

PS from Brian Wood: My niece Catherine has a lovely little dog which is a mongrel and looks vaguely like a small terrier. She was out walking with it recently and was approached by a young woman who asked "What breed is your dog?" Catherine gave her usual answer "He's a Heinz 57." The young woman looked quite puzzled and said "That's funny, last week I met a man who said his dog was a Heinz 57 but it didn't look anything like yours". Dear Jesus, we thank you for all the joy our pets give us, whether they are Heinz 57 or not.

REPEAT NOTICES

Our Offertory Collection: Due to covid restrictions, the book-keeping was delayed in the last tax year and so the weekly offertory figures published on the leaflet did not include money gifted by standing order and bank transfer. For the full year 2020-2021 we received £9490 in this way, which is £182.50 per week. Almost 29% of our weekly offertory collection comes from direct payments to our bank account. We will now start to add this figure to the amount collected at church, so that we have the full amount to publish on the bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.

Gift Aid: If you pay income tax and have not already registered with the parish for gift aid, please do as we can claim 25% back from the government for any offerings you give to the parish. Please see Maria Doherty if you require more information or a form. A big 'Thank You' to all those who are already registered.

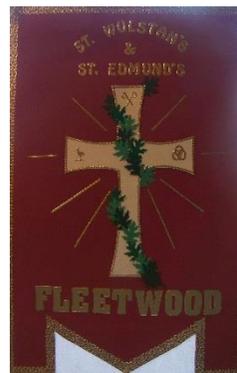
Repository: A selection of Lenten prayer books and Stations of the Cross are now available (for adults and children) as well as cards for St Patrick's Day, Mothers' Day and Easter. Please contact Maria (07732278730) if there are other religious or gift items you would like her to stock.

Homes for Ukrainians: As you will have heard the response from members of the British Public has been fantastic, including four of our parishioners. If anyone else is interested, I can put you in touch with them.

Latest Retreats from Donna Worthington: *The Cave, the Blackbird and the Monster* - a journey with the contemplative Saint Kevin. Sat 2nd April 2-5pm or Mon 4th April 10am-1pm. *Ignatian Training* - For individuals and groups who want to train in imaginative guided prayer. Wednesday 13th April 6-9pm. For more info: drworthington@live.co.uk

Welcome Project: As you know two years ago, we were totally geared up to receiving a Syrian Refugee family into the parish but were put back by the outbreak of Covid. Things are moving now, so hopefully we will be getting the Green Light from the Home Office fairly soon. There will be a meeting for the Team Leaders in the presbytery on Thursday at 1830.

Castlerigg Manor Easter Retreat 2022: Castlerigg Manor's first open retreat for young people and young adults is happening this Easter. It runs from April 14-17th and it's just £85. It's open to anybody in Year 10+, up to age 25. A great chance to make some friends, deepen faith and explore the beauty of the Easter weekend together. For more information - jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk. To book - <https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/easter>



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4th Sunday of Lent Year C 27/3/22

Sunday 27th 0930 Charles Monaghan (Anniversary)
Monday 28th **No Mass**
Tuesday 29th 1800 Irene Murtagh (LD)
Wednesday 30th 0930 Freda Cross
Thursday 31st 1800 People of the Parish
Friday 1st 0930 Anthony Robinson (Anniversary)
Saturday 2nd 0930 Kathleen Hearty (RIP)
Sunday 3rd 1000 Margaret and Peter Cuffe (RIP)



SUNDAY MASS IS NOW LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE

CONFESSIONS: 0900 - 0925 on Saturdays or anytime on request

**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	Attendance
13 th March £797.88	Sunday - 112
	Weekdays (total) - 100
	Website - 95 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: Margaret Rhimes, Brian Preston, Edith Ward, Helen Crampton, Kathleen Umpleby, Peta Bowley, Margaret Cygal, Michael Whaley.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Madison George Brooks	27 th March 2011	Laila Edith Fogg	28 th March 2010
Gabriel Stephen Brooks	31 st March 2019		

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St David's Church and the people of Amounderness Way, Carlisle Avenue, Fairhaven Avenue, Hove Avenue, Marine Parade, Preston Street and Styan Street with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

British Summer Time: Starts this Sunday 27th March, so don't forget to put your clocks forward on Saturday, and in the morning make your mum a nice cup of tea for Mother's Day.

Bonus Ball: Winning number for 19th March was No 7. Nobody has that number. If you would like to own it, see Anne Holland. Thank you.

New Rotas: For Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Counters and Hospitality coffee makers are available at the back of church.

