



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF FLEETWOOD  
ST MARY'S  
ST WULSTAN AND ST EDMUND'S



**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Christmas Eve:**

- St Marys 6pm Carols followed by Mass at 6:30pm.
- St Wulstan's Mass at 6:30pm.
- St Wulstan's early midnight mass 8:30pm Carols followed by Mass at 9pm.

**Christmas Day:**

10:00am morning Mass at St Mary's



**DIOCESAN CENTENARY BALL:**

To celebrate the Centenary of our Diocese, there is to be a ball (Black tie) which will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2025, at The Villa at Levens, Brettagh Holt. This is an open invitation to parishioners from all parishes in the Diocese and it is hoped to have widespread representation from all four corners.

Tickets ( £60 each or a table of 10 for £550) may still be available by contacting [info@lancastercentenaryball.com](mailto:info@lancastercentenaryball.com) or calling Rosey on 07525845898 before the 16th December. 'The Jags' will be playing the music. More details are available on the displayed poster.

**DOUBLE NEWSLETTER:**

Next week's newsletter will cover two weeks over the Christmas period from 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec to 5<sup>th</sup> Jan

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:**

This week we are praying for Trinity Baptist Church and the people of Brook Street, Fairwater Close, Keating Court, Martindale Avenue, Riversgate and Thirlmere Avenue with the prayer:

*May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

**FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE FOODBANK:** The Dream Team Singers present A Christmas Miracle in aid of The Pantry Foodbank at The Green Hut St Wulstan's at 2pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec2024. There will be refreshments, cakes and a raffle all for an entrance fee of only £5.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent:** "Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament. The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.



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# ST MARY'S NOTICES



St. Mary's Church will be open from 09:30 to 1pm on weekdays.

Previous Mass attendance 93: 11am Mass: Facebook: 26

**CHURCH CLEANING – THIS WILL BE AT 12:30, SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, PLEASE COME AND HELP PREPARE OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS.**

Christmas Raffle – we hope you hold a lucky ticket. There are 3 prizes of £40. Good Luck!

**In the Diocese of Lancaster the Christmas and Easter offerings go towards the Priest's salary.**

On 11<sup>th</sup> December, Professor Mark Spencer will be at Fleetwood Hospital facilitating an Open Day with guided tours, highlighting the resources inside the Hospital. Noon / 12:30 pm. THIS HAD TO BE CANCELLED AT SHORT NOTICE - APOLOGIES TO ANYONE WHO ARRIVED TO FIND THIS CANCELLATION.

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephania Barretto, Vera Berry, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carredu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Patsy Coll, Kathryn Dale, Marianne Delaney, Sarah Finley, Jacob Gray, Fr. Leo Heakin, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Liam Edward Lenihan, Alison Lyons, Fr. Michael Murphy, Michael O'Sullivan, Irene Rankine, Margaret Riches, Mary Schon, Mark Surelock, Frank Ward, David Wilkinson, Fred & Mary Wylie, Nan Lusia

AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, WHEN OUR THOUGHTS TURN TO LOVED ONES, DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY RECENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SICK LISTED ABOVE?

**Those who have died recently:**

Peter Holden, Fr. Bob Horn

**Parish Pastoral Council** would like to receive your thoughts on any subject concerning St. Mary's. Please speak with a Council. Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting –TBC- Council Members: Fr. Stephen Talbutt, Deacon Bernard Farrell-Roberts, Peter Connor, Steve Dale, Anne Duxbury, Judith Halloran, Steve Price, Sammy Ranasinghe

**Readers: 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

11.00a.m. Mass: Linda

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

11.00a.m. Mass: Jackie & Julia

**Children's Liturgy: NONE**

## CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST. MARY'S

**Christmas Eve – Carols with the Organ and Folk Group at 6pm, followed by Mass at 6.30pm.**

**Christmas Day - Mass at 10am.**

**Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time:** Mary Bistow, Florence Gater, Ernest Carr, Donald Currie, Nancy Blair, Phylis Magnusson, Thomas Rance, Robert Winstanley, Anne Wilson, Harry Buckley, David Bamber, Holly Gray, George Green, John Wright, Jack McGinty, John MacDonald, Denise Johnstone, Richard Greer, Alan Thompson, Robert McDonald, Irene Davies, Joe McCann, Alexander Kay, Pat Power, Marie-Therese Silverton, Stephen Ball, Isaac Richardson

Weekly Collection:	£263.65
Candles:	£35.69
Church Flowers:	£18.50
St Anthony	£10.95
Restoration Fund:	£
World Needy	£23.17



# ST WULSTAN & ST EDMUND NOTICES



St. Wulstan's Church Lady Chapel will be open from 8.30am to 4pm on weekdays.  
(Access from the side of the church)

Previous Mass attendance 9 am Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Dec : 137

Website : 85

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Brenda Stott, Theresa Hull Ann Swales, Joan Kilbane, Maria Murray, Helen Spittle, Joan O'Leary, Maureen Robinson, Teresa Hampton, Mary Earnshaw, Mary Gill, Christine Weetman, Ted Wilson

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Niall and Chantelle who were married here at St Wulstan's on Saturday. May the Lord bless you in your union.

