

PS from Brian Wood: In the Soviet Union, such was the control exerted by the communist party and the secret police that no one could trust anyone else, even husbands and wives. There was a young couple who had had a baby and the father, who was a Christian, wanted to have the baby baptized. Even his wife did not know he was a Christian and he dared not tell her. So, one day he took the baby out for a walk and hurried to the priest who lived in secret a few streets away. When he was with the priest, he said "Please baptize my baby." The priest said, "I'm sorry, I can't baptize your baby." The young man said, "Why not?" The priest replied, "Because your wife brought him to be baptized last week." Dear Jesus, give your strength to all those throughout the world who are suffering for their faith.

SPUC Youth Conference: is set to attract over 200 young people. Nurturing young people in their pro-life ideals and defending pro-life freedom of speech, especially at universities, is one of SPUC's main aims at the moment. It is good to know that there is a flourishing upcoming generation of young people who are passionate about ending abortion. There are still some places available so if you know of young person who would like to attend go to www.spuc.org.uk for more details.

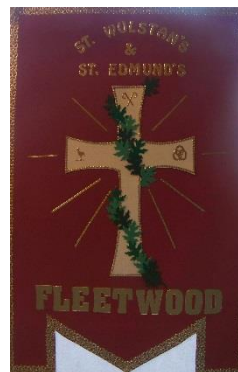
Pregnancy Crisis Helpline: is run by Christians, is free and confidential and, unlike other pregnancy advisory services, does not refer for abortion. The helpline number is 0800 368 9296, or go to info@pregnancycrisishelpline.org.uk

REPEAT NOTICES

Easyfundraising: have sent us a note saying that we have raised £40.76 this Quarter from people nominating the parish as their chosen charity when shopping online.

Bethlehem Hospice: Patrick Dempsey has asked that we publicise a walk of love to bring hospice care where there is none. An elderly couple with a combined age of 156 years is walking 156kms to raise funds to establish the first Hospice in Bethlehem which will greatly help to reduce pain and suffering. If you'd like to sponsor them, you can donate at www.justgiving.com/campaign/walkforlove.

CASTLERIGG ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2022-23 // Applications are now open for next year's Castlerigg Team! Are you over 18? Would you like to spend next year living in Keswick and working with some wonderful young people from all around the Northwest? The role is voluntary but full training is provided, as well as accommodation and spending money. If you're interested, Email Jack to start the conversation - jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk



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8th Sunday of Year C 27/2/22

Sunday 27 th	1000 Golden Wedding Anniversary Bill and Kath Rogerson
Monday 28 th	No Mass
Tuesday 1 st	St David, Patron of Wales
	NB 1700 Kath Hearty (LD)
Wednesday 2 nd	ASH WEDNESDAY
	0915 Whole School Service
	1200 Paul Buschini (Anniversary)
	1900 People of the Parish
Thursday 3 rd	1800 Anna Dale (LD)
Friday 4 th	0930 Holly Egan (LD)
Saturday 5 th	0930 Rose Lee (LD)
Sunday 6 th	1000 Jack Morgan (Anniversary)



SUNDAY MASS IS NOW LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE

CONFESSIONS: 0900 on Saturdays and 1730 on Thursdays

**St Wulstan's will be open 30 minutes before the start of each Mass.
The Lady Chapel is open every day from 0800-1700**

Collection

20th Feb £593.10
Thankyou

Attendance

Sunday - 114 Weekdays (total) - 67 Website - 158 Households

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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: Michael Cosgrove, Charles Godfrey, Nancy Bethell, Damian Washington, Callum Fyall, Maria Stirzaker, Terri Fenlon, Sue Brown, Mildred McAvoy.

Baptism Anniversaries: Macie Mae Elrick 3rd March 2013

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for Trinity Baptist Church and the people of Albert Street, Buttermere Avenue, The Esplanade, Homestead Drive, Manor Road, Poole Court and Station Road with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bonus Ball: Winners for 19th February were Maria Stansfield and Pat Tse-Lawrence with No 26. For those who pay their subs 6 monthly, the next £25 is due in March. Please either hand direct to Anne Holland, or place in the collection with your name and number on the envelope. Thank you.

