



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



21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
(Bumper Edition)

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS:** Our Advent journey draws to a close this week with the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.

We will then enter Christmastide remembering with great joy the God who came to save us "Emmanuel".

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - Advent Holy hour with Vespers.

St Mary's church – 4pm

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:**

Christmas Eve: both churches  
6pm Carols  
6:30pm Holy Mass

Early Midnight Mass: St Wulstan's  
8:00pm Carols  
8:30pm Holy Mass

Christmas Day Mass: St Mary's  
10:00am Holy Mass

New Years Day Mass: St Wulstan's  
12:00pm Holy Mass.

**NEW YEARS DAY MASS:**

Feast of Mary Mother of God.

What better way to start the new that by offering it to the Lord in the Holy Mass.

With this in mind we are planning a New Year's Day Mass at St Wulstans on the 1<sup>st</sup> January at Midday, all are most welcome.

**HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS.**

I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. Thanks to all who have given of their time and talents to make this period of the church year so special. God bless Fr Stephen ☺

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:**

Week 1 : We are praying for St Nicholas' Parish and the people of Broomfield Road, Fairway, Kemp Street, Mayfield Place, Romney Avenue and Toronto Avenue,

Week 2 : We are praying for St Wulstan's & St Edmund's Parish and the people of Bulkhead Drive, Falmouth Avenue, Kenilworth Avenue, Meadow Ave, Rose Court, and Trawler Close with the prayer: ***May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.***

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no 10:00am Wednesday morning Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's as the church will be being prepared for Christmas.

**THE SEASON OF CHRISTMASTIDE:** For most people Christmas ends at midnight on Christmas day. But for the Catholic Church, it means the celebration has just begun. Many of us Catholics, however, are not aware of this. Our rhythm of celebrating Christmas is very much along the lines of the secular celebration. We put a massive amount of effort into preparing for December 25th...then, the very next day, we feel a bit blue. "It's over," we think. We take down our Christmas lights, drag the tree out onto the curb, and return to our everyday lives. But in truth the celebration is only just beginning! The carols, the feasting, the lights, the joy, have only just commenced. There is a reason why Christmas is called a season. It does not last for a single day. the Christmas season (also known as Christmastide) lasts 40 days. It begins with the vigil Mass said on Christmas Eve, and ends on February 2nd, Candlemas, which is the day on which we celebrate the feast of Jesus' presentation in the temple. Wishing you all a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmastide.

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## ST MARY'S NOTICES



*St. Mary's Church will be open from 09:30 to 1pm on weekdays, apart from Wednesday when the church will close after the morning Mass*

Previous Mass attendance: 11am – 109

**Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time:**

Stephen Ball, Isaac Richardson, 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 McParland, Jimmy Buckley

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**The next meeting of the Council will take place on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Council Members: Fr. Stephen Talbutt, Deacon Bernard Farrell-Roberts, Peter Connor, Steve Dale, Anne Duxbury, Judith Halloran, Lindsay Newton, Steve Price and Sammy Ranasinghe  
**Do you have any ideas / thoughts you wish to raise with the Council?**

**Minutes are displayed at the back of church above the safe**

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**Please pray for the sick and housebound of our**

**parish,** Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephani Barretto, Vera Berry, Catalina Carredu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Patsy Coll, Kathryn Dale, Bert Dallas, Marianne Delaney, Sarah Finley, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Liam Edward Lenihan, Alison Lyons, Fr. Michael Murphy, Michael O'Sullivan, Irene Rankine, Mary Schon, Peter Scott, Scott and Dale Families, Marie Slater, Mark Surelock, Jacqueline Wilding, Frank Ward, David Wilkinson, Fred & Mary Wylie, Nan Lusua

**Those who have died recently:**

**Father Michael** has moved from Lakelands Lodge and is now residing at Room 37, Cleveleys Nursing Home, 19 Rossall Road, FY5 1DX. We wish him happiness in his new home and many visitors.

**Christmas Raffle**

A huge Thank You to all for your donations and for buying tickets. The total raised was £407. If you have not already done so, please bring your tickets on Sunday, to see if you are a winner.

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**Diocesan Directories and Christmas Cards** are for sale, please ask a steward for them, as they will no longer be at the back of church, due to the recent theft.

