

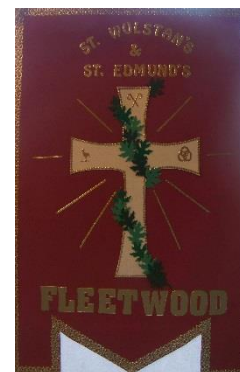
**PS FROM BRIAN WOOD:** At our former Parish in Eccles, Father Michael encouraged a young boy who suffered from cerebral palsy to become an altar server. He learned well and became a regular part of the team. On one occasion, Judith and I arrived for Mass and saw the boy sitting on the Sanctuary, with the big Lectionary on his knee, reading intensely. After a while he had obviously finished what he was reading but instead of closing the Lectionary quietly, he slammed it shut with his whole strength. It sounded like a bomb had gone off and the noise reverberated around the high ceiling for several seconds. In front of me was an old lady deep in prayer and she jumped at least a foot in the air and everyone else was clearly very shaken. Many prayers were disturbed that night, and no one dozed off. Dear Jesus, please give Father Michael eternal rest and let him rest in peace. Amen.

### REPEAT NOTICES

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:** Have now arrived and on sale at the back of church, price £7, which is a lot pricier than last year!

**CATHOLIC DIARIES:** Are available at the repository stall, priced £3.30 (same price as last year!). There are also some calendars and gifts as well as nativity sets, especially ones for children which are reasonably priced.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2024:** Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Youth section will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024. For further information please check out the Diocesan Pilgrimage website [lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://lancasterlourdes.co.uk) or email [operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk) and for the youth email [youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk)



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### THE HOLY FAMILY ~ YEAR B ~ 31/12/23

Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	1000	People of the Parish
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	No Mass	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1800	Sick & Housebound of the Parish
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	0930 1000	Bill Yates (LD) Holy Half Hour
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1800	People of the Parish
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	0930	Hilda Balshaw (LD)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	*NB 0930	Anne Monaghan (RIP)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	0930 - 0945 1000	THE EPIPHANY Confessions Good results from medical tests (SY)

**SUNDAY MASS IS NOW LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE**

*The Lady Chapel is open every day from 0800-1700 for private prayer.*

**Confessions : Sunday 9.30 - 9.45**

#### Collection

17<sup>th</sup> December £578.00  
24<sup>th</sup> December £445.00  
Christmas Eve £293.50  
Christmas Day £231.10

#### Attendance

171  
138  
209  
102

Website - 96 Households  
Website - 84 Households  
Website - 113 Households

#### Keeping in Touch:

X (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/ssWulstanEdmund>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/st.wulstansfleetwood/>  
Instagram: St Wulstan & St Edmund



**Please pray for:** All the sick and housebound of our parish family and also those in care or in hospital.

### MASS TIMES 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	1800	BAPTISM OF THE LORD Eileen Brosnan
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1000	Marge Church (LD) HOLY HALF HOUR
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Kevin & Bernadette McCarty
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	0930	People of the Parish
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	0930	Deceased members of Cuffe family
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	0930 - 0945 1000	Confessions Joseph Mackey (LD)

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Reg Graham, Kate Ballantyne, David Cowen, Laura Harrison, Irene Godfrey, Con Peoples, Pauline Hoyle, Irene Nolan, Annie Chamberlain, Irene Scott, Frances Tomlinson, Agnes McGreevey, Edith Oldham, Evelyn Flynn, Audrey Andreas, Sheila Squirrel, Harold Dawe, Kath Ogden, Nora Nicholson, Cecil Wilson, John Betty, James Hargreaves, Harold Young, Veronica Fitzgerald, Marie Raynor, Peggy Hayes, Robert Walsh, Martyn McVeigh

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:**

Alfie Dewhurst-Hardy 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:** This week we are praying for St Peter's Parish, St Mary's Parish and the people of Abbots Walk, Abercrombie Road, Burns Road, Burnside Avenue, Fern Court, Fir Close, Kenilworth Court, Kenilworth Place, Medlock Avenue, Medlock Place, Rossall Close, Rossall Gate, Troutbeck Avenue, Ullswater Avenue, Warren Avenue North and Warren Avenue South with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

