



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



9th March 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Do you ever wonder what it was *really* like to be at the Passion of Jesus?
Our tendency is to approach the Gospels as history, far removed from who and where we are today. The temptation is to distance ourselves and approach them in an impersonal way. But the Gospels are a living, breathing, deeply personal experience. If we are to encounter the living Jesus as powerfully as possible, we need to learn to place ourselves there, in each scene, seeing, hearing, smelling, and tasting everything that is happening, contemplating what each person in the scene is thinking, feeling, hoping, fearing.
The Stations of the Cross is one of the most simple, yet powerful, ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus and encounter him like never before. There are fourteen Stations of the Cross. Each is an invitation to contemplate and experience a pivotal moment from Jesus' sentencing to his death to his burial. They are a powerful way to step into some of the most significant moments in human history and encounter Jesus like never before.

LENTEN SERVICES: Please support our extra services during Lent. These help us to deepen our faith at this most holy time of year, bringing us closer to Christ and granting us many graces. During Lent we will be holding Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7pm and a Holy Hour with Benediction and evening prayer on Sunday evening at 4pm. These services will alternate between both churches.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL – Family Fast Day Friday 14th March. Please take a CAFOD envelope from the back of church. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text: CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

DYING MATTERS WORKSHOP: Fleetwood Churches together are organising a workshop looking at how we support those coming to the end of life. The workshop will be held on Wed. 2nd April from 3-6pm in the Jubilee room at St Nicholas Church, Poulton Rd. All welcome, no reservation necessary.

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BANKING HUB: The new shared-banking hub in Fleetwood will offer cash and everyday banking services such as cash withdrawals, depositing cash and cheques and paying utility bills, as well as a community banker service, so you can speak to your own bank about more complicated matters on specific days. More information will be provided when we receive it.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR:

The Catholic faith recognizes that the greatest gift God gives us is himself, and Adoration is another way for us to recognize that gift outside of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion at Mass. During our Holy hour the Consecrated Host (Jesus in the flesh) is placed in an ornate container called a monstrance on the altar. We are invited then to spend some time in quiet prayer, simply spending some time with Jesus, as we would with any friend. Using the time to grow closer to him and let him help us in our life of faith. It is a most powerful devotion and many graces are granted us during this holy time.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:

This week we are praying for St David's Church and the people of Alder Court, Charterhouse Court, Galloway Road, Lamour Place, Millom Close, Rydal Avenue and West Gate with the prayer:
May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.

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ST MARY'S NOTICES



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

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| Previous Mass attendance 11 am Mass : 2 nd March : 107 Facebook : 53 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Communion Programme</p> <p>A Holy Communion programme will be starting soon for those in Year 3 and above, Please let Fr. Stephen know if there is anyone wishing to start this programme.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">World Day of Prayer St. Peter's Church Friday 7th March at 2pm. Poster in the Porch</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Council Members: Fr. Stephen Talbutt, Deacon Bernard Farrell-Roberts, Peter Connor, Steve Dale, Anne Duxbury, Judith Halloran, Lindsay Newton, Steve Price and Sammy Ranasinghe.</p> | <p>Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time: Fr. John Armour, Bob Garrett, Thomas Bamber, Jim Richardson, Eric Hammond, Bertha Drury, Joseph Stamp, Steven Nolan, Thomas Byrne, Maureen Kempster, June Clark, Sonny Smith, Richard Rigby, Roy Kennedy, Fr. A. Howe, Eddie Twiggs, Thomas O'Hagan, Charles Parker, Isabella Fish, Bessie Lynch, Mary Johnstone, Walter Harrison</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Stations of the Cross will be led by Children from St. Mary's Primary School in St. Mary's at 12:30pm. on Tuesday 11th March.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Lenten Lunches Friday 7th March St. Peter's 11:45 – 1:15 Donations to SAFE HANDS / HOME FOR GOOD Followed by</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Readers: 16th March 11.00a.m. Mass: Kath Eucharistic Ministers: 11.00a.m. Mass: Jackie & Julia Children's Liturgy: Judith & Maureen</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">DYING MATTERS</p> <p>End of Life pathway workshop. This will be hosted by members of the Hospice and a representative of Blackpool Victoria Hospital. It follows the pathway of a dying man by way of a video interspersed with discussion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Nicholas's Jubilee Room, Broadway, Fleetwood. Wednesday 2nd April 2025 – 3-6pm. ALL WELCOME</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>MILL HILL MISSION boxes (Red Boxes), please bring these to church after Sunday Masses during March for emptying. Thank you</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">200 Club winners - December 2024</p> <p>Berenice Wynn, £60 no. 21, Elaine Porteous £40 no. 16, Karen Dallas £27 no. 69</p> <p>Due to various circumstances the 200 Club has lost quite a lot of members over the last year. If you could consider joining (it's only £1 a week), please see Ania or Judith, Also, if you are a current member – subscriptions are due. You can also have more than one number. As the saying goes – you've got to be in it to win it!</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish: POPE FRANCIS, Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephan Barretto, Vera Berry, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carreddu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Fred Chew, Patsy Coll, Kathryn Dale, Marianne Delaney, Sarah Finley, Fr. Andrew from St. Peter's, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Liam Edward Lenihan, Alison Lyons, Fr. Michael Murphy, Michael O'Sullivan, Irene Rankine, Mary Schon, Marie Slater, Mark Surelock, Frank Ward, David Wilkinson, Fred & Mary Wylie, Nan Lusia</p> <p>Those who have died recently: Sheila Presnail (St. John's, Poulton), Derek Grainger, Monica Agnes Brooks</p> | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Weekly Collection:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£275.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Candles:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£71.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Church Flowers:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Anthony</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£22.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Restoration Fund:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> </tr> <tr> <td>World Needy</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£14.55</td> </tr> </table> | Weekly Collection: | £275.62 | Candles: | £71.91 | Church Flowers: | £6.10 | St Anthony | £22.10 | Restoration Fund: | £ | World Needy | £14.55 |
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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 2nd March : 161

