



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



**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**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



**New Years Day:**

There will be a Midday Mass at St Mary's on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> January the Feast of Mary Mother of God. What better way to start the new year than attending the Holy Mass.

**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 or calling Rosey on 07525845898 before the 16th December. 'The Jags' will be playing the music. More details are available on the displayed poster.

**HOLY YEAR MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL:**

Pope Francis will open the Holy Year in Rome on Christmas Eve. He has asked all bishops to open the Holy Year in their cathedrals on Sunday 29th December. Bishop Paul will do so at the 10.30am Mass in Lancaster Cathedral. The Pope has asked that this Mass begin with a small procession and solemn entrance to the cathedral. If possible, it would be good to have some representation from our parishes in Fleetwood at this opening of the Holy Year. If you are able, could you please let me know you will be attending on our behalf. Many thanks Fr Stephen



In December, we pray with Pope Francis that the forthcoming Jubilee may strengthen us in our faith,

helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

*'We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and far-sighted vision.'* – Pope Francis

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:** This week we are praying for St Nicholas' Parish and St Wulstan's & St Edmund's Parish and the people of Broomfield Road, Bulkhead Drive, Fairway, Falmouth Avenue, Kemp Street, Kenilworth Avenue, Mayfield Place, Meadow Avenue, Romney Avenue, Rose Court, Toronto Avenue and Trawler Close with the prayer:

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

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HOLY NEW YEAR:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the hard work you put into parish life here in Fleetwood. Wishing you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

God bless you and your loved ones.  
Emmanuel "God is with us" Alleluia!

Fr Stephen 😊

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# ST MARY'S NOTICES



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

11am Mass attendance 89: - Facebook: 28

## 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.**

Christmas Raffle has been drawn.  
Good Luck!

### Readers: 29<sup>th</sup> December

11.00a.m. Mass: Michael

### Eucharistic Ministers:

11.00a.m. Mass: Linda & Charlie

**Children's Liturgy: NONE**

### Readers: 5<sup>th</sup> January

11.00a.m. Mass: Kath

### Eucharistic Ministers:

11.00a.m. Mass: Peter & Ania

**Children's Liturgy: NONE**

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephan Barretto, Vera Berry, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carredu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Fred Chew, 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:**

**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

**Please check that your Mass Book has its pages in the correct order, if not, please give to a steward. Thank you**

**Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time:** Norman Muscroft, Elizabeth Russell, Yvonne Butler, Barbara Dickins, Mary Scott, Katie Gilchrist, Richard Hearty, Maureen Siddoway, Elsie Mussenden, Annie Hallworth, Brian Brinsley, Canon W. Watterson, Jack Wilding, Jack Horsfall, Dennis Halloran, Joseph Donnelly, Jeff Roscow, Steve Davies, Mary Wilding, Eileen Standish, Dorothy Nesbitt, Bridgit Withey, Wynne Harrison, Barbara Whiteside, Peter Brady, John Houten, James Keane, Edith Twiggs, Caroline Polke, Pattie Melville, William Egan, Vera Roney, Ida Pritchard, Annie Tipping, James Hull, Thomas Ball, Robert Cooper, Mary Ashton, Isabelle Carr, Teresa Porter, Michael McDaid, Arthur Callighan, Hilda Miller, Edward McPartland, Jimmy Buckley, Sandra Lafferty, Iain MacDonald, Thomas Buxton, Tobias Smith/McGinley

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Will be prayed at St Marys Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm

200 Club      October 2024 No. 56 Steve Dale £70, No. 98 Linda Lofthouse £40, No. 102 Richard Wynn £26

November 2024 No. 77 George Roe £55, No. 53 Eileen Swarbrick £35, No. 22 Julie Banks £ 22

Weekly Collection:	£276.00
Candles:	£54.25
Church Flowers:	£30.00
St Anthony	£
Restoration Fund:	£20.08
World Needy	£



# 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 : 139*

*Website : 95*

### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

Mary Latham, Richard Hearty, Thomas Conroy,  
Fr Des Gallagher, Michael Kennedy,  
Terence Murtagh, James Walsh, Ida Pritchard,  
Eileen McKenna, Anthony Bird, Edward Funk,  
Jimmy Keane, Raymond O'Connor,  
Alexander Kennedy, Reg Graham, Kate Ballantyne,  
David Cowen, Laura Harrison, Irene Godfrey,  
Con Peoples, Pauline Moyle, Irene Nolan,  
Annie Chamberlain, Irene Scott

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

**Closing date for Reception admissions is 15th January 2025!** This is the closing date for next academic year's Reception applications (Sept 2025).

