



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



23rd August 2026 – 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RCIA: The beginning of the course is drawing near. If you know of anyone or would like to join or help in running this great journey of faith speak to Fr Stephen or pass the church contact details on to people who may be interested. **Telephone (01253) 873609**
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VISITING PRIEST: Bishop Paul has asked us to host Fr Kalarickal Sebastian Shiju a priest from the Diocese of Thamarassery, Kerala. Fr Sebastian will be with us for a short while to acclimatise before being allocated a parish to look after within the diocese. Fr Sebastian will be arriving on the 28th August.

Let's make him feel most welcome to our vibrant communities.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:

This week we are praying for St Peter's Parish and the people of Birnam Green, Duddon Avenue, Hazel Avenue, Lord Street, Pharos Street and Station Road with the prayer:

May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.

Mass for Healthcare Workers

All those working in healthcare (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, receptionists, porters, chaplains and many more) are invited to Mass with our bishop on Saturday 17th October at 12.15 in Lancaster Cathedral. The bishop will celebrate a votive Mass of St Luke, the patron saint of doctors, praying for all those in our diocese who work in healthcare and all those they care for. There will be a chance to meet up with other Catholic healthcare workers over a cup of tea in the social centre afterwards.

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.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP: Our small group who gather to explore scripture will be meeting on Thursday 6:30pm after the evening Mass at St Wulstan's. We will continue to explore how scripture reflects our current lives and the societies in which we live. *All are welcome*

The Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist: Complements the Solemnity of his birth, celebrated on 24 June. John is the cousin of Jesus. He was conceived when his parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, were elderly. Both his parents were descendants of priestly families. John's birth took place about six months prior to that of Christ and coincides with the Gospel episode of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. The liturgical celebration of his martyrdom, which occurred between 31 and 32, has ancient origins. It was already celebrated in France in the 5th century, and in Rome the following century and can be traced to the dedication of a small basilica that dates back to the 5th century where he was buried in Sabaste in Samaria. Tradition holds it was on this day that his head was found. Pope Innocent II had it later transferred to Rome to the Church of Saint Sylvester in Capite.

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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 16th August - 99	
Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time: Sarah Flynn, David Andrew, Peter Edwards, Joseph McGarvey, Geoff Tonge, Mary Wilson, Knud Veje, Phyllis Hadgraft, Celia Houten, Irena Ward	Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Nicola Banks, Zephani 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 Those who have died recently:
Sunday 30th August 2026 Reader: 11.00am Mass: Judith Eucharistic Ministers: Kath, Julia, Peter Children's Liturgy: NONE	
16th August 2026 Collection: £303.17 Candles: £56.60 Church Flowers: £90.82 St Anthony: £31.88 Restoration Fund: £ World Needy: £14.17	The next Parish Council meeting will be 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>
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	

ECCLESIASTES 3

A Time for Everything

- ¹ There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- ² a time to **be born** and a time to **die**,
a time to **plant** and a time to **uproot**,
- ³ a time to **kill** and a time to **heal**,
a time to **tear down** and a time to **build**,
- ⁴ a time to **weep** and a time to **laugh**,
a time to **mourn** and a time to **dance**,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to **embrace** and a time to refrain from embracing,
- ⁶ a time to **seek** and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to **sew**,
a time to **be silent** and a time to **speak**,
- ⁸ a time to **love** and a time to **hate**,
a time for war and a time for peace.

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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 : 16 th August : 148							
ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Canon John Britt, Eva Dodd, Cornelius Duffy, Ruth Pirie, Elizabeth Probert, Frank Corrigan, Anne Peoples	HAPPY BIRTHDAY. This week we wish a very Happy Birthday to Fr Alf. We pray for many blessings on you during the coming year.						
CHOIR: After their summer break, the choir will return to practice this Wednesday 26 August at 6pm. It would be great to see some new faces, no matter your age - no experience necessary. A choir enhances the liturgy leading people into worship, so if you enjoy singing and would like to be part of parish life in a new way, do come along and join us. Entrance is by the side door near the organ.	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, Patricia Lawson, Peggy Lawson, Harry Lister, Anna Lupton, Joan Mitchell, Dianne & Michael McCann, Jean Morgan, Sally Newbold, Tom Pinder, 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						
A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Our ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT & HOT POT SUPPER will take place on Friday 18th September in the School Hall. Tickets on sale now (£5)	SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 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 ~~~~~ Start your learning journey with Blackpool & Fylde College There's a range of opportunities for adults running from September including FREE courses for Jobs, English, Maths and Digital Skills, ESOL, Access to HE, Upskilling and Reskilling programmes, and Leisure Courses - some of the classes are held in Fleetwood. Several enrolment days are coming up before the end of this month and into September, usually held at the Bispham campus. > Visit the Blackpool & Fylde College website for details of all the courses and enrolment						
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.							
Weekly Collection	16th August : £502.80						
ORGAN RECITAL: Adrian our parish musician and organist will be giving an organ recital at St Peters on Friday 28 August 2026. It is scheduled to start at 11am, and I believe there will also be tea and cake available. All are welcome to support Adrian.	BONUS BALL WINNERS: Bonus ball winners for 15 August were Sarah Wade and Eileen Fullalove with number 7 BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES: <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Lily Rose Dalglish</td><td>26th August 2012</td></tr> <tr> <td>Noah Jacob Dovey</td><td>28th August 2011</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kobi Lynton Pratt</td><td>29th August 2010</td></tr> </table>	Lily Rose Dalglish	26 th August 2012	Noah Jacob Dovey	28 th August 2011	Kobi Lynton Pratt	29 th August 2010
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Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
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
Monday 24 th August	No Mass			
Tuesday 25 th August	7:00pm	St Mary's		Trevor Wilmott RIP
Wednesday 26 th August	10:00am	St Mary's		Bill and Linda Ludwig
Thursday 27 th August	6:00pm	St Wulstan's	St Monica	Joyce Clapp RIP
Friday 28 th August	9:30am	St Wulstan's	St Augustine	Trevor Wilmot RIP
Saturday 29 th August	10:00am	St Mary's	The Passion of St John the Baptist	Thanksgiving
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	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both Parishes

Service Schedule

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 29th Aug 10:30 – 11:30am at St Mary's Church with Confessions after Mass.