

THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: After a long interval during and following COVID we are now delighted to be able to renew the lovely custom of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem to give our children the spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ which can so easily get lost in chocolate Advent calendars and visits to Santa.

Some of our gifted ladies have crafted two sets of figures which are being given hospitality by different house each day and then brought to church for our Christmas Mass.

Had they been there at the time, I'm sure our children would have made room for them at the inn!



This is the message that went out to parents from our school.

"In class, we have been learning about Mary and Joseph's long journey to Bethlehem.

Children will each have the opportunity to take these beautiful figures home for a night.

When it is your child's turn, we would like you to share the story and information at home and then bring them back the next morning. Mary, Joseph and the donkey will begin their journey tomorrow!"

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: Once upon a time, a Judge in the Divorce Court was asking a woman why she was applying for a divorce. "What grounds have you got?" She replied, "Not a lot really... only a rose garden at the front and a lawn at the back." The Judge, impatient, said "No no no! Do you have a grudge?" "No" she replied "we just park the car on the drive." The Judge, increasingly impatient, asked "Does he beat you up?" The woman replied "No, I'm up first every morning" Finally, the Judge, exasperated, asked "Madam, why are you divorcing your husband?" She replied, "Because you can't have a sensible conversation with him". Dear Jesus, have mercy on all the Holy Souls in this month of November.

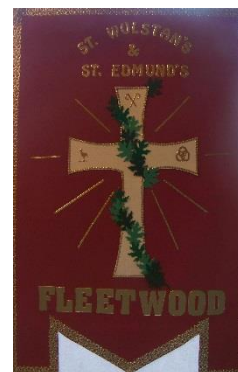
REPEAT NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING: The Church bells are being renovated at the beginning of December, so the original plan of cleaning on the first Monday of December will not now be possible, so, to clean the Church for Christmas, could anyone who can spare a little time to clean on Monday 18th of December come along at 9.30am, entry through the choir door and anyone who can help decorate the Church for Christmas, can they come on Friday 22nd of December at 9.30am Thanks so much!

CHURCHES TOGETHER ADVENT SERVICE: Will take place at Emmanuel on Sunday 3rd December at 6.30 pm. All welcome.

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC - ST MARY'S - MONDAY 4th DECEMBER:

Performances by Park Community Academy Band and St. Mary's Primary School Choir. There will be refreshments and a raffle.



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B ~ 3/12/23

Sunday 3 rd	1000	John Lynch (RIP)
Monday 4 th	No Mass	
Tuesday 5 th	1800	Leanne Conway & Family
Wednesday 6 th	* NB * 1400	Funeral Mass for Nicky Callaghan (RIP)
Thursday 7 th	* NB * 0930 1000 1730	Tom Metson (LD) Holy Half Hour St Wulstan's & St Edmund's School Advent Service
Friday 8 th	0930 1130	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Sick & Housebound of the Parish Funeral Service for John Quinn
Saturday 9 th	0900	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 th	0930 - 0945 1000	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B Confessions Agnes Witton (LD)

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

26th November £491.80

Attendance

175

Website - 109 Households

Keeping in Touch:

X (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/ssWulstanEdmund>

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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: Maurice Meehan, Margaret Lydon, Dorothy Gradwell, Fr Leo Cafferty, Alan Frazer, Terry Roney, Jack Price, Nora McLellan, Teresa Mansell, Molly Holford, Rose Lewis, Arthur Isherwood, Leonard Goodwin Jinks, William Wright

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Levi Jay Rawcliffe	2 nd December 2012	Daemon Alfie Cantrell	5 th December 2010
William Bowker Harvey	6 th December 2009	Alfie Patrick Callaghan	9 th December 2012

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for Emmanuel Church and the people of Bridgewater gardens, Ettrick Ave, Inglewood close, Marine Parade, Rede Avenue and The Moorings with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES:

Please note the changes for Wednesday and Thursday this week due to Nicky's funeral and our school's Advent Service. All welcome at both.