**NEW NOTICES**

**BULLETIN:** Please keep this bulletin for Mass times as there will be no bulletin next week.

**SATURDAY MASS:** Please note we have reverted to 0930 instead of 0900 now that Alpha has finished.

**BONUS BALL WINNERS:** 9<sup>th</sup> December - Claire Hewitson - No 30  
16<sup>th</sup> December - Annie Benson & Peggy Parkinson - No 8  
23<sup>RD</sup> December - Stan Campy & Eileen Swarbrick - No 44

**THANK YOU 1:** For the Christmas Offerings and the many cards, greetings and Lourdes water which has miraculously changed into something more coloured.

**THANK YOU 2:** To all who helped to make our Christmas celebration liturgies so enjoyable, as well as those who make the church look so good, and for the very welcoming atmosphere the parishioners made for our visitors.

**MEETINGS COMING UP:**

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	1830	Bible Share in the presbytery
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	1500	Faith in the Community meeting in the presbytery
	1900	Maintenance Committee in presbytery

**CRIB COLLECTION:** Thank you for the spontaneous offerings which have amounted to £175 and will be sent to help the parishioners of Holy Family, Gaza, whose 'safe p[lace]' for people fleeing the air raids and advancing troops, has been virtually destroyed, with many people injured and a mother and daughter shot dead by a sniper.

**GUIDED RETREATS AT AMPLEFORTH 2024:** There are some brochures at the back of church with Retreats of many kinds, to suit all tastes, at Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire. For more details email [retreats@ampleforthabbey.org.uk](mailto:retreats@ampleforthabbey.org.uk) or phone 01439 766087  
Website : [Ampleforth Abbey Retreats](http://Ampleforth Abbey Retreats) | [Ampleforth Abbey](http://Ampleforth Abbey)

**SUNDAY COFFEE IN GREEN HUT:** Glad to say we had na immediate response to the appeal for a new team to take over from the retiring team. It's an all-male team, but don't worry about indelicacies - Gordon Ramsey is not on the team!

**PEACE SUNDAY - 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY:** For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2014, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we know that we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice. The fundamental concerns that Pope Francis announced for the World Day of Peace are the need to be vigilant that a 'logic of violence and discrimination' doesn't take root in the development of AI at the expense of the most fragile and excluded; that the advancement of does not fuel injustice and inequality and therefore conflict, and, of course, that AI is developed so that it serves humanity and the protection of our common home.

**God our creator and sustainer,**

**We thank you** for the gifts of creativity you have given us, for the ability to explore science and understand your creation.

**We ask your forgiveness** for the times we have used science for evil and not for good, for war and not for peace.

**Make us vigilant** as we develop technology, that violence and discrimination may not take root, that injustice and inequality will not be fuelled, that the poor and vulnerable will not pay the cost. May all that we create contribute to peace and justice.

**Amen**

**MARY'S MEALS:** Great News! Until 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1 million. This means your precious gift will go twice as far, helping us to transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. Thank you!

**THANK YOU FROM CAFOD:** I just wanted to send you a quick note to say thank you for your support and prayer this year.

We are truly grateful for every prayer, every donation and every signature in support of our campaigns. It has been a difficult year for many, not least for those caught up in the devastating conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory and other conflicts throughout the world.

In the words of my colleague, Kayode Akintola, Head of Africa:

*'If the God of the universe was born in a dirty, messy manger, amid conflict and injustice and oppression, there is no mess or brokenness in the world or in our lives that God is not willing to step into.'*

*'We trust in God's promises of restoration of the world. We stand in hope, peace, joy, and love to ground us as we offer our lives, following God's path toward justice and righteousness in the world.'*

Thank you for standing with us. Please be assured of our prayers.

In Christ, Patrick Gardner & Emma Nolan

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