

REPEAT NOTICES

Christmas Church Cleaning: Many people will remember the slogan in the days before emails, 'Post early for Christmas'. I think Judith may have borrowed from that idea with the following message: **CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING WILL BE ON MONDAY 20th DECEMBER AT 9.30 am.** If you can help, please come in by the choir door. Always good to think ahead.

Foodbank Donations: Thank you as always to so many who donate to our Foodbank. For those of you who pay tax, if you would like to, it's now possible to gift aid your donation. Bank details for Faith in the Community are attached to the Gift Aid forms at the back of church.

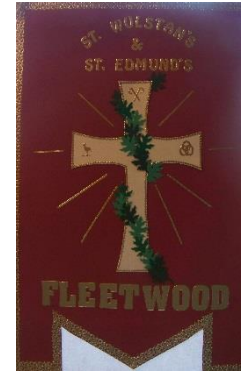
Nativity Sets, Advent Calendars, Catholic Diaries, Christmas Cards, and gifts.

These items are all available from the repository stall in church or by contacting Maria (07732278730) if you are unable to get to church. Diaries are priced £3.30. Please let Maria know if you would like one as, unlike other items, leftovers are no use next year! Hundreds of items, including beautiful nativity sets, can be viewed online at www.cbcdistributors.co.uk (no priced unfortunately) but Maria is happy to advise on prices.

Handmade Reindeer: As mentioned after Mass last week, Keith Urwin, who does such fabulous work looking after the parish gardens, has hand crafted reindeer from spare bits of wood, and they are really lovely. He'll have some on display on the Green Hut after Mass today. They are sold in aid of Marie Curie / Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Holy Family Year C 26/12/21

Sunday 26th 1000 Pat Boe's Intentions
 Monday 27th **No Mass**
 Tuesday 28th **The Holy Innocents**
 1800 Catherine Yates
 Wednesday 29th **Thomas Becket**
 0930 People of the Parish
 Thursday 30th 1800 Margaret Quinn (RIP)
 Friday 31st 0930 Jack and Ethel Hewitt (RIP)
 Saturday 1st **Mary Mother of God**
NB 1200 Irene Blyth (Ill)
 Sunday 2nd **2nd Sunday of Christmas**
 1000 Val Earnshaw (RIP)



Catholic Parish of St Wulstan's & St Edmund's

Parish Priest: Canon Alfred Hayes STB
 St Wulstan's Presbytery, Poulton Road,
 Fleetwood FY7 7JY
 Tel: 01253 873609
 Mobile: 07724850837

Email: wulstan1@sky.com
 Website: www.sswulstanandedmund-fleetwood.org.uk
 Twitter: @ssWulstanEdmund
 Facebook: [st.wulstansfleetwood](https://www.facebook.com/st.wulstansfleetwood)
 Contact for St Edmund's Church
 Glenda Kelly: 01253 773843

4th Sunday of Advent Year C 19/12/21

Sunday 19th 1000 Deceased Members of Barker Family
 Monday 20th **No Mass**
 Tuesday 21st 1800 Anthony Bird (Anniversary)
 Wednesday 22nd 0930 Jonathan Good
 Thursday 23rd 1800 Bernadette and Tom Delaney (RIP)
 Friday 24th 0930 Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Christmas Eve 1800 People of the Parish
 2000 William Yates
 Saturday 25th **Christmas Day** 0930 Robert Groves (Birthday Anniversary)
 Sunday 26th 1000 Pat Boe's Intentions



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*

<u>Collection</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
5 th Dec £280.60	Sunday - 95	Weekdays (total) - 88	Website - 85 Households

Thankyou

Keeping in Touch:

- Follow 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: Christine Weetman, Ted Wilson, Mary Latham, Richard Hearty, Thomas Conroy, Terence Murtagh, Ida Pritchard, Anthony Bird, Jimmy Keane, Raymond O'Connor, Reg Graham, Kate Ballantyne.

Baptism Anniversaries:

Anna Rose Bowker-Harvey 21st December 2014

Churches Together Prayer Calendar: This week we are praying for St David's Church, St Edmund's Church and the people of Broadwater Avenue, Eastwood Avenue, Heathfield Road, Lonsdale crescent, Patterdale Avenue, Smith Street, Witton Grove, Eden Avenue, Henderson Road, Lord Street, Peel Road, Southfleet Avenue and Wolsley Road with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

Bulletin: Please keep this copy for Mass times as there will be no bulletin next week.