RESTORATION OF ST WULSTAN'S BELLS: Engineers will be here from Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th to install the new mechanism for control of our bells. Although it is nearly a year and half since the lightning strike that put it out of order, it's great to know that our bells will be ready to ring out the joyous news of Our Lord's birth at Christmas.

ST EDMUND'S ALTAR: Just a reminder that Bishop Paul will be blessing the altar, which is now in situ in the Catholic Chapel at the University on Friday 8th at 1900. So far there are about 8 names on the list for the minibus, so there is room for 8 more. If you'd like to come, please sign up at the back of church. We'll be leaving here at 1730.

JOHN PRIDMORE'S MISSION: A huge thank you to John for his very inspiring and comforting Mission, filled with the love and mercy of God for each and every one of us. Thanks also to all who facilitated the talks with music, decoration, serving, livestreaming etc. may we all be truly blessed by such a powerful witness.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Another tremendous success which raised £3555 for parish funds. Once again a huge thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talents, especially the co-ordinators Maria and Steve, and of course, to all who patronised the day. There are some home-made jams, toffee and other goods which are at the back of church.

THANKYOU: We have received a letter from Stella Maris, for our gift to the Sea Sunday appeal of £148.60. The secretary writes 'Your parishioners are kindly enabling Stella Maris to make a difference when seafarers and fishers need it most. Through your congregation's prayers and financial support, our chaplains and volunteers will provide spiritual, pastoral and practical support to seafarers and fishers over the next year. On behalf of us all at Stella Maris and our seafarers and fisher beneficiaries, I offer you and your congregation our heartfelt thanks for your compassionate and generous support of our ministry.'

A PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Eternal God, you will come when we do not expect you.
Help us to welcome you now in one another,
to reach out to our sisters and brothers
in need of care and support.
And in this way may we be found ready
when you come again in glory.
Amen.



BIBLE SHARE: Will take place in the presbytery at 1830 on Thursday, after the Advent Service.

A VIEW FROM THE PEW: (Mike & Terry Smith)

We have lived in many places and been members of many parishes both in UK and abroad. Following retirement, we discovered the hidden gem of England that is Fleetwood and moved here just before COVID struck. When we were released from lockdown, we started attending St Wulstan's where we were immediately welcomed. Every time we enter the church it truly feels like the Father's house, and we feel spiritually renewed as we celebrate Mass together with our church family. We love that everyone is made so welcome, especially the children, who are the future of our church. They are all encouraged and helped so much in their journey of faith in Christ. It is a joy to hear the children interact with Fr Alf on a Sunday morning. It is probably the best parish in which we have ever lived.

FLEETWOOD LIGHTS: We are delighted to announce the launch of **Fleetwood Lights** this Friday, December 1 at 5pm. This is our final cultural programme event as part of Fleetwood's Cultural Programme. This commission is inspired by Fleetwood's 3 lighthouses and there will be illuminated light-based artworks at Fleetwood Museum, The Mount Gardens, Marine Hall, Pharos Lighthouse & Lower Lighthouse. The lights will be on display to the public from 5-9pm on 1st -3rd December.

STOP THE 14 DAY LIMIT: You may be aware that there are plans by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) to remove the 14-day limit for experimenting on embryos. Despite [97% of submissions](#) from the general public to the HFEA's own consultation objecting to this proposal, the HFEA is lobbying the Government to proceed with a change in this legislation that would pave the way for the removal of the 14-day limit. We really appreciate your prayers and support for our work and would be very grateful if you continue to include us in your prayers however you feel is most appropriate. We have written some suggested intentions that could be used in December. Prayer - First Sunday of Advent) - *"For all parents expecting a new child, that they might be blessed with a safe and healthy pregnancy for mother and baby. Lord hear us".*

THE VOICE: The latest edition is available from the back of church this weekend.

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: Will take place on Thursday 21st at 1830 in St Wulstan's Church in spiritual preparation for the wonderful feast of our Saviour's birth. St John Vianney's is also having a service on Friday 15th at 7pm.