

EASTER JOY:

In silence in the dark earth the seed dies
 Gently in darkness life stirs
 Gently fine spring showers fall
 As light lengthens and winter flees
 Gently, he walks in showers of plum blossom
 Enabling the dry wood to bloom
 Tears give way to Easter joy
 Gently the south wind ripples over the hills
 Blackbird's sing, turtledoves trill
 Skylarks soar with song
 The bridegroom comes to claim his bride
 He defeats death with tenderness and courtesy
 His love stronger than hate
 His flesh to manifest the divine pity
 Death's gate is unhinged
 Gently, his grace overflows our iniquity
 Creation is re-clothed with Easter laughter
 A gift offered to soften our hard hearts
 To exult in a todah of being redeemed.

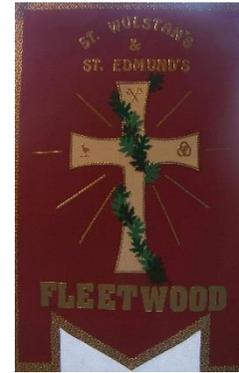


A MAY SERENADE - Fleetwood & District Choral Society: Saturday 4th May at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Fleetwood. A May Serenade featuring the music of Haydn and Mozart - Ave Verum and Solemn Vespers. £12 (under 18's free). Tickets from choir members or on the door on the night. Soloists - Lucy Mair, Daisy Mitchell, Ethan Jacobs, William Kyle with kind permission of the RNCM.

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: In the USA, we learned about the training given to a bloodhound by the Police. The final stage of the training was that the bloodhound was taken to the local Baseball stadium which contained nearly forty thousand seats. At the end of the game, when the spectators were leaving, the trainer asked one of them to let the bloodhound sniff his handkerchief. The spectator was asked for his seat number. The bloodhound was then sent into the now empty stadium to find the seat where the man had been sitting. Round and round the stands he went with his nose in the air until suddenly he stopped and stared at a seat, indicating that this was the one. The trainer confirmed that the bloodhound had indeed found the correct seat and had passed the test! What a wonderful demonstration of the bloodhound's scenting ability! Dear Jesus, please look after all those who work to keep us safe.

REPEAT NOTICES

MISSION APPEAL: On Sunday 14th March, we welcome Fr Peter Smith from the White Fathers (The Missionaries of Africa) who will speak at both our churches. The White Fathers are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement with justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa...and above all else to help build up the leadership of the Churches.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ Year B ~ 14/04/24

Sunday 14 th	0900 (W) 1100 (M)	Kevin Cullen (Anniversary) Frank Ramsbottom	
Monday 15 th	No Mass		
Tuesday 16 th	1800 (W)	Deceased members of Cuffe family	
Wednesday 17 th	1000 (M)	People of both our parishes	
Thursday 18 th	0915 (W) 1800 (W)	Whole School Mass - Lancashire Infirm Clergy Holy Souls	
Friday 19 th	0930 (W)	Anthony Buschini (Anniversary)	
Saturday 20 th	0930 (W)	Sr Margaret Service (LD)	
Sunday 21 st	0900 (W) 1100 (M)	Anthony Grogan (Eye operation) Mollie Keating	

SUNDAY MASS IS LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE

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

Confessions : Saturday 9.50 - 10.20

Collection	31st March	£858.90	7 th April	£517.60
Attendance	Penitential Service	41	Website -	130 Households
	Mass of Last Supper	82		
	Good Friday Stations	54		
	Passion Liturgy	100	Website -	100 Households
	Easter Vigil	67	Website -	133 Households
	Easter Sunday	288	Website -	307 Households
	Low Sunday	145	Website -	100 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: Thomas Cartledge, Stephen Scott, Mel Ockwell, Patrick McCann, Joyce Gaskell, Cynthia O'Connor, Bernard Coniola, Frederick Crellin,

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Ariana Louise Wareing 15th April 2018 Christian Neil Bailey 19th April 2009

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for St Paul's Free Church and the people of Arial Way, Coniston Avenue, Grange Road, Lark Court, Mowbray Road, Severn Avenue and Westwood Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

(W) & (M): I was asked what the above on the bulletin stood for? Now that I am covering both St Wulstan's & St Mary's, to avoid confusion about where the Mass on a particular day is, (W) means St Wulstan's, (M) St Mary's.

BONUS BALL WINNER: 30th March - No 17 - Jeff Wilson & Julie Lynch.
6th April - No 33 - Ethna Quinn

ROME PILGRIMAGE: There will be a meeting after Mass on Thursday 25th April in the Gren Hut for those going to Rome in September, to discuss the itinerary and see if we want to change anything.