Covid Latest: We have received nothing new from the Diocese, but in the light of the recent Government regulations, we have decided to move back into the main church for weekday Masses. It's colder than the Lady Chapel, but probably safer in the present circumstances.

Bonus Ball: Winning No for 11th December was 38. No-one has that number.

Penitential Service: Will take place in St Wulstan's next Wednesday 22nd at 7pm in preparation for the great feast of Christmas. If it has been a long time since you've received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you will find the format we will use very easy, so try to take advantage of the grace of God's guaranteed forgiveness, for whatever you may have done, in this wonderful sacrament.

Alpha 2022: As mentioned last week, the next Alpha course will take place at St Nicholas, starting on Saturday 15th January, with breakfast at 1000. If you have done the course and would like to help in some way, please put your name on the sheet at the back of church. If you haven't done the course but would very much like to - and it is really worthwhile - please put your name on the other sheet at the back of church, preferably before the 8th January. Thank you.

Outdoor Crib: The outdoor crib will be erected on Saturday 18th at 1000. If anyone is able to assist our ageing crib crew, you will be welcomed with open arms. Mince pies and coffee on completion. Mike Price, Alan Warburton (with a little help from Keith and Stephen) have designed and built a magnificent shed to house the outdoor crib and free up room in the old shed for the Glory Bees paraphernalia. It looks great and will take more than your average storm to blow it over!

Holiday Club: Wyre Council's Holiday Club for children who receive free school meals is returning for Christmas. Activities include arts and crafts, sports and games, swimming, and a special visit from Santa - depending on the venue. Included in the program are two venues:- Fleetwood YMCA and Fleetwood High School from Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd December. For full details please see www.wyre.gov.uk/holidayclub

Free Wood: Keith Urwin, as well as making reindeer, is also in the process of taking down a dead tree in the presbytery garden. If anyone would like the wood for their fire or wood burner, you are welcome to take it for free. Please let Keith, Steven, or Fr Alf know and we will arrange it into portable sections.

A Note from Bishop Paul re Crib Offerings: Christmas time brings to mind the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Many parishes across the country already adopt Friends of the Holy Land as the beneficiary of their crib collections. FHL help the most deprived Christian families, especially those living around Bethlehem, in Gaza, Israel and Jordan. With no pilgrims and tourism since March 2020 and no government support to individuals or businesses, many families, especially in and around Bethlehem have lost all their income and are increasingly calling on FHL for help with day to day living. FHL remains the only registered UK Charity with its own office, staff and volunteers in the City of Christ's birth. I encourage you to consider this Charity as a most appropriate beneficiary of your parish crib offerings this year. Further information on FHL is available on their website www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk or 01926 512980.

Exploring Vocation to Priesthood: A Day of reflection Exploring Vocation to the Priesthood. On Saturday 22 January 10.30am - 4pm we are hosting a day for any men, from 18yrs old, who are thinking about a priestly vocation. The day will include Mass, some time for reflection, discussion, adoration. Lunch will be provided. The venue is Our Lady and St Joseph, Warwick Square, Carlisle, CA1 1LB. There is no expectation of commitment. This day is offered to provide an occasion to reflect and think about vocation. If you would like to join us please book a place by email: fr.ruscillo@carlislecatholicchurch.org

PS from Brian Wood: In 1976, Cardinal Josef Mindszenty visited the Hungarian community in the North West. He celebrated Holy Mass at Salford Cathedral. He had been tortured and imprisoned for many years by the communists in Budapest and, after sheltering for several more years in the US Embassy, he made it to the West. He devoted himself to caring for Hungarian exiles throughout the world. The Cathedral was packed for the Mass. As soon as he set foot in the aisle, the clapping and cheering started and stopped only when he reached the altar. At the end of Mass, when he turned to leave the altar, the clapping and cheering started again and stopped only when he had left the Great Door. Many people were in tears, me included. We knew we were in the presence of a saint. He has recently been declared Venerable, so he is on his way! Dear Jesus, give me the strength and inspiration to cling to my faith, especially when times are hard.

*Wishing all our lovely parishioners and their
families, far and wide,
a happy, blessed and covid free Christmas.*

