priests, Frs. Austin Smith, Kevin Kelly and Tom Cullinan, which is now going to be via zoom on Saturday 15th January, 1:30-4:30 pm, with **Christine Allen (Director of CAFOD) 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.

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

Parish Preparation for the Worldwide Synod: The third 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 last 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.

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



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3rd Sunday of Year C 23/1/22

Sunday 23 rd	1000 People of the Parish
Monday 24 th	No Mass
Tuesday 25 th	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL 1100 Funeral Service for Irene Godfrey 1800 Pauline Greenall (Birthday Anniversary))
Wednesday 26 th	Sts Timothy and Titus 0930 Jean Sullivan (LD) 1000 Holy Half Hour 1100 Cremation of Alexander Kennedy
Thursday 27 th	1800 David Young (LD)
Friday 28 th	St Thomas Aquinas 0930 People of the Parish
Saturday 29 th	0930 Deceased members of Marlow Families
Sunday 30 th	1000 Paul Travis (Anniversary)



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

16th Jan £516.10 Sunday - 82 Weekdays (total) - 129 Website - 90 Households
Thankyou

Attendance

Keeping in Touch:

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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: Brenda Carsarsa, Marion Fulford, Olive Hyland, Mike David, Thomas Entwistle, Denis Greer, Canon Ted Mitchell, Dennis Geraghty, Josephine King, Peter Cuffe, Olive Rogerson, Bernadette Falconer, Patricia Wilson.

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for Salvation Army, Fleetwood and the people of Adelaide Street, Broomfield Road, Elsinore Close, High Street, Lune Road, Pharos Grove, Southway, Wyresdale Court with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bonus Ball: Winner for 15th January was Jessie Graham with No 4.

Meetings this week: Thursday 27th 1900-2000 Synod discussion In Green Hut
Saturday 29th 1000-1200 Alpha Course in St Nicholas Parish Hall

Church Unity Week: A note from John McLellan, Emmanuel Church. It was encouraging to see a good number at St Nicholas' for our United Advent Service and to sense that, after so long physically apart, there is still that desire among the local churches to identify with each other in sharing the joys of worship and also of witness to our community. It seems fitting, therefore, that, at the beginning of the year, we take the opportunity further to express our togetherness during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. May I, then, invite you and all our brothers and sisters in your respective congregations to an evening of thanksgiving, prayer and reflection at St David's, Larkholme Lane, at the end of the prayer octave, on Tuesday, 25th January at 7.30pm. This year's theme is, "We Saw His Star in the East". The text has, notably, been chosen by the churches of the Middle East. In focusing on the account of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem, it shows how people from diverse backgrounds (and cultures) are "drawn together in their common search to recognise Christ, to know him -- witnessing to a wider need for unity and to overcome injustice" - a vision with which I sincerely hope we can all identify.

Let's start a Parish Ladies Group: Gill Callaghan writes: There will be a get together for the ladies of the parish in the Green Hut on Friday 25th March 7-8pm. Inspired by the Synod Group meeting and Fr Alf's recent sermons, this is intended to be an opportunity for **all generations of women, from the age of 15 - 115**, to meet together, sharing their experiences, stories, skills and friendship. No 'agenda' has been planned. Instead we will work out together what we want to do and then probably get together every couple of months. I think it'll be lovely if we can really get it going and get a wide age group together. If that time is a little late in the evening during the winter for some of the older ladies, I'd be happy to go and pick people up and I'm sure a few others would.

(Fr Alf's note: What a fabulous idea, especially for the way ahead in the newly emerging church, where the voices of women are being given more and more importance. I feel such a group would be a great asset for the Parish, and really hope lots of ladies will take up Gill's offer)

Date for your diary: Women's World Day of Prayer this year will be held in St Wulstan's, on Friday March 4th from 1400-1500. More details nearer the time.

Donna Worthington's next retreats:

February 6th 2-5pm - *The Woman with the haemorrhage* (Luke 8,40-48). A countercultural text of liberation and a journey to the hem of his garment.

Saturday 19th February 2-5pm or Monday 21st February 10am-1pm - Ecclesiastes 3, 1-8. *'There is a time for everything and a season for every purpose under heaven'*. We explore the wisdom of this text for our lives.

Thursday evenings February 10, 17, 24 from 6.30-9pm. *The Parables? Nice little stories or subversive arrows that turn things upside down?* (Cost £60)

For more details: drworthington@live.co.uk

Good News: At long last, we have received news that we can begin to prepare for receiving a refugee family from a war-torn area. As you know, we have had everything in place since early 2020, but Covid put everything on hold. Now we can go ahead with finding accommodation and putting into effect what our teams have got ready. More details when we are up and running.

PS from Brian Wood: Just after the war, a greyhound racing track in London experimented with Cheetah racing. It was, however, a complete failure. They discovered that, as soon as one cheetah took the lead, the other three stopped running. Then the cheetahs, clever animals that they are, quickly realised that if they simply stood still when they came out of the starting stalls, the hare came right round the track and all they had to do was wait and jump on it when it came past. The best laid plans...! Dear Jesus, let me always admire the intelligence of your beautiful creature.

Thank You: Steve and Maria would like to say a big 'thank you' to Father Alf and parishioners for their generous gift of their theatre trip to London. It was truly magical!

REPEAT NOTICES

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.

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 super fit! 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'.