



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



30th March 2025 – 4th Sunday of Lent

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 17th April:

Mass of the Lords Supper – 7pm at St Wulstan's.
Followed by watching until 10:00pm then night prayer

Good Friday 18th April:

Stations of the Cross 11am at St Mary's
The Passion of the Lord 3pm at St Wulstan's

Easter Saturday 19th April:

Solemn Easter Vigil 7:30pm at St Mary's

Easter Sunday 20th April:

St Wulstan's 9:00am
St Mary's 11:00am

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.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: On Wednesday at 7pm in St Wulstan's we will be holding our Lenten Reconciliation service. There is no better preparation for the great feast of Easter than to avail ourselves of the great gift of Gods love and mercy in this Sacrament, all are very welcome.

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 help on Wed. 2nd April from 3-6pm in the Jubilee room at St Nicholas Church, Poulton Rd. All welcome, no reservation necessary.

LENTEN LUNCHESES: the following are dates for the next Lenten Lunches held by Fleetwood Churches together
Friday 4th April 11:45-1:45 - Fleetwood Methodist
Friday 11th April 11:45-1:45 - St Marys Church
All proceeds will go to Safe Hands/Home for good.
www.safefamilies.uk 0333 4141488
www.homeforgood.org.uk 0300 001 0995

LENTEN ALMSGIVING: The Rwanda Group Trust is seeking to raise funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. Fr Placide in Cyangugu parish writes: "In Rwanda, because the rains have been very late, crops were not grown well. Poverty is so prevalent that children in schools are facing serious problems.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:
This week we are praying for St Mary's Parish and the people of Anchorage Road, Cherry Tree Court, Church Street, Golbourne Close, Langwood, Mount Street, Seacrest Avenue and Westfield Avenue with the prayer:
May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.

The rain has been heavy in some places and houses have destroyed. However, people are helping each other to survive. Please help us to help them.
If you would like further information or to make a donation please contact: Michael Donlan (Trustee) Tel: 07864 990941
E mail: rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com
Website: www.rwandagrouptrust.org
Bank Account: Rwanda Group Trust Sort Code 09 01 29
Account No.08478395

Household Support Fund – People in the community struggling to pay for essentials this winter can now apply for Household Support Funding from Wyre Council. Wyre residents can make an application now, using the online form on the Wyre Council website at www.wyre.gov.uk/householdsupport. The closing date is 31 March 2025. Eligible residents are encouraged to seek support early before funds run out.

DATE FOR THE DIARY - BLACKPOOL MALE VOICE CHOIR : After a long gap, due to COVID, we are very pleased to welcome back to St Wulstan's on Friday May 16th, Blackpool Male Voice Choir who will be giving a concert in aid of The Pantry, (Fleetwood Food Bank). Entry charge - £10 which includes refreshments in the Green Hut at half time. Tickets will be on sale in the next few weeks and can be bought at the door on the night, as can raffle tickets. Please put the date in your diary.
More information to follow, regarding the programme, timings, raffle prizes etc thank you

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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: 11am – 114		Facebook – 49	
<p>Stations of the Cross will be led by Children from St. Mary's Primary School in St. Mary's at 12:30pm. on Tuesday 1st April. Please come and support our children.</p>		<p>Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time: Barbara Hearty, Catherine Donnelly, Raymund Melville, Hilda Brooks, Monica Syms, Mabel Fyall, Joan Cook, Joseph Dashwood, Michael O'Donoghue, Sandra Atkins, Mary Holden, John Ashton, Diane Singleton, Michael McDaid</p>	
<p>Coffee Morning and Cake Sale THIS SUNDAY 30th March Proceeds are for our Youths' travel expenses as they help at the Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. Also, donations would be gratefully accepted. The children would be delighted to take your prayers with them to offer to Our Lady. Thank you</p>		<p>Holy Communion Programme: Our Holy Communion preparation has now started please keep our young people in your prayers as they begin their journey</p>	
<p>DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Will be prayed on Saturday 5th April at 3pm in St. Mary's Church</p>		<p>Easter Flower Appeal Would you like to donate money for Easter Flowers in memory of an individual, alive or dead? All the names will be displayed on the noticeboard. Envelopes for donations and the individual's name are available at the back of church. Please return completed envelopes to Judith, Anne or a steward at the back of church.</p>	
<p>EASTER RAFFLE Any donations, please, for the Easter Raffle. Final Sunday to buy tickets is Sunday 6th April. Tickets are on sale after Mass. Prizes will be available on Palm Sunday. Proceeds are towards the travelling expenses of two of St. Mary's young parishioners who will be helping at the Lourdes Pilgrimage. BE IN IT TO WIN IT!</p>		<p>CHURCH CLEANING Saturday 12th April at 12:30pm. Please come and help.</p>	
<p>Readers: 6th April 11.00a.m. Mass: Jonathan Eucharistic Ministers: 11.00a.m. Mass: Kath & Jackie Children's Liturgy: Judith & Maureen</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 Carredu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Fred Chew, Patsy Coll, Kathryn Dale, Marianne Delaney, Sarah Finley, Rev. 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, Jacqueline Wilding, Frank Ward, David Wilkinson, Fred & Mary Wylie, Nan Lusia</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>Those who have died recently: Derek MacDonald</p>	
		Weekly Collection:	£339.26
		Candles:	£57.69
		Church Flowers:	£6.90
		St Anthony	£9.14
		Restoration Fund:	£
		World Needy	£19.10



