

**VIEW FROM THE PEW:**  
Incarnation.

George Kwun offers us another poem with his thoughts of the

### The Word Made Flesh

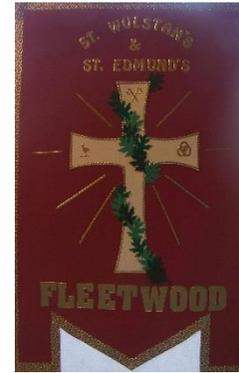
Fecund rain falls, heralding birth  
Over a cold, dark, barren earth  
Denuded trees waiting to burst  
As light spreads and darkness recedes  
The word leaps, swoops to take flesh  
In the womb of a lowly maiden  
As light shines into our darkness, our brokenness  
To bring joy cascading like a mountain torrent  
We sit still, with heart expectant  
To glimpse reality from the signs of history  
With breath held, we watch for the star  
To herald Emmanuel, God with us  
Ransoming us from slavery; we exult in praise  
With joy tintinnabulating from sunrise to sunset  
In contemplating the mystery of a humble God

**LITURGICAL DECORATION:** All will be aware of the fabulous altar displays we have for the changing of the seasons and special feast days, which are largely down to Judith Wood, ably assisted by Annie Benson's gift for flower arranging. You'll also be aware of Sadie and Brenda's contribution over countless years to the dressing of the windows for Christmas and Easter. None of these great people are getting any younger and would welcome new people coming forward to help with this beautiful ministry. No previous experience needed. If you have a flair for such things, or would just like to be involved, please have a word with Judith after Mass.

**PS FROM BRIAN WOOD:** When Steven Spielberg was making "Schindler's List" he approached John Williams to compose the music for the film. Williams read the script and gave it great thought. Then he said to Spielberg "You need a much better composer than me to write the music for this." Spielberg replied, "I know I do but they are all dead". Dear Jesus, we thank you for all the consolation we receive from the music we hear.

### REPEAT NOTICES

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2024:** Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Youth section will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024. For further information please check out the Diocesan Pilgrimage website [lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://lancasterlourdes.co.uk) or email [operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk) and for the youth email [youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk)



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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 14/01/23

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Joseph Mackey (LD)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Jean Sullivan (Anniversary)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1000	David Young (Anniversary) Holy Half Hour
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Sheila Young (for successful operation)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	0930	Agnes Witton (Birthday Anniversary)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	0930 0950- 10.20	People of the Parish Confessions
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	0930 - 0945 1000	Confessions Bunny Croston (Birthday 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		Attendance	
31 <sup>st</sup> December	£597.80	145	Website - 113 Households
7 <sup>th</sup> January	£575.00	158	Website - 80 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:** Jean Sullivan, Canon Joe McKenna, Dolores Riches, David Young, James Lynch, Jack Oswell, Teresa New,

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:**

Alexandra Karen Hampton 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:** This week we are praying for Emmanuel Church and the people of Addison Road, Burton Court, Fisherman's way, Kent Street, Medway Avenue, Rossall Grange Lane, Voyager Close and Warren Street with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

**NEW NOTICES**

**BONUS BALL WINNERS:** 30<sup>th</sup> December - No 30 - No-one has that number.  
6<sup>th</sup> January - Cathy Wilson - No 41

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Shortlisting for new headteacher  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 1830 First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting in Presbytery  
Please note Bible Share now moved to 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**GREEN HUT WORKS:** On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, work will be starting on extending the kitchen, which will probably take up to two weeks. This means that the Green Hut will be out of action next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Although we don't have the same capacity for large numbers, anyone who would like to stay for coffee is very welcome to come over to the presbytery after Mass.

**SPIRITUALITY:** Now that life is back to normal after Christmas, some of our prayer groups are up and running again. Bibel Share is back once a fortnight on Thursdays after Mass, as is the Saturday morning shared prayer group after Mass. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION:** As you know, we have a weekly Holy Half Hour every Wednesday after Mass at which we always pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood. People who work can't make those times and recently I've had a request for another time for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. So, I propose to restore the Saturday morning time we used to have before Covid. So, from Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January, we will have exposition after Mass till 10.20 during which I will be available for confession as in the past.

**CONFESSION:** As we all know, hardly anyone uses the great sacrament of confession these days, and yet in the Tablet this week there's a letter from a Jesuit priest, saying that at their church in London, they have to have three extra priests to cope with the large numbers of young people who come to confession every week. What do the young know about the power of sin, and God's love and mercy to change lives and enrich our relationship with Christ, that we seem to have forgotten? We could be missing a trick in our attempt to improve our spiritual lives. Just a thought!

**ST EDMUND'S:** If anyone is interested in having any memorabilia from St Edmund's (vases, candlesticks, prie-dieu etc.) free of charge, you are most welcome to take a look. Let Fr Alf know if you're interested.

**'ROSARYING' FOR PEACE:** As mentioned on Sunday, Pete Garside is asking for as many people as possible to pray a Rosary every day, maybe between 6-10pm, for peace in the world. In the light of the savagery of man's inhumanity to man, in these dreadful wars, perhaps we need to storm heaven asking with the help of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to achieve a modern miracle. Never underestimate the power of prayer!

**EASTER SUNDAY WEDDING:** Thank you to all our parishioners at Mass last Sunday for agreeing to move Easter Sunday Mass back to 11am, in order for Stephen's relations to get here from Edinburgh in time for the wedding. There will, of course, be an Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm the night before.

**MARTIN BENNETT'S SCRIPTURE GROUP:** Our Fylde Coast scripture group continues to meet online each Thursday, and we are always happy to welcome anyone who wants to know more about the Sunday readings. Some people may not have the time or inclination to join a meeting but may like to look at the fruits of our meetings. If you have a few minutes, you might like to read the attached which is for the Epiphany (or you can listen [here](#)). I will be posting these each Sunday on [martinbennett.substack.com](http://martinbennett.substack.com)

**Sunday readings:** a friendly group meet online each Thursday, 7:30 to discuss the Sunday readings. If you would like to give it a try, please contact Martin Bennett ([martwinben@gmail.com](mailto:martwinben@gmail.com)), or you can read or listen to the fruits of our discussion by going to [martinbennett.substack.com](http://martinbennett.substack.com)  
Subscribing is free and will mean you receive the notes each Sunday.

**CRIB COLLECTION:** The final total sent to the Holy Family parish in Gaza was £378 - a fabulous total. Thank you.

**SAVING FOR EASTER CELEBRATIONS:** Message from Patricia Benson -  
If anyone has any leftover paper plates, cups, plastic flute glasses and cutlery or any teacups and saucers they don't want, I will happily take them. Thank you so much.

**RIGHT TO LIFE:**

Pro-abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill.  
Right To Life UK has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment. Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

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.

**14th** - *"We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us".*