

Please pray for the sick: Sue O'Brien, Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue, Patrick Dignan, Victoria Leighton, Ellie Rose, Joe McIntyre, John Riley, Jeanette Brock. Joe Kemp, [redacted] Cochrane, Geoffrey Clinning, Rachael Mason, Theresa Wilkinson, Jessica, Amanda.

To have the name of a seriously sick person on the newsletter, please hand in the small blue form from the porch.

THE PARISH COLLECTION (into bucket at exit)
3rd January collection was £562.40, including the amount received each week via Banker's Order and Direct Banking (£294). Thank you all very much for that, and for further contributions to the Christmas collection.

Beaver Scouts are welcoming new entrants from age 6 even though we can't meet in person. Exciting activities are taking place on Zoom.

Please contact the Beaver Leader, Alan Willis on - alan.willis@prestonscouts.org.uk and you will be most welcome.

Food Bank - Thank you for continuing to help !
Suggestions: sugar, rice pud, toiletries, please, as well as usuals. custard, rice pudding, long-life milk, Weetabix, biscuits, tins of all sorts, incl meat, peas, baked beans, fruit, sweetcorn. Also coffee sachets.
Thank you. We can collect: **COVID-19 0777 943 6279**
Sister Eileen, at the Ingol Food Bank, has written a letter of great gratitude to all who are helping so consistently, especially during the pressures of the pandemic. She is very moved, and asks God to bless you all.

A CHECK-LIST (probably not complete) Face covering (but at one full metre plus. Hand hygiene. Ventilation. Touch as few things as possible, and clean afterwards. No socializing. Thorough cleaning after each session. Track and Trace Seating plan, etc..

Churches Together in Fulwood and Broughton:
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan 18th to 25th. Zoom service to be led by ChristChurch and Fulwood Methodist Church. Date and time, to be notified.

Assisted suicide: *there's a new campaign to get the law changed to allow assisted killing. Individual cases are harrowing, but not suitable to base laws on. Let's be strong and tirelessly respond to the dangers by persuading our MPs to resist.*

GETTING MARRIED THIS YEAR OR IN 2022 ? Part of your preparation is the pre-marriage course at St. Clare's (online). It begins this coming Tuesday, 12th January. Please urgently contact **St. Clare's, 719604** to book.

The Pope's Prayer intention for JANUARY 2021

Human Fraternity "May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all."

Reversing global warming – see box below .We must badger our leaders to make drastic changes, and back them when they do. We ourselves can make changes. We can use our ingenuity to devise ways of reducing our carbon footprint. When our backs are to the wall, we are resourceful.

"YOUR PARISH & YOUR PLANET"

Putting "Laudato Si" into action in the parish.

A Zoom Retreat 22 – 25 Jan 2021
Led from Boarbank Hall, Cumbria, by Sr Margaret Atkins, author of "Catholics and Our Common Home" (CTS)
Email: margaret@boarbank.org.uk to find out more.
Laudate Si is the letter from Pope Francis about the Care of Creation.

*Thank you for so many gifts and cards (both Christmas and retirement), and for the very generous Christmas Offerings. I wish I could respond to each, but I will offer a thanksgiving Mass some time for a blessing on all .Fr. Bob
My phone number now is 07784 220 554,
My email will be vallahorn@btinternet.com (but not active just yet)*

TO BOOK FOR MASS (or to change, or cancel
For **SMN** 10.30 on a Sunday., ring 860940
For **OLSE** 6pm, 863084 for 8.45am, ring 861073.

"WHITE FLOWER" COLLECTION this weekend. on 9th and 10th January, in support of SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)

Current campaign: *to persuade Govt to ban home abortion pills. Much danger to women (taking the pills unsupervised) and such an increase in the number of babies killed. Please take a card, complete it, and either post it or return to us to post. Thank you.*

That reminds me:- we have no SPUC representative in OLSE, to distribute cards etc . Will you come forward and offer, please ? The need for this work grows even greater.

TO ASK TO BE DELIVERED FROM THE VIRUS

Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children, who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, through this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love. Through Christ our Lord.