Meetings this week: Thursday 31st 1830 Bible Share in Presbytery
1900 Deanery Pastoral Council at St John Vianney's
Friday 1st 1515 Stations of the Cross in the Lady Chapel
Saturday 2nd 1000-1200 Final day of Alpha Course in St Nicholas Hall

Lenten Lunches: Every Friday between 1145 and 1315. This year's donations will go to Trinity Hospice in memory of David Stead, who was such a great supporter of Fleetwood Churches Together, and who died from cancer last year. The dates and venues are: -
25th March Emmanuel at the Mount (with help from Trinity Baptist)
1st April St David's (with help from Fleetwood Methodists)
8th April St Peter's (with help from St Mary's)

School Liturgies: As yet, because Covid is still around, our school is not able to invite parents or parishioners to these. However, the good news is that there has been a class Mass or Liturgy in the Lady Chapel every week during term, as well as a whole school liturgy in church for Ash Wednesday. Unfortunately, this year, school Easter holidays fall during Holy Week, the most important time of the year in the life of the Church, so, as a way of keeping this in mind for the children, our school will be celebrating Stations of the Cross in school on Tuesday, and a 'Preparation for Holy Week' Liturgy in church on Thursday.

Pram Club: In conversation with Mrs Barnes, our Headteacher, she talked about the idea of having a Pram Club, which is simply a get-together for mums after they drop their children off at school, where they can have a coffee and a chat, and slowly build up a sense of community, rather like the way Young Mothers Groups used to do years ago. Although it is a school initiative, due to many Staff commitments at the present time, it would not be possible to have it teacher led in the school hall, I wonder if any of our mums would like to give it a go in the Green Hut? Let Fr Alf know.

Ladies Group: Will meet outside the Green Hut after Mass (10am) for a Saturday morning stroll on 2nd April and would love to see some new faces join us. There are two options, depending on how far people would like to walk: Head up to the prom and find somewhere around the Marine Hall or Euston to have a coffee and back, or go left and head to Rossall Observation Point which is open to visitors at a weekend. There isn't a cafe at this option, but there is en route (opposite Sea Cadet Base). If the weather is really rubbish we may have to postpone, but we should have a fairly accurate idea of the forecast a few days before. Please feel free to bring children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc as there will be a few children joining us on the day! If anyone who gave me their email address hasn't received an email from me already (a few bounced back) or would simply like to be added to our mailing list to keep up to date with what we are doing in the future, please email: stwulstansladiesgroupfleetwood@hotmail.com Cheers xx. Gill Callaghan

Our own Prodigal Son: As some of you may know Stephen, our prospective student for the Priesthood, has had a rather 'colourful' past, involving addiction, homelessness, and several brushes with the Law. His story, like John Pridmore's, is one of the unfailing love of the Father for his son, just like the story in today's gospel. In this penitential season of Lent and as part of the build up to Holy Week, Stephen will tell his story here in church, (or Lady Chapel depending on numbers attending) on Wednesday 30th at 6.30pm. Recommended.

Chrism Mass: Will take place at the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday at 1130. This year, unlike last year, parishioners are once again allowed to attend. If you would like to go, there is room for 15 in the minibus. Put your name on the sheet at the back of church.

Charter on the Care of Creation: Our Diocesan Faith and Justice Commission has produced this. A copy is on the Notice Board, and will be emailed with the bulletin. Bishop Paul has endorsed it as follows: "My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I welcome this Charter on the Care of Creation, presented here as a statement of where we stand in the Diocese of Lancaster with regards to the environment. Ours must be the most beautiful diocese in England. As Christians we recognise in creation the work of the Creator, and so for many, creation becomes a beginning, the first steps towards knowing the Lord. How we live matters. How we live expresses what we believe. How we live reveals something of the God we follow and worship. Creation is entrusted to us as a foretaste of heaven, to be respected and cared for. Our vocation as the People of God is to be a sign of hope to others, and hope is something very much needed in these times. I commend this Charter on the Care of Creation to you, hoping you find it an encouragement and something of a challenge to how you live your faith in these days, wherever the Lord has placed you and whatever your stage and status in life. I express my gratitude to those who composed it, and extend my blessing to all who actively take it to heart. Christ is within it".

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 3-10 November: We have now received the itinerary for our Parish trip, which is a very good one, covering all the main places we would want to experience. If you haven't already, you can collect your booking form from Fr Alf, and when you book, put a note on the form saying you are part of St Wulstan's group. The cost is £1095.00 sharing or £1350 for a single room. If anyone else would like to come, please let Fr Alf know. A deposit of £275 per person is required to make the booking.

The Catholic Voice: The latest edition is ready for collection after Mass from Stewards.