



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



15th March 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

<p>EXTRA SERVICES FOR LENT: During Lent we will have some extra services to help us on the journey. These will alternate between both St Wulstan's and St Mary's. Please see the Schedule on the back page of the newsletter for times and details.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POPES PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: For disarmament and peace Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.</p>
<p>CARDINAL ALLEN: SVP Soup Lunch The pupils from Cardinal Allen are supporting the SVP's Heart to Heart campaign this Lent - targeting loneliness in our communities. Together with our Parish, they are running a Soup Lunch on Friday 20th March, 12:30pm-2pm at the Green Hut. This is an opportunity for our school and parish communities to come together - Heart to Heart - this Lent! If you are interested in joining, please add your name to the signup sheet this weekend, so that we can confirm numbers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for St Wulstan's & St Edmund's Parish and the people of Allen Close, Chatsworth Avenue, Garfield Street, Lancaster Gate, Monroe Drive, Saer Close and West Way with the prayer: <i>May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.</i></p>
<p>ABORTION UP TO BIRTH: 'The House of Lords is expected to vote on the Antoniazzi abortion up to birth clause, passed by MPs last June, on Wednesday, 18 March. If Peers vote for the clause, it will, sadly, become law. 23 Church of England bishops, known as the Lords Spiritual, currently sit in the House of Lords and could make the difference between these extreme proposals passing or being defeated. Please use the link below to send an email to one of the bishops in the House of Lords now to ask them to turn up and vote against the abortion up to birth clause. Please do this now using this easy tool: https://righttolife.org.uk/y8z8</p>	
<p>Laetare Sunday: This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, marks the midpoint of the Lenten season. It is a moment of joy and encouragement amid the penitential period as we prepare for Easter. The name "Laetare" comes from the Latin word meaning "rejoice," which is drawn from the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass</p>	
<p>Cardinal Allen pupils heading to Lourdes! Thirteen 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 Fr Stephen or leave at the main office of Cardinal Allen school before Friday 10th July. They would be delighted to take your prayers with them to offer Our Lady. To help support their fundraising, our Parishes will be hosting a Cake & Coffee Morning on Sunday the 29th March after both morning Masses. Any donations of baked goods would be warmly appreciated. Many thanks</p>	<p>PRAYER REQUEST: As we approach the final weeks of Lent, please can you keep in pray those who have been preparing to be received into the church over a number of months and those who are to be baptised. We have many adults and children who are on the journey to be welcomed into the Catholic faith. We pray that they may experience the joy and love of being a follower of Christ in our Tradition.</p>

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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: Sunday 8th March- 111

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time:

Charles Parker, Isabella Fish, Bessie Lynch, Mary Johnstone, Walter Harrison, Alexander and the Ross Family, Joan Hawksworth, George Woodward, Ann Wilson, Michael Harris, Francis Turner, Ellen Hargreaves, Thomas McCartney, Alice McDaid, Leo Heap, John Gresswell, Peter Flanagan, Mary Parker, Hannah Buckley, Mary McCormack

200 Club

October 2025

Anita Oldman, no. 44 £80, Sheila Donnelly, no. 68 £40, Julie Banks, no. 107 £32.

November 2025

Duncan Lofthouse, no. 33 £100, Barbara Lynch, no. 51 £60, Geraldine Rawcliffe, no. 14 £30

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please come along and support our School as the young people lead us in the Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 12:30pm. Each week is a moving experience as the Children relate the stations to ways we can take up our Crosses and follow the Lord. A great witness and way to prepare ourselves as a parish for the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Church Cleaning – Saturday 28th March - 12:30pm

Please come and help, many hands make light work!

MOVIE NIGHT

By popular demand, we will watch LOVE AND MERCY – powerful docudrama portraying the life of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy.

When: SATURDAY 21st March at 6.00pm

Where: St. Mary's Millennium Room. Please message Ania on 07858496951 to book a place. We will also have a list at the back of the church.

Fleetwood Churches Together Lent Lunches

The charity for this year's fundraising is Tear Fund

20th March – St. Nicholas with St. Wulstan's,

27th March – URC with Trinity Baptists

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish,

Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephany Barretto, Vera Berry, Catalina Carreddu, 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 Lusia

Sunday 22nd March

Reader: 11.00am Mass: Jonathan

Eucharistic Ministers: Peter and Judith

Children's Liturgy: Jackie and Maureen

Sunday 8th March 2026

Collection: £274.04

Candles: £42.07

Church Flowers: £

St Anthony: £13.86

Restoration Fund: £17.67

World Needy: £

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

On sale from this Sunday and next. The draw will take place and prizes available on Palm Sunday. A sincere thank you for your support

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 at Easter. 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. Thank you

On **Sunday 29th March** the refreshments after Mass will be served by pupils from Cardinal Allen High School. Monies raised will be towards travel expenses for the pupils travelling to Lourdes.

