



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



**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter.**

**THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST?** Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: Saturday 30 May 12.15pm – 2.30pm at St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT. Gather in the Cathedral for Mass at 12.15, followed by lunch and meeting with Bishop Paul. To book email Heather: [Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk) or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge. As well as meeting the Bishop, you will have the opportunity to get to know how discernment works and who can assist you. You will also meet many others from across the Diocese of Lancaster exploring a vocation to priesthood.

**Race Night Fundraiser**

Join us for an evening at the Races! Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, St. Teresa's Parish Hall. Doors open 7pm, first race 7:30pm. Tickets £5: available from St. Teresa's, St. Wulstan's, or by emailing [s.morton@cardinalallen.co.uk](mailto:s.morton@cardinalallen.co.uk) - first 64 tickets sold include horse ownership! 8 Races, nibbles provided (bring own drinks, and cash for bets and raffle). All proceeds to support Cardinal Allen pupils going to Lourdes.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:**

This week we are praying for St Nicholas' Parish and the people of Arndale Close, Crake Avenue, Croft Court, Greendale Close, Larkholme Parade, Navigation Way, Shap Court and Windermere Avenue with the prayer:  
***May the peace of Christ be in their hearts  
and in their homes.***

**YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY:** The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> join the team

**Students for the Priesthood for Diocese of Lancaster**

We ask your prayers for the students for the Diocese of Lancaster who are presently in formation:  
Deacon Stephen Bamber: to be ordained priest: St Peter's Cathedral, Saturday 27 June.  
Chris Sumner: to be ordained deacon: St Paul's Basilica, Rome, Wednesday 17 June.  
And for those beginning or continuing formation with the Diocese: Alexander Kanaan, Ben O'Flynn, Dominic Standing, Paddie Denton, Harry Rawcliffe.

**Pope's prayer intention for May:  
That everyone might have food:**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE**

**DISTRICT:** Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> stay with us or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

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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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 124

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

Peter and Patricia Chilvers, Robert Bromilow, Katherine Eaglesham, Jessie McCartney, Jack Wright, Benjamin Pickering, William Archer, Anne Greenhalgh, Joan Gardner, Thomas Keane, Stan Riseley, Margaret Harding, Arthur Benns, Kenneth Valentine, Winifred Faulds, Susan Swan

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

Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Nicola Banks, Zephan 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 Lusi

**The next meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Council Members: Fr. Stephen Talbutt, Peter Connor, 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***

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Reader:** 11.00am Mass: Kath

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Judith and Julia

**Children's Liturgy:** Jackie and Maureen

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Reader:** 11.00am Mass: Judith

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Peter and Jackie

**Children's Liturgy:** NONE

The Parish Council Meeting is upcoming, if you have any ideas or suggestions, spiritual or temporal, for the growth of the Parish, please let Father Stephen or one of the parish Council Members know in time for the next meeting.

**Library in the Millennium Room**

Our spiritual library is now open. Please feel free to borrow our selection of books in the Millennium Room and borrow any that you may be interested in.

**After Saturday morning Mass, here at St. Mary's, the church will be closed.**

**On the Saturday when Mass is NOT celebrated in St. Mary's the church will remain closed.**

**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.

**FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**

On May 4th, the Catholic Church in England celebrates the feast of English Martyrs – the 40 Catholic lay and religious men and women who stood firm and died for their faith at a time of religious persecution.

The English Reformation in the 16th century began with Henry VIII. In response to his disagreement with the Pope, Henry broke away from Catholicism and the authority of the Catholic Church in Rome, and a new Church of England, or Anglican Church was created. The repercussions continued for many years and in the time of Elizabeth I, it became increasingly difficult to follow the Catholic faith. Priests had to disguise themselves and many courageous Catholics risked their lives to practise their faith and look after visiting priests.



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> April : 158      Website : 79

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

William Williams, Rose Eastham, Valerie Parker,  
Thomas Beale, Michael Gowlin, Gerard McKenna,  
James Campbell, Joan Frith, Ellen Croston, Margaret  
Harding, David Heaton, Emily Holyhead, Jack Plumb,  
Clifford Scott, Ivy Palin, Frank Gibbons

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:**

Katie Mai Tebay 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
Logan Andrew Dobby 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**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, Clare Thomas, Pauline Stephenson, Sheila Walsh, Kathleen White,  
Norah White, Brenda Wilmot, Alan Wright

**Weekly Collection**

26<sup>th</sup> April - £572.92

**Bonus Ball :** The winner for 25<sup>th</sup> April was  
Keith Earnshaw with number 23

**St Wulstan's Tower:** As long suffering parishioners know, it has taken a long time, quite a few years, to finally find and fix the leak in the tower which has caused damage to the back wall and some of the roof beams. It has now virtually dried out, and the Maintenance Committee has decided to restore the tower to its former glory, with the funds we have available. However, when Fr Stephen applied to the Diocese for permission to go ahead, the Trustees suggested we should instead explore the possibility and cost of demolishing it.

At our meeting with the Diocesan Property Manager last week, it was agreed that the parishioners should let us have their views on the situation. With that in mind, we propose to have a parish meeting in the Green Hut on **\*28<sup>th</sup> May\*** after the evening Mass to see what people think.

If you can't make the meeting, you're welcome to email Fr Stephen with your views.

**\*(Please note change of date)**

Fr Alf, Chair of the Maintenance Committee

**RED BOX APPEAL:** Thanks to those who collect using the red boxes, we raised £740.20 during 2025

**Rev Stephen Bamber's Ordination**

A coach has been ordered for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June for the Priestly Ordination of Stephen, which will take place at 1130 in the Cathedral. The coach will leave from St Wulstan's at 0900 and return from Lancaster at 1700.

At the moment we have 40 names on the list for the coach, which is a 53 seater. So, there is plenty of room for more to come, and, of course, the more who come, the cheaper it will be for everyone.

If you have not put your name on the list, but would like to come, please let Fr Alf know asap.

**THANK YOU** to all those parishioners who pay tax and allow us to claim back from the government 25% of their offerings to the church.

If you pay tax and have not signed a Gift Aid Declaration and would be willing to do so, please see Maria Doherty. Please also let Maria know if :

- you no longer pay income tax or have started to
- you have changed your address (or name). Thank you.



**FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2026**



**Mass Schedule**

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:00am	St Wulstan's	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	People of both Parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Deceased members of Chew and Feeney families
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>No Mass</b>			
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm	St Mary's		Sarah, Russ and Family
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	St Mary's		Margaret Moore RIP
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		Catherine Anderton
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>*9:00am*</b>	St Wulstan's		Anne Statham RIP
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	St Mary's		Alan White RIP
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00am	St Wulstan's	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	Alfi & Alan Berry
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both parishes

**Service Schedule**

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10:30 – 11:30am at St Mary's Church with Confessions after Mass.