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:**  
Anna Rose Bowker-Harvey 21<sup>st</sup> December 2014

**BONUS BALL WINNERS:**  
30<sup>th</sup> November - No 17 - Julie Lynch & Jeff Wilson  
7<sup>th</sup> December - No. 18 - Maria Doherty & Sheila Young

**Weekly Collection** £330.10

**HELPING HANDS:**  
Our parishioners generously support the work of this group, in the same way as they previously did for the SVP society, by putting their donation in the 'Helping Hands' box at the back of church on a weekly basis. Over the last 18 months we have been able to support many families and individuals; providing school uniform and shoes for pupils, Christmas gifts, financial assistance for a college student, spectacles for a young person, help with transport etc. Please continue to support this good cause especially at this time of the year when many people find it financially difficult. Thank you for your generosity.

**If you know someone in need of help, please let Maria Doherty or Fr Stephen know or pop the details into the 'Helping Hands' box at the back of church.**

**THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS:**  
We will put the CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN back to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 9.30am so the Church is nice for Christmas and CHURCH DECORATION will happen on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. starting at 9.30am. We do need volunteers for both. CHURCH DECORATION involves Decorating the WINDOWSILLS, ALTAR FLOWERS, CRIB for the MAIN CHURCH, CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE, CRIB and decoration for the LADY CHAPEL. You could choose what you wanted to do. There is a list at the back of Church so you can put your name down for what you would like to help with. Thank you, we hope to see you on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of December.



**REPOSITORY STALL:**

A good selection of Christmas cards is now available as well as Nativity sets and other gifts. Catholic Diaries are also on sale. Please see Maria Doherty for any other items you may require.

**PS FROM BRIAN WOOD:** In 1979, Great Harwood Football Club, who play in the lower Lancashire leagues, were drawn at home to play Manchester United in the Lancashire Senior Cup. A great day for Great Harwood. When the evening came, it had been raining for some time although it stopped for the actual match. The ground was full. When the match started, it was clear that the part-timers were no match for the young professionals and at half time the score was 5-0 to United. The match was played in a very good spirit and there had been no fouls at all until the eightieth minute. By then the score was 8-0. Nobby Stiles slipped in the mud and accidentally collided with Bryan Douglas, knocking him over. The referee gave a free kick and one Great Harwood supporter shouted "Nay, if you're going to win, win fair!" The whole of the ground burst into laughter and that included all the players and the referee! It was a wonderful occasion and a memorable night! Dear Jesus, we thank you for all the entertainment we enjoy from professional sport with all its ups and downs.

**News from Healthier Fleetwood:** We have some good news this week ... Healthier Fleetwood will be moving to The Hub, at the former Fleetwood hospital building in the New Year! It's always been the intention to join the growing number of partners based at the venue and with the next phase of facilities almost completed, now's the time. The opening date for the new Information Centre is still to be confirmed and how we operate will become clearer once we are in and welcoming visitors - we hope to be up and running by the end of January. With the Christmas and New Year holidays approaching, we will close our current premises on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and use the first weeks of 2025 to prepare for the move.





# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2024



## Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 24	9:00am	St Wulstan's	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)</b>	Justine Robinson RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both parishes
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass			
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7:00pm	St Mary's		Deceased member of the Guatelli family
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Margaret Wilkinson RIP
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00am	St Wulstan's	Whole School Mass	Faithful departed
	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00am	St Wulstan's		<b>Requiem Mass for Peter Holden</b>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Deceased members of the Hom family
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	9:00am	St Wulstan's	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Jonathan Good
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both Parishes

## Service Schedule

**CAROL SERVICE : Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm** : An invitation to all parishioners to join our Year 5 and 6 pupils in their annual Carol Service.



### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10-10:30 at St Mary's Church with Confessions after Mass.
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10-11 at St Wulstan's Church.

**Please note** there is no 9:30am Mass this Friday as we have a Requiem Mass for Peter Holden, may he rest in the peace and love of Christ.