The Great Liturgical Season of Lent: Begins on Wednesday with the imposition of ashes for the children at 0915, followed by the adults at 1200 and 1900 Masses. Amongst your personal offerings of penance for Lent, may I suggest that you include a daily prayer for our parish family, asking the Holy Spirit to guide and lead us in the direction he wants us to go in the post pandemic Church. A special mention for our young families would not go amiss. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for all healthy people aged between 18 and 65. It helps us to remember that "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God".

Meetings this week:

Tuesday 1 st	1800 'Watch Party' in school hall.
Thursday 3 rd	1830 Bible Share in the Presbytery
Friday 5 th	1400 Women's World Day of Prayer in church
Saturday 5 th	1000-1600 Alpha Course Away Day

Watch Party: After the three parish discussions on Synodality in January, those attending suggested we should keep meeting every couple of months to stay up to speed with what's happening in the Church. Consequently, we are meeting this Tuesday to listen to three wonderful speakers, together with a world-wide audience through Zoom on "What is God saying to our parish, community and ministry?". March 2022 marks two years since the pandemic started. What have we learned? What should our focus be moving forward? The live-stream will start at 6pm, and will take place in the school hall. Please note that Mass on Tuesday will be at 5pm, giving us half an hour to get ready

Missionary Appeal: On behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), may I offer our sincere thanks and gratitude for your Parish's kind generosity in response to our Mission Appeal that took place recently at your parish. The £438.10 we have received will greatly increase our ability to bring Christ to the poorest and most neglected, responding to their cries for help. Events in the world continue to cause concern, and we need to try and understand why people driven to desperation through fear, hopelessness and poverty can resort to desperate and drastic means of redress. Sadly, this only leads to increased sufferings, injustice and hate. We are all children of God, and they are our brothers and sisters. The Love of Jesus is universal, so too should our love and concerns. We continue to be faithful to work among the social and cultural outcasts and victims

of war, violence and natural disasters and are grateful for your prayers and support for our missionaries at home and overseas.

Latest from Bishop on Covid: You will note that good ventilation is still key to reducing possible infections. It is now permissible to use holy water stoups once again. I know that many parishioners will welcome this. Since late January, the legal requirement to wear a face covering in certain indoor settings, including places of worship, has been lifted. The current CBCEW guidance is that people may choose to wear a face covering when attending church. Bearing in mind current infection rates in the northwest area, I would suggest we need to consider the health, wellbeing, and reactions of others in church, especially at communion time. The Sign of Peace can now be re-introduced. This needs to be done in a way that respects people's feelings about direct physical contact with others. For those who may not feel comfortable shaking hands yet, a simple nod will do.

Restarting of Lourdes Pilgrimage: Bishop Paul has announced that the Diocese intends to revive our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes this year after the two-year hiatus. Given the pandemic hangover and ongoing travel complications, a final decision will be made at Easter to confirm or cancel. If we go, the dates are from Friday 22nd - Friday 29th July. To book go to www.joewalshstours.co.uk or phone 0161 820 8790.

Family Fast Day: is on Friday 11th March. This Lent CAFOD is focusing on how parish donations can help prevent malnutrition in countries like Sierra Leone. No child should go hungry. The climate crisis, Covid 19 and the unequal distribution of food mean extreme hunger is getting worse. Amidst a consumerist society, Pope Francis encourages us to live differently, to live simply and with love for our brothers and sisters. CAFOD envelopes are at the back of church.

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internships: Are you a recent/soon-to-be Catholic graduate interested in getting involved in public service? If so, we are pleased to announce that you can now able to apply to become one of next year's Faith in Politics interns! Check out the Catholic Bishops' Conference website for more information.

St Bernadette: The visit of St Bernadette's relics to our cathedral will take place from evening 23rd September till late morning 24th September. More details nearer the time.

LIFE MATTERS: Although not strictly a formalised Catholic group, the Bishop would like to bring to our attention to the following: *'Missing Millions: How abortion is harming us all'*. Voice for Justice UK, along with other prolife groups, is organising a national Call to repentance on Saturday, 26th March at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 6 pm and will be live streamed for those not able to join us in person, but who would like to take part. It will also be available afterwards on our YouTube channel. Further information can be found here: [Mission Millions 2022 - Voice for Justice](#).

Donna Worthington's retreat for March: Dreams Course - explore the mystery of being human through the wisdom of dreams as a road to wholeness and personal development. Tuesdays 8, 15, 22, 29 from 7-9pm. Cost £80. For more info go to drworthington@live.co.uk