If your child has been baptised, please remember to fill out the supplementary form (from the school website or office) and include it with your child's baptismal certificate which needs handing in to the school office.

Please note school will be closed from Friday 20th 1.30pm until 6th January 2025 9am.

### **Weekly Collection**

£524.50

**PS FROM BRIAN WOOD:** When we lived in Eccles, I was a Eucharistic Minister at St Matthew's and used to take Holy Communion to four ladies in the local Old Peoples Home. I would gather them in our special room one by one. Every time I visited, all the ladies would call out "Hello Father" and I would say "I'm not a priest, I'm just the priest's helper." On one occasion I took the first lady to the room and collected the second lady. I settled them in comfortably and turned to go for the third lady. As I got to the door, one lady said to the other in a huge stage whisper. "Huh, these days these priests come dressed in anything." You just can't win! Dear Jesus, we give thanks for all those who take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.

### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

**X (formerly 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.

**NEWS FROM HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD:** A reminder that our Information Centre on Lord Street will close after Friday 20th December for the Christmas and New Year, and to prepare for the move to a new location at The Hub, within the former Fleetwood Hospital building. If you are in the Town Centre on Friday, please do call in to say hello ... we'll have hot drinks, biscuits, cakes and of course mince pies, 10am - 1pm and would love to see you!

Thank you to the lovely, local residents of **Fleetwood Wellbeing Way** for dropping off a stocking-full of beautiful, handmade Christmas Crackers! Each one includes a tasty treat and a hat, jokes, festive fun and a message of positivity. You can pick one up for FREE from our Information Centre on Lord Street, this Thursday and Friday.



> [Follow the Fleetwood Wellbeing Way on Facebook here](#) and check out their banners and posters along The Promenade from Ferry Cafe to The Log Cabin.

**Children & Young People** are invited to two FREE **Wyre Winter Fest** events.

Join the **Wyre Youth Zone** team at Tommy's, YMCA Lofthouse Building on Friday 20th (from 8pm) and Monday 30th December (2pm - 5pm) for food, UV Party, Silent Disco, Arts & Crafts and more!

These events are open to ages 12-19 years or up to 25 year years (S.E.N.D.)

> [See Wyre Youth Zone on Facebook](#)

And if you're just a little too old for the Winter Fest, the **Retro Ravers** session on Friday 20th, might be for you? Jules from **Fitness 50** hosts a 'dance in the dark' event at Fleetwood Methodist Church from 6.15pm and as nobody can see you, you can be as wild as you want!





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



## Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 24	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
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	No Mass			
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6:00pm	St Mary's	Carols followed by first Mass of Christmas 6:30pm	Jean Sullivan
	6:30pm	St Wulstan's	First Mass of Christmas	Private Intention (SW)
	8:30pm	St Wulstan's	Carols followed by early midnight Mass 9:00pm	Dennis Halloran RIP
<b>Christmas day</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	St Mary's	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b>	Robert Groves , Marjorie and James Richardson
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>12:00pm</b>	St Wulstan's	<b>ST STEPHEN</b>	Justine Robinson
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:30am	St Wulstan's	<b>ST JOHN</b>	Bill and Catherine Yates
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00am	St Wulstan's	<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b>	Stephen & Emily Nolan
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00am	St Wulstan's	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Jackie Beaver RIP
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass			
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	7:00pm	St Mary's		Kieran Sullivan
New Years Day	<b>12:00pm</b>	St Mary's	<b>MARY MOTHER OF GOD</b>	People of both parishes
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	6:00pm	St Wulstan's	St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen	Paul Brench
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9:30am	St Wulstan's		Special Intention (JC)
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00am	St Mary's		William Yates Jnr
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9:00am	St Wulstan's	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	Justine Robinson RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both parishes

## Service Schedule

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December 10:00-10:30 at St Wulstan's Church with Confessions after Mass.
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December 10-11 at St Mary's Church.
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 10-11am St Wulstan's Church.
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 10:30-11:30 at St Mary's Church with Confessions after Mass.

**Please note** Over the Christmas period some of the Mass times have changes please take note in the timetable above.