



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



23rd August 2026 – ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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. **Telephone (01253) 873609**

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CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:

This week we are praying for St Wulstan's & St Edmund's Parish and the people of Birkbeck Place, Dryden Road, Hawthorn Avenue, Lonsdale Crescent, Pharos Grove and Stanley Road with the prayer:
May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.

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/>

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.

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](#)

ST BERNARD: On Thursday we celebrate the memorial of St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153). He started his religious life as a Benedictine monk but becoming disillusioned with the laxity and riches of the Benedictines of the time he left to start his own order returning to primitive poverty and austerity in life, this order was named the Cistercian order and they follow a strict interpretation of the Rule of Saint Benedict focusing on simplicity, manual labour, and silent contemplation.

FRIDAY FAITH GROUP: Our next meeting will be on Friday at **1:00pm** in the Green Hut (***note the earlier start.***). This meeting will concentrate on the third article of the Creed "Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary". In this session we will examine the mystery of the Incarnation, God made flesh and blood. **ST**

PIUS X: On Friday we remember Pope Pius X, 2/6/1835 – 20/8/1914. Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. His humble background was no obstacle in relating to a personal God and to people whom he loved genuinely. Saint Pius X gained his strength, his gentleness and warmth for people from the source of all gifts, the Spirit of Jesus.

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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 9th August - 103	
Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time: Louis Wilson, Violet Sheridan, Celia Melville, John Donnelly, Gladys M. Brown, Florence Watson, Alice Wilson, Frances Farrell, Edna Layne, Norman Blair, Norah Galvin, Joseph McGinley, Eileen Harrison, Patricia McGill, Pam Beavers	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY This Assumption of Mary is the doctrine that says that at the end of her life on earth Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. Some people think Catholics believe Mary "ascended" into heaven. That's not correct. Christ, by his own power, ascended into heaven. Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God. She didn't do it under her own power. The Church has never formally defined whether she died or not, and the integrity of the doctrine of the Assumption would not be impaired if she did not in fact die, but the almost universal consensus is that she did die. Pope Pius XII, in <i>Munificentissimus Deus</i> (1950), defined that Mary, "after the completion of her earthly life" (note the silence regarding her death), "was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven." +++ On Saturday next week we also celebrate the "QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY" Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.
Sunday 23rd August 2026 Reader: 11.00am Mass: Kath Eucharistic Ministers: Ania Linda Chas 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 Lusua Those who have died recently: John Mallon	9th August 2026 Collection: £ 344.82 Candles: £54.41 Church Flowers: £ St Anthony: £ Restoration Fund: £ World Needy: £10.14
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 <u>Wednesday 2nd September in St. Wulstan's</u> <u>Presbytery at 6:30pm.</u> Council Members: Fr. Stephen Talbutt, Peter Connor, Anne Duxbury, Judith Halloran, Lindsay Newton, and Sammy Ranasinghe <i>Do you have any ideas / thoughts you wish to raise with the Council?</i> <i>Minutes are displayed at the back of church above the safe</i>



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 : 9th August : 116

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Maura Haughton, Harold Edwards, Jack Bowker,
John Fraser, Vesta Griffiths, Terence Sweeney,
Canon John Britt

BONUS BALL WINNERS:

Bonus ball winner for 8 August was Judith
Wood with number 43

Weekly Collection

9th August : £509.60

GROTTO GANG: the Grotto gang would like to send out a big thank you to Steve Wade and Mike McCann who have purchased a lockbox to store tools for the Grotto.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Niamh Moore	19 th August 2017
Kai Cook	22 nd August 2010
Poppy Jian Moran	22 nd August 2010
Thomas Anthony Moran	22 nd August 2010
Lily Rose Dalglish	26th August 2012

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

Message from ADRIAN EARNSHAW:

I will be giving a recital at St Peter's Church, the one at the top of the town, on Friday 28 August 2026. It is scheduled to start at 11am, and I believe there will also be tea and cake available.

This Sunday also marks 28 years since I first played a note in church and led the congregation in singing praise to God. I never quite know what to say about playing except that I am incredibly thankful and honoured to have been able to do this on a weekly basis for all these years.

I will never forget how it started. Margaret Gilmartin said she would ease me into it gently. But, in true time-honoured Catholic tradition, the next time we spoke, she told me she was going away for two weeks—and that's how it all started!

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you to the team who came down to offer their time and efforts in cleaning the church last Monday. We are still in need of more volunteers for this important ministry in making the church look as good as it can for the worship of God.

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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 (£5)
from Sunday 16th August.

Tealights: Message from our dedicated Sacristan team. We are currently running out of tealights. If you would like to donate some packs of tealights we would be most grateful. Please leave them at the sacristy or drop them off at the presbytery. Thank you.



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 16TH AUGUST 2026



Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
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
Monday 17 th August	No Mass			
Tuesday 18 th August	7:00pm	St Mary's		Sr Gertrude
Wednesday 19 th August	10:00am	St Mary's		Mary Kay RIP
Thursday 20 th August	6:00pm	St Wulstan's	St Bernard	Trevor Wilmott RIP
Friday 21 st August	9:30am	St Wulstan's	St Pius X	Phil Waters RIP
Saturday 22 nd August	10:00am	St Wulstan's	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Pat and George Kwun
Sunday 23 rd August	9:00am	St Wulstan's	21 st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Mary Kay RIP

Service Schedule

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

FUNERALS

- **REQUIEM MASS for John Edwards:** will take place at St Wulstan's church on Tuesday 18th August at 12:15pm

May he rest in the peace and love of Jesus.