

**URGENT PLEAS FOR HELP:** 1. We are hoping that Father Christmas will be able to attend the Christmas Fair but he needs a couple of willing helpers. Please let Maria D know if you could do this.



2. **BOTTLE TOMBOLA:** Bottles are desperately needed to enable this popular stall to be ready for the Christmas Fair. Please bring any donations to church or contact Steve or Maria D for collection. Many thanks in advance.

**PREPARING FOR ADVENT:** Preparing for Christmas with the Advent Readings.



Why not give yourself an hour to read over the Readings for the 3 Sundays leading up to Christmas. Each week we will look at the Readings for the following Sunday. We will read, reflect and share on them. Come for all or just one of the Fridays, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup> December from 7-8pm at St Teresa's Church, Cleveleys. (Come in through Church, we will be in the Sacristy) Don't lose the true meaning of Christmas.

**FLEETWOOD'S LITTLE BOOK OF HOPE:** Liz Loftus from Inspired Minds/Fleetwood PCN, poet Nathan Parker and creative artist Tina Dempsey have put together this wonderful publication of thoughts and experiences from local residents, designed to give comfort and support to anyone going through the grief of a loss or struggling with their mental health. The project was funded by Wyre Council and the NHS. The launch event is at the North Euston Hotel on Monday 13th November 3.30pm to 5.30pm - meet the team and some of the residents involved, pick up a copy of the book and enjoy some refreshments.

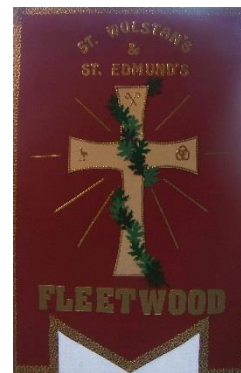
**CAFOD'S RESPONSE TO MIDDLE EAST CRISIS:** "CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal. Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."

**PS FROM BRIAN WOOD:** In the mid eighties, I had to travel to Bridgend in South Wales and I went by train. My carriage was half-filled with school boys, all excited on a day out of school. Year 7 I estimated. As the train pulled slowly out of Cardiff Central Station, the cry went up "The Arms Park!" The line went right past the Cardiff Arms Park, home of Welsh rugby. All the boys charged to that side of the carriage and there was complete silence, the boys all lost in awe and wonder. This lasted until the stadium went out of sight when normal service was resumed and they were chattering noisily. If only JPR could have walked through the carriage at that point.....! This was a very touching reminder how important rugby is to the Welsh nation. Dear Jesus, we thank you for the awe and wonder created in young people by their sporting idols.

#### REPEAT NOTICES

**DATE FOR DIARY - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING:** There will be a meeting for parents of children who would like to make their First Holy Communion next year, at 6pm in the Green Hut on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**REPOSITORY STALL:** Christmas cards are now available as well as nativity sets and other gifts. Catholic Diaries are also on sale. Please see Maria Doherty for any other items you may require.



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### *32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR A ~ 12/11/23*

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Deceased members of Earnshaw & McVeigh families
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	1800	People of the Parish
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1000 1900	Oliver Alderson (RIP) <b>Holy Half Hour</b> Liturgy of Remembrance
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Deceased Members of Cuffe family
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1130	Maurice Vink (LD) Funeral Liturgy for Rick Bromley
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	* NB * 0900	Sick & Housebound of the Parish
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	0930 - 0945 1000	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR A</b> <b>Confessions</b> Fred Wade (Anniversary)

**SUNDAY MASS IS NOW LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE**

*The Lady Chapel is open every day from 0800-1700 for private prayer.*

**Confessions : Sunday 9.30 - 9.45**

#### Collection

29<sup>th</sup> October £540.30

#### Attendance

141

Website - 111 Households

#### Keeping in Touch:

X (formerly 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:** Raymond Eardley, Jake Bywater, Joe Dutton, Benjamin Newbold, Winifred Mary Peel, Fr Peter Eccles, Canon Bill Raftery, Barry Riches, Rose Haworth, Margaret Teresa Cosgrove.