PARISH WALK TIME AGAIN: Start of the walking season! We are proposing an easy 5km (ish) walk to get the muscles warmed up. This will be a Nicky Nook circular concluding with a brew & cake in the Apple Store cafe, Scorton afterwards. Departure after post Mass drinks in the Green Hut on Sunday 28th April. If you would like a place in the minibus, add your names to the list at the back of church.

A NOTE FROM EASY FUNDRAISING: You can help us raise free phones when you shop online shop with over 8000 brands via #easyfundraising and earn a free donation for us at the same time, it won't cost you anything extra! All the big names like John Lewis and Partners, Expedia, Argos and Just Eat are ready to donate. Plus, when you sign up today will get a bonus of £5! Sign up here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stwulstanandedmund/3F10DX/c2s/IXI7qFLA/CE843/facebook/>
We have 43 supporters who between them have raised £865 so far.

PRO LIFE CHAIN: SPUIC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 27th April 11.00 am - 1.00 pm.
Please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston - just north of Ribble Bridge. Stay for all or part of the time: bring a chair if required. For info tel 01772 723094.

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN AT YPRES: On the 17th May six of our parishioners are visiting Ypres for a long Weekend. Whilst there we will be participating in the Ceremony at the Menin Gates on Saturday 18th May. We will be laying a wreath on behalf of St Wulstan's and St Edmund's parish in memory of our fallen relatives/parishioners.
Also, we will be visiting various sites (cemeteries/memorials) around the area of Ypres. If anyone has relatives that are either buried or appear on one of the many memorials we would be happy to visit them, say a prayer and leave whatever you would like us to take with us (small cross/card etc). For any more information please see Vic Hudson or George Benson.

THANKS FROM THE HAPPY COUPLE: Greetings from Lanzarote! We just wanted to send a massive thank you, to all the parish for making our Easter celebrations so memorable. Fr Alf for allowing us to get married on Easter Sunday and his band. Cathy, Cat and team for decorating everywhere. For Mike Price for the wonderful arch and our love signs. For the choir, for the car park attendants, for everyone who brought something to the table. For our tea ladies. For Judith and Our beautiful Mum for making the church so heaven like filled with flowers and for you all for going out of your way to help! We couldn't have asked for a better day and we certainly can't ask for better people in our lives. We give thanks to God for you all. You really are the best family!!! We are so overwhelmed with the kindness you've shown! We are soaking up the sun and having a sangria or three thinking of you all. Enjoy the rain at home and if you're lucky we'll bring the sun home.

Adiós for now. Much love Mr Stephen and Mrs Patricia Benson-Buzza
....And a note from Annie Benson - A big thank you. God has richly blessed us with the Great Feast of Easter, a wonderful family, our parish family, and those who travelled from far and wide. Thank you Fr Alf for a beautiful Mass, the choir, the music, singing, all who made Patricia and Stephen's wedding special, Our Blessed Lady for the weather. Thanks be to God for us all Love and prayers Annie.

A VIEW FROM THE PEW: I see a responsibility as a new Catholic. My point of conversion is still fresh and I feel it's valuable to others. Perhaps my example can bring hope to those who pray for loved ones to come to the church. Previously, I was quite anti-Catholic; my secular misconceptions and the tragic scandals had made me deeply suspicious of the church. Other religious experiences left me cold so I drifted through a complex and confusing life without God. I was eventually beaten down to the point where I sought the divine in desperation. It started with calling out to angels for help - I felt their reassurance and support. Then, one day, as I walked past the church near my home, there was a fleeting moment where I was offered a choice to continue on my way or to deviate from my path and walk up to the imposing door. I heeded this whisper from God, turned the handle and entered the stillness. I felt an immediate peace as I walked down the aisle. I sat there in the quiet and wept because I realised I'd found something sacred at last. I didn't know anything about this church, only that it was very different to anywhere else I'd been. When I discovered it was Catholic, I had to face my misconceptions and seek the truth - that this is the original church of Jesus Christ and that much of my knowledge of the church was wrong. From this point, my life changed for the better. Things that I struggled with were taken from me overnight, confirming my new faith. I found a peace and clarity with key decisions that lifted me up. This culminated in our journey to Fleetwood and the discovery of this wonderful parish, a miracle in itself. I've seen the necessity of a crisis to break down barriers and clear a way through to God. I've noticed that when I stumble it's because I've tried to do too much alone rather than trusting and reaching for God. Ultimately, life is so much easier and richer with Jesus. This is my message to others. Simon Sadler

LENT LUNCHES: This year £961 was raised for Fleetwood RNLI. This is by far the highest total ever and the organisers pass on their thanks to all who helped and took part.

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