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 23rd March : 148

Website : 50

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Helen Crampton, Kathleen Umpleby, Margaret Cygal, Peta Bowley, Veronica Croston, Michael Whaley, Ellen Greenhall, Victor Buschini, Dave Davies, Peter Dunn, Laurie Bethell, Norah Bates

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Laila Edith Fogg	28 th March 2010
Gabriel Stephen Brooks	31 st March 2019
Emmie Jaye Hogg	4 th April 2015

HOLY COMMUNION and RCIA PROGRAMMES:

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

CARDINAL ALLEN PUPILS HEADING TO LOURDES:

Twelve Year 11 pupils from Cardinal Allen are going on the Lourdes pilgrimage this July. They are working hard to fundraise for the trip amidst their GCSE exams. If any parishioners have any petitions they would like to send, please pass to (PP's name) or leave at the main office of Cardinal Allen school before Friday 11th July. They would be delighted to take your prayers with them to offer Our Lady. To help support their fundraising, our Parish will be hosting a Cake & Coffee Morning at St Wulstan's on Sunday 6th April after the morning Mass.

CENTENARY OF OUR PARISH: In February 2026, we will celebrate one hundred years of our Parish, St Wulstan's and St Edmund's. We are putting together a booklet to commemorate the event and would be grateful for any photos from your "family archives", details regarding Parish/family celebrations, personal anecdotes etc., etc. Please speak to either Glenda (Kelly) or Sandra (Witton) if you have any contributions/thoughts/ideas.

Many thanks in anticipation

BONUS BALL WINNERS: 22nd March

No 26 - Maria Stansfield and Pat Tse Laurence

Please note: for those people paying half yearly, the second payment of £25 is now due.

EASTER CANDLES: The duck competition raised £50 for the LED candles for the windowsills at Easter. The winner was Ana, and the ducks name was Annie, many thanks.

Weekly Collection

23rd March - £530.50

Pilgrims of Hope - Part two By Matthew Vincent

(Previously: In Part One, I reflected on the nature of faith—not as a simple decision we make, but as something that grows over time. I acknowledged my own struggle with doubt and how faith, like love, must be nurtured rather than forced.) It is easy to assume that everyone at Mass has complete faith, especially from the outside looking in. For some, attending Mass is a natural expression of deep and unshakable belief in God. But for many others, the reasons for being in a church pew on a Sunday are far more complex. They are rooted in personal or familial tradition, a longing for community, the trials of hardship, or a wider search for meaning. Many of those people, myself included, deeply desire faith but wrestle with doubts. Recognising this is vital, because it shapes how we nurture faith within our communities. The Church places great emphasis on explaining Christ's teachings, guiding us in how to live morally and justly. This, of course, is a primary goal of the Catholic Church: to live by Jesus' example. But we must also dedicate time to fostering faith itself and encouraging belief in Christ, rather than assuming it already exists in those who attend Mass. This is why I am particularly grateful for Fr. Stephen Talbutt's recent sermons. He came into my life at a time when my faith was wavering, and through his words, I have found renewed direction. He often speaks of why we should believe in Jesus, and of the mysterious truth of God's existence. God, he reminds us, is beyond our full comprehension, like an ant at the foot of the Empire State Building, unable to grasp its vastness. These teachings matter deeply, because they acknowledge an important reality: that many of us sat listening to God's word on a Sunday are there in the sincere hope that by drawing near to God, true faith will one day take root within us. (To be continued in the next edition...

PS By Brian Wood: In the mid-80's, in the High Court, Family Division, I came across Mr Justice Eastham on several occasions. I was always greatly impressed by his wisdom and compassion. Some years later I read that his wife had died suddenly but that he had insisted on attending the case he was hearing the very next day after her death. He did this because, he had said, the Child Concerned needed decisions to be made, and they would not wait for any reason. What a demonstration of his sense of duty towards the Child Concerned and his commitment to the principle that the Child's best interests are the first and paramount consideration for a Judge. Dear Jesus, please give eternal rest to Mr Justice Eastham and let him rest in peace. Amen



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 30TH MARCH - 2025



Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sun 30 th Mar	9:00am	St Wulstan's	4 th Sunday of Lent	People of both Parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Marjorie and James Richardson RIP
Mon 31 st Mar	No Mass			
Tues 1 st Apr	7:00pm	St Mary's		Veronica Croston RIP
Wed 2 nd Apr	10:00am	St Mary's		Wilkinson family
Thurs 3 rd Apr	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		Charlotte O'Halloran RIP
Fri 4 th Apr	9:30am	St Wulstan's		Special Intention
Sat 5 th Apr	10:00am	St Wulstan's		Mary and Leo Heap
Sun 6 th Apr	9:00am	St Wulstan's	5 th Sunday of Lent	John and Ellen Drake RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both Parishes

Service Schedule

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

- Saturday 5th April 10:30 – 11:15am at St Wulstan's Church with Confessions after Mass. Followed by "faith and friendship" group in the presbytery.

LENT:

- Reconciliation service Wednesday 2nd April 7pm St Wulstan's
- Stations of the Cross - Friday 4th April 7pm St Wulstan's
- Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction - Sunday 6th April 4pm St Wulstan's
- Lent Talk "Holy Spirit" given by Deacon Bernard at 7pm on Thursday 3rd April in the Green Hut at St Wulstan's

FUNERALS:

- Funeral service for Francis Kennedy – Tuesday 1st April 11:15am at St Wulstan's
May he rest in peace.