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:**

Conna Alexander Kirkwood	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2014	Alexia Jo Eacott	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
Olivia Clark	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	Harvey Clark	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2009
Margot Darling Eve Garrett	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:** This week we are praying for St Wulstan's & St Edmund's Parish and the people of Brentwood, Enterprise Way, Honister Close, Maple Avenue, Quayside and the Crescent with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

**NEW NOTICES**

**BONUS BALL:** Winner for 4<sup>th</sup> November was Judith Wood with No 43

**THANK YOU:** Siobhan Tweedale, organiser of the concert at St Kent's for Ukrainian Refugees has written to say thank you to all who contributed to a very enjoyable evening which raised £1400.

**GREEN HUT:** You will have notice that we have installed a new toughened glass entrance door for the Green Hut. Next job is to extend and remodel the kitchen. To do this we will be taking room from the store next to the kitchen. There is a huge amount of stuff in there, much of which, we suspect, is not used any more. If you have anything in that cupboard which you need to keep, can you let us know, otherwise you may lose it when the clear out starts.

**CHRISTMAS:** As Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, and as we will have celebrated Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent in the morning, we have decided, after various discussions to have just two Christmas Masses this year. One at 7pm on Christmas Eve, which we hope will not be too late for the children nor too early for the adults. Mass on Christmas Day will be at 9.30am as usual. Next year we will revert to three Masses spread further apart. The 7pm Mass will have a separate Children's Liturgy of the Word, and they will rejoin us for the Liturgy of the Eucharist as they do on Sundays.

**A NOTE FROM OUR CAFOD REP, VIVIEN McCARRON:** Don't know what to buy for the person who has everything already?! Take a CAFOD gift catalogue from church where you can spend anything from £4 upwards. Send your order to CAFOD (P&P included) and they will send certificates for you to give to the person - maybe a vegetable garden, some bees, emergency food or even a cow. Money well-spent and the feel-good factor comes free!!

**JOHN PRIDMORE'S MISSION:** Please make this as widely known as possible especially to anyone you know, who is struggling with life's problems. All the talks will be in St Wulstan's Church from 7-8pm. Topics are:

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	- Renewed Freedom In Jesus including a Healing Service
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	- God's Gift of Mary
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	- The Holy Spirit

Admission is free. All are welcome, of all faiths or none.

**LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE:** On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we will be revising the annual service to remember those we've loved and lost, as we used to do at St Edmund's before Covid. All are welcome. Please feel free to bring any photos or memorabilia to place on the sanctuary when you arrive.

**A VIEW FROM THE PEW:** (A poem by George Kwun inspired by his visit to St Maximilian Kolbe's prison cell in Auschwitz this September)

Amongst the silent poplars and birches  
Where no birdsong is heard  
An eerie hush reigns  
In the dark dank cell  
Where Maximilian Kolbe was starved  
Only an Easter candle stands witness  
In solidarity against all human iniquity  
Mustered and designed to exterminate  
Those designated "sub-human"  
To serve a twisted ideology  
Here the prince of darkness triumphed  
Exposing our deep-seated concupiscence  
But here the bricks stand in silent witness  
To a truth symbolised by a candle  
A light to shine in our darkness  
A light that descends in the darkest darkness of hell  
As depicted by Jerzy Grac at Jasna Gora  
Under the merciful gaze of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
With her face defaced by human malice  
Her Son the Way to the love of the Father  
In his obediential sacrificial love that goes  
Right to the end

**A POEM FROM THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** On Radio 4, Thought for the Day (Mon 6 Nov) Mona Siddiqui mentioned a poem. It was written by Khaled Juma just after the attacks by Israel on Gaza in July and August 2014 when over 500 children were killed and many more injured and traumatised. Here is the poem.

Oh, rascal children of Gaza  
Oh, rascal children of Gaza,  
you who constantly disturbed me with your screams under my window,  
you who filled every morning with rush and chaos,  
you who broke my vase and stole the lonely flower on my balcony,  
come back -  
and scream as you want,  
and break all the vases,  
steal all the flowers,  
come back,  
just come back...

**Khaled Juma**