**Sunday 28th December**

**Reader:** 11.00am Mass: Judith

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Peter and Jackie

**Children's Liturgy:** NONE

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Reader:** 11.00am Mass: Linda

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Judith and Ania

**Children's Liturgy:** NONE

**200 Club**

May 2025

£80 Roy Clarke 64, £45 Duncan Lofthouse 48,  
£29 Richard Wright 116

June 2025

£100 Donna Hartley-Page 37, £50 Anne Duxbury 46,  
£42 Lindsay Newton 43

July 2025

£80 Berenice Wynn, £45 Eileen Swarbrick 53,  
£29 Sue Tipping 83

Weekly Collection: £318.30

Candles: £52.53

Church Flowers: £

St Anthony: £19.46

Restoration Fund: £

World Needy: £

**Any donations towards the cost of Christmas Flowers would be gratefully accepted. Please give to a steward. Thank you**



## **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 136      Website : 86

### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

Ted Wilson, Mary Latham, Richard Hearty, Thomas Conroy, Fr Des Gallagher, Mavis Holden, 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

### **Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish (and those who care for them) :**

Josie Atkinson, Pat Boe, Rose Conway, Tom Cumpsty, Rita Davies, Patrick Dempsey, Mary Doyle, Margaret Fallon, Pam Fildes, Veronica Greer, Gino Guatelli, Ken Hodson, Peggy Lawson, Harry Lister, Anna Lupton, Dianne & Michael McCann, Joan Mitchell, Jean Morgan, Sally Newbold, Claire Preston, Ethna & Michael Quinn, Carmel Roche, Jean Rolph, Sheila Russell, Vera Scott, Eunice Shaw, Norma Snasdell, Anne Statham, Pauline Stephenson, Clare Thomas, Sheila Walsh, Kathleen White, Norah White, Brenda Wilmot, Eileen & Alan Wright

### **WULSTAN'S WINTERVERSE:**

A small poetry booklet "Wulstan's Winterverse" is available for our centenary year. If you would like a copy please pick one up from the back of Church, any donations will be going to the foodbank.

### **Weekly Collection**

£ 488.90

### **Bonus ball winners for last 2 weeks: -**

6 December David Good with number 40  
13 December number 59. No winner.

### **CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS:**

If you are free on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 9:30am we are looking for volunteers to help decorate the church for the Christmas period.  
Come along and join in the festive fun.  
Entrance via the choir door.

### **REPOSITORY**

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.

### **NEWS FROM HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD**

#### **Christmas Tree Festival :**

Friday 19th December, 1.30pm - 5pm & Saturday 20th December, 11am - 4pm

Fleetwood Methodist Church. A highlight of the festive season!

Walk among the many decorated trees, enjoy the stalls, activities and refreshments.

Admission just £1 adults, 50p for children.

#### **RNLI Christmas Carol Service :**

Sunday 21st December at 4pm - St Nicholas Church, Broadway

Fleetwood's fabulous RNLI look forward to welcoming everyone for an evening of Christmas carols at St Nicks. > [See the Facebook event here](#)

#### **Fleetwood Promenade parkrun - Every Saturday from 9am - Start by Marine Hall**

The perfect way to begin the weekend ... run, jog, walk, push a buggy, bring your dog (short lead only) or volunteer! Everyone involved gets the same sense of achievement and community spirit.

> [Everything you need to know about the Fleetwood Promenade parkrun](#)



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 21<sup>ST</sup> DEC – 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY



### Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9:00am	St Wulstan's	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	People of both Parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Mary Price
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	No Mass			
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	7:00pm	St Mary's		Jonathan Good
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6:30pm	St Mary's	Christmas Eve <i>Carols from 6pm and 8pm before both Masses</i>	People of both Parishes
		St Wulstan's		William Yates
	8:30pm	St Wulstan's		Stephen Allen RIP
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00am	St Mary's	CHRISTMAS DAY	Robert Groves
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:30am	St Wulstan's	St Stephen	Catherine Yates RIP
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00am	St Wulstan's	St John	Marcia Waring RIP
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00am	St Wulstan's	THE HOLY FAMILY	Justine Robinson RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both parishes
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass			
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7:00pm	St Mary's	6 <sup>th</sup> Day of the Christmas Octave	Pat Doyle RIP
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10:00 am	St Mary's	7 <sup>th</sup> Day of the Christmas Octave	Armour and Lupton Families
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	12:00pm	St Wulstan's	MARY MOTHER OF GOD	People of both Parishes
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9:30am	St Wulstan's	St Gregory the Great, St Gregory Nazianzen	Sick and housebound Communicants
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	10:00am	St Mary's	Saturday of Christmas Season	Bill and Jo Wright RIP
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9:00am	St Wulstan's	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Fred Chew RIP

### Service Schedule

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 10:30 – 11:30am at St Wulstan's Church with Confessions after Mass.
- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 10:30 – 11:30am at St Mary's Church with Confessions after Mass.