Website : 69

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

James Richardson, Patricia Wilkinson, Winifred Gibbons, Rose McKenna, Allen Miller, Fr John Slater, Mary Carr, Fr Larry Wells, Irene Ellarby, Mollie Robinson, John Quinn, Charles Monaghan

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

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| Macey Mae Elrick | 3 rd March 2013 |
| Evan Rick Lomax | 6 th March 2011 |
| Cassidy Rose Lane | 7 th March 2010 |
| Harry Cox | 10 th March 2013 |
| Lilly Cook | 10 th March 2013 |
| Evie-Lea Nolan | 11 th March 2018 |

HOLY COMMUNION and RCIA PROGRAMMES:

Our RCIA and Holy Communion programs have now started. Please keep all those embarking on these courses in your prayers as they start this significant journey of faith.

CHURCH CLEANING: Will take place on Monday the 10th of March from 9.30am. If you have some spare time, please come and help. Entry is by the choir door. Thank you.

REPOSITORY:

Easter cards and a selection of 'Stations of the Cross' booklets are now available. There is a good selection of cards for most occasions, please ask if you cannot find what you need. Another order of the new Sunday missal is on its way. M Doherty

Weekly Collection

2nd March - £627.30

BONUS BALL WINNERS:

22nd Feb. - No 53 - Kath Good

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As you know, we have been involved in providing food and welcome for those in need in Fleetwood for the last 15 years through the food bank founded by our SVP and now operating from the pantry in the old hospital, in partnership with our Church of England friends from St Peter's & St David's. If you would like to become a volunteer helping us to feed up to 200 people each week, we would really welcome your help, which can be given in various ways, either up front or in the background, e.g. welcoming and serving our clients or sorting out of stock and making up small bags or collecting donations of food and purchases from supermarkets. You can decide how many hours you work or could even sign up as a 'reservist' volunteer, i.e. someone who can be called on when one of our regulars is ill or able to attend. If you feel you can give some time to help, please let our Manager Mike Smith or Fr Alf know after Mass, and we will take it from there. Thank you.

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PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: I was told this story some years ago. It may be apocryphal. The Judge's limousine pulled up outside the Crown Court, the Judge got out and proceeded up the steps into the building. As he did so, a passerby shouted insults at him. The Judge entered the building, and the passerby was arrested for contempt of court. He was taken down to the cells. Later that morning, he was brought up from the cells to the courtroom to be sentenced by the Judge. When he arrived in the dock, the man apologised profusely to the Judge, saying "I didn't realise you were a Judge, I thought you were the Lord Mayor." "Ah, that's different" said the Judge. "If you thought you were addressing the Lord Mayor, what you said was legitimate political comment in a free society. You are free to go." Dear Jesus, we thank you for the gift of free speech in our country, used sensibly and sensitively, of course.



Please pray for all the sick and housebound of our parish family and also those in care or in hospital.



**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT.
9TH MARCH - 2025**



Mass Schedule

| Date | Time | Location | | Intention/Details |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Sun 9th March | 9:00am | St Wulstan's | 1 st Sunday of Lent | People of both parishes |
| | 11:00am | St Mary's | | Marjorie and James Richardson RIP |
| Mon 10 th Mar | No Mass | | | |
| Tues 11 th Mar | 7:00pm | St Mary's | | Charlotte O'Halloran RIP |
| Wed 12 th Mar | 10:00am | St Mary's | | Betty Josephine Smith |
| Thurs 13 th Mar | 6:00pm | St Wulstan's | | Deceased members of the Guatelli family |
| Fri 14 th Mar | 9:30am | St Wulstan's | | Charlotte O'Halloran RIP |
| Sat 15 th Mar | 10:00am | St Mary's | | Kim Keith and Family |
| Sun 16 th Mar | 9:00am | St Wulstan's | 2 nd Sunday of Lent | Theresa Campy RIP |
| | 11:00am | St Mary's | | People of both parishes |

Service Schedule

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

- Saturday 15th March 10:30 – 11:30am at St Mary's Church with Confessions after Mass.

LENT:

- Stations of the Cross - Friday 14th March 7pm St Mary's
- Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction - Sunday 15th March 4pm St Mary's