Missio – Red Box Missions. These will be collected during March, please give to a steward at the back of church. 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 - 8th March : Mass 174 Website : 96

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Charles Monaghan, Clare Cattell, Marjorie Morgan,
Mary Brunell, Pauline Greenall, Keith Scott,
Ronald Beavers, Rose Sharp, Frank Waring,
Mary Henchcliffe, Margaret Wilson,
George Benson (Snr)

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Harriet Amelia Belk 17th March 2013
Shae Ben Doughty 18th March 2012

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, Pam Fildes,
Veronica Greer, Gino Guatelli, Ken Hodson, Peggy Lawson, Harry Lister, Anna Lupton, Joan Mitchell,
Dianne & Michael McCann, Jean Morgan, Sally Newbold, Claire Preston, Ethna & Michael Quinn, Carmel Roche,
Jean Rolph, Sheila Russell, Vera Scott, Eunice Shaw, Norma Snasdell, Anne Statham, Clare Thomas,
Pauline Stephenson, Sheila Walsh, Kathleen White, Norah White, Brenda Wilmot, Eileen & Alan Wright

Weekly Collection

1st March - £460.40

EASTER CHURCH FLOWERS.

If anyone would like to help with preparing the flowers for Easter, they will be done on Tuesday, 31st March, or Wednesday, 1st April, in the morning.
The actual day and time will be given later.

BONUS BALL WINNERS

Bonus ball winner for 7 March was Angela Cole with number 19

SUBS DUE! Those who pay half yearly that their second £25 is due in March. Also, we have several free numbers so if anyone else would like to join please see Anne Holland or any member of Finance team. £25 if your number comes up!

HELPING HEARTS: Patricia Benson is collecting sleeping bags, toiletries, coats for the charity Helping Hearts who support families, and the homeless in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre. If anyone can kindly donate, please contact her at St Wulstan's.

CHURCH CLEANING. Church Cleaning for March will be postponed till Monday, March 30th at 9.30am, (enter by the choir door.) Please come to ensure the Church is clean for EASTER, our most important feast. All help is so welcome. Thank you.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

Putting out the flowers, clean altar cloths, Easter candles and decorating the windowsills in both the main Church and the Lady Chapel has to be done on Saturday, 4th April, from 9.30am for the Easter Vigil in the Evening. Please come and help if you can. Thank you.



Primary School Admissions for September 2026

If you, or someone you know, has applied for a Reception Class place in our school for September 2026, please ensure that a supplementary form has been submitted to the school by Monday 16th March.
Forms are available from the school office or Maria Doherty at church.

OUR NEXT PARISH PILGRIMAGE SEPTEMBER 21-26: Over a number of years our parishioners have been going on pilgrimage together, and this year is no exception. In the early days we went to Valladolid in Spain, staying at Country House. Since then, we've been to the Holy Land, Krakow, Rome and Assisi, and the footsteps of St Paul in Greece. We had intended to follow his other footsteps in Turkey this year, But it proved a bit too expensive. So, we've chosen to go back to Spain on a 6 day trip. We'll stay in Valladolid and take in visits to the walled city of Avila, the fairy tale city of Segovia and the university town of Salamanca.

One of the attractions is that both flights are during the day, not at horrible o'clock in the morning.

Cost is £950.00 sharing or £1175.00 single.

Please let Fr Alf know if you'd like a booking form and itinerary.



**4TH WEEK OF LENT
15TH MARCH**



Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sun 15 th March	9:00am	St Wulstan's	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT. (Laetare Sunday)	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Marjorie and Jim Richardson RIP
Mon 16 th March	No Mass			
Tues 17 th March	7:00pm	St Mary's	St Patrick	Private Intention
Wed 18 th March	10:00am	St Mary's		Francis Turner RIP
Thurs 19 th March	6:00pm	St Wulstan's	St Joseph	Joseph Walmsley
Fri 20 th March	9:30am	St Wulstan's		Mavis Holden RIP
Sat 21 st March	10:00am	St Wulstan's		Deceased members of the Farrell Roberts and Ainsworth Families
Sun 22 nd March	9:00am	St Wulstan's	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Marjorie and Jim Richardson RIP

Service Schedule

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 21st March 10:30 – 11:30am at St Wulstan's Church with Confessions after Mass.

Service Schedule

- **HOLY HOUR AND VESPERS:** Sunday 15th March 4pm at St Mary's Church.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Thursday 19th March 12:30pm at St Mary's Church. Led by St Mary's school.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday 20th March 6pm at St Wulstan's Church.
- **HOLY HOUR AND VESPERS:** Sunday 22nd March 4pm at St Wulstan's Church.