



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



9th August 2026 – 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RCIA: We will be starting our Rite of Christian initiation of Adults course at the beginning of September. This course is anyone from either parish wishing to become Roman Catholic, or for anyone already Catholic who would want to refresh their faith and learn more about what it is to be a follower of Jesus in our tradition. If you know of anyone or would like to join yourself please speak to Fr Stephen or pass the church contact details on to people who may be interested in beginning this great journey of faith.

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SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP: Our small group will meet on Thursday in St Wulstan's Presbytery after the evening Mass. During the session we will continue our journey through scripture, exploring how the texts relate to us in our daily life. All are most welcome to join us.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"There are two ways to live your life.
One as though nothing is a miracle, and the
other as though everything is!"*

Albert Einstein

STONEYHURST Christian heritage centre.

Free Will & Grace, 28 - 31 August 2026

Join us for a theological and philosophical deep dive on one of the great themes of the Christian Faith: human freedom and Divine grace. With lectures and workshops building on St Thomas Aquinas' writings, the course will also explore questions of conscience and the problem of evil.

This year's guest speaker will be Rev. Dr Simon Gaine, OP.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-will-grace-course/>

**NOVENA TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF THE
ASSUMPTION**

Next Sunday we will celebrate the great Feast of the Assumption. In preparation for this great day, we will pray the Novena of the Assumption each day after Mass.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Fleetwood Town Community Trust are running a Summer Club for children.

FREE activities include park sports, beach fun, day trips, arts & crafts and more hosted at the Poolfoot Sports Complex, Memorial Park and at their Youth Hub on North Albert Street.

Fleetwood Museum continue their twice weekly arts & crafts for children.

Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 11am or 1pm the sessions are FREE for ages 4 - 11 years with an accompanying adult. Please telephone the Museum on 01243 876621 to book.

[➤ Follow Fleetwood Museum Facebook](#)

Pope's prayer intention for August: For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

BABY GRAND PIANO:

We have been contacted this week about the donation of a baby grand piano. We have no need in the church but if you know of an organisation that may be interested or anyone in need of a piano please contact Helen Duggan on 07949 827252

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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 2nd August 2026 – 106

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time:

Gerard Kennedy, Audrey Cross, Charles Pook, Thomas Tipping, Richard Martin, Harry Allen, Dawn Porter, John Donnelly, Mary Slavin

Sunday 16th August 2026

Reader: 11.00am Mass: Michael

Eucharistic Ministers: Julia, Peter, Jackie

Children's Liturgy: NONE

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our

parish, Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Nicola Banks, 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 Lusia

Those who have died recently: John Mallon

2nd August 2026

Collection: £ 289.13

Candles: £197.82

Church Flowers: £

St Anthony: £

Restoration Fund: £29.66

World Needy: £50.04

ST CLARE and ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

This week we celebrate the memorials of two very well-known saints of the Franciscan tradition.

St Clare: St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown. Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend mass and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born as Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, in the Kingdom of Poland, part of the Russian Empire. He was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar and a martyr in the German death Camp of Auschwitz during World War II. It is said during the last days of his life Kolbe led prayers to Our Lady with the prisoners and remained calm. He was the last of the group to remain alive, after two weeks of dehydration and starvation. The guards gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. The stories tell that he raised his left arm and calmly awaited death.

The Houghton Weavers

Coming to St. Bernadette's Parish Hall on Friday 11th September

Doors open: 6:45pm; show starts 7:30 pm.

Tickets £16

Refreshments available

Tickets now on sale, please contact Dave on 07 505 501 648

The next meeting of the Council will take place on

Wednesday 2nd September in St. Wulstan's Presbytery at 6:30pm.

Council Members: Fr. Stephen Talbutt, Peter Connor, Anne Duxbury, Judith Halloran, Lindsay Newton, 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



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 : 2nd August : 150	
ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Elizabeth McCloud, Kathleen Thompson, Sybil Whiteside, Michael Woodcock, Rita Roney, Joan Farrell, Florence Watson, Kathleen Reader, Sally Flynn, Ralph Lewis	BONUS BALL WINNERS: bonus ball details for last few weeks:- 4 July. John Wilson with number 47 11 July. Cathy Wilson with number 41 18 July. Sue Gow with number 10 25 July. Jessie Graham with number 50 1 August. Number 29. No winner
Weekly Collection 2nd August : £317.20	GROTTO GANG: the Grotto gang are in need of either a very small garden shed or a plastic lockbox for our gardening equipment so that we're not having to store it around the back of the Presbytery and keep dragging it out each time we need it we can't just leave it by the grotto because the children will get it. We don't really want to have to buy one if we can avoid it as we have got very little money left in the grotto Fund. We've used quite a lot of money recently as we bought the paint for the playground where we are going to be painting a large Rosary for the children to use when they start back in September.
BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES: Poppy Mai Harris 11th August 2013 Isaac Joel Challoner 13th August 2017 Aubre Leigh Maureen Ackrell 13th August 2023 Harry Thomas Byron warren 13th August 2023 Lincoln James Warren 13th August 2013 Jacob George Stedman 14th August 2011	Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish (and those who care for them) : Josie Atkinson, Pat Boe, Rose Conway, 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, Peter Shuttleworth, Norma Snasdell, Pauline Stephenson, Sheila Walsh, Kathleen White, Norah White, Brenda Wilmot
URGENT CHURCH CLEANING: The next Church Cleaning will be on Monday 10th August from 9.30am. Please enter by the Choir door. We had to cancel last month's cleaning, as too few people were able to come and on a number of occasions, due to illness, appointments and holidays, there have only been two people available to clean the whole Church. This not enough really, it is a big Church, and the cleaners are getting older. If you can spare some time your help would be greatly appreciated. We normally clean on Monday, as there are no services, and it is the second Monday of the month to avoid the Bank Holidays. If you could come at some other day, or time, please let Judith Wood, or Father Stephen know and we might be able to make other arrangements. Maybe people could take charge of one aspect of the cleaning, for example the Lady Chapel or the sinks and toilet. Please help.	CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for St David's Parish and the people of Birch Street, Dronsfield Road, Hawknest Avenue, Lonsdale Avenue, Percy Street and Stanley Gate with the prayer: <i>May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.</i>
A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Our ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT & HOT POT SUPPER will take place on Friday 18th September in the School Hall. Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 16th August	

St Maximilian Kolbe

"The essence of the love of God does not lie in affections or in sweet words, but solely in the will. If the soul perseveres decisively with its will fixed on holiness and love of God, although it does not experience the least feeling in its heart, let it be wholly convinced that it continually tends with rapid pace forward and ever pushes upward."



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9TH AUGUST 2026



Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sunday 9 th August	9:00am	St Wulstan's	19 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Eileen Wright
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both Parishes
Monday 10 th August	No Mass			
Tuesday 11 th August	7:00pm	St Mary's	St Clare	Pat and George Kwun
Wednesday 12 th August	10:00am	St Mary's		Susan Iris Hamilton RIP
Thursday 13 th August	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		Trevor Wilmott RIP
Friday 14 th August	9:30am	St Wulstan's	St Maximillian Kolbe	Phil Waters RIP
Saturday 15 th August	10:00am	St Mary's		Elizabeth Wilson RIP
Sunday 16 th August	9:00am	St Wulstan's	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Stan Campy RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both parishes

Service Schedule

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 15th Aug 10:30 – 11:30am at St Mary's Church with Confessions after Mass.

FUNERALS

- **REQUIEM MASS for John Mallon:** will take place at St Mary's church on Thursday 13th August at 1:30pm