

CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: Please could anyone who can spare some time on Monday morning from 9.30am on 5th of February, come and help with the Church cleaning. Entry is by the choir door. Thank you.

AUSTIN IVEREIGH – POPE FRANCIS' BIOGRAPHER: Acclaimed author Austin Ivereigh who was invited personally by Pope Francis to attend the recent Rome Synod will share his insights in a talk at St. Annes, Overbury Street on Sunday 28th Jan at 6:00p.m. You can hear his first-hand reflections live on [St Anne & St Bernard Liverpool, UK - YouTube](#)

THE VOICE: The latest edition is at the back of church - please take a copy home. It can also be viewed online - https://issuu.com/cathcom/docs/lancaster_february_2024_final

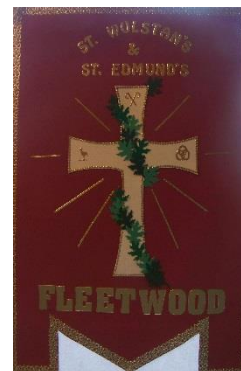
HELPING HAND FOR UKRAINE: There is a fundraising event at St Andrew's Church, Cleveleys on Saturday 10th February to raise funds for a bomb shelter At a school in Myrcha. More details are available on the poster at the back of church.

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: Many years ago, the French Minister of the Interior had prepared a vital report for President de Gaulle and had placed it in the brand new safe in the Ministry. The safe was the latest model and was said to be completely impregnable, fireproof, waterproof, etc. Unfortunately, when he had closed the safe, the Minister had not made a note of the combination and so it was impossible to open it. Panic set in until the Chief of Police suggested that they send for "Petit Louis", a well-known safe cracker who was in prison. A Police car set off, all lights and sirens, to bring him. Half an hour later they arrived with "Petit Louis", and he was shown the safe. He made all present turn their backs on him so he could not be watched. He then set to work. Five minutes later, "Petit Louis" opened the supposedly impregnable safe and the Minister was able to deliver his report to the President with minutes to spare. So much for modern technology. Dear Jesus, Please give eternal rest to Charles de Gaulle and let him rest in peace. Amen.

REPEAT NOTICES

CINNAMON TRUST: A message from Fr Andrew Dawson, hospital chaplain. Sometimes it may be that someone you know is due to go into hospital but they are apprehensive because they are concerned who will look after their pet whilst they are away. Did you know [The Cinnamon Trust](#) is a national charity for people aged 65 and over, the terminally ill and their pets? They'll try to help with pet-related tasks such as dog walking and short-term fostering when an owner faces a spell in hospital. They also provide long term care for pets whose owners have died or moved into residential accommodation which will not accept pets. Patients /parishioners who might benefit from the Cinnamon Trust's service should call the 01736 757900 (Mon to Fri 10am to 4pm). Those who would like to volunteer as a dog walker or someone who could provide short term pet care can also call the same number.

THE CAFOD BIG LENT WALK: Will you walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. We're excited to invite you to take part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, our challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty. That's right - that's 5km a day, and you're in good time to get in plenty of training. You can walk, run, skip, or stroll your 200km, when and where you choose, alone or with friends. You'll be among thousands of people up and down Great Britain conquering your 200km targets in time for Easter. [Sign up now](#) The money you raise will help people as they overcome poverty. Remember: every step you take is a step closer to a fairer world. Let's tell poverty to jog on!



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 28/01/23

Sunday 28 th	1000	Paul Travis (Anniversary)
Monday 29 th	No Mass	
Tuesday 30 th	1800	Sick & Housebound of the Parish
Wednesday 31 st	0930 1000	Alan Paisley (LD) Holy Half Hour
Thursday 1 st	1800	People of the Parish
Friday 2 nd	0930	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD John Docherty (Seriously ill)
Saturday 3 rd	0930 0950- 10.20	Sarah Cait (Cancer 17 months) Holy Half Hour & Confessions
Sunday 4 th	0930 - 0945 1000	Confessions Charles Coxall (Anniversary)

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 : Saturday 9.50 – 10.20
Sunday 9.30 – 9.45**

Collection

14th January

£400.70

Attendance

130

Website – 110 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.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Peter Cuffe, olive Rogerson, Bernadette Falconer, Patricia Wilson, Patrick Collins, Kathleen Hearty, Edna Lambert, Catherine McVeigh, Canon John Bibby, Mavis Irvin, Arthur Hammill, Keith Jackson, Peter Mullen, Vincent Parker

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Jake Douglas Moran	31 st January 2009	Frank John Hartley	1 st February 2014
Oscar Matthew Hartley	1 st February 2014	Harriet Jude Munton	1 st February 2015
Oliver Cutler	2 nd February 2014	Evie Toni Ann McArdle	3 rd February 2013
Nathan David Maricic	3 rd February 2013		

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for Fleetwood & Cleveleys United Reformed Church and the people of Agnew road, Byron Street, Fleetwood Docks, Kilbane Street, Memorial Park, Rothay Avenue and Warwick Place with the prayer:
May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.

NEW NOTICES

BONUS BALL WINNERS: 13th January - No 7 - No-one has that number.
20th January - Colin Brown - No 42

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Friday 2 nd	1500	Faith in the Community Board Meeting in Presbytery
Saturday 3 rd	1030	Faith & Friendship Group in Presbytery

PRAYERS NEEDED: On Tuesday, the Governors of our school will be conducting interviews for a prospective new Headteacher to replace Mrs Barnes who leaves us at Easter. Please pray that we will be blessed with an excellent new Head to lead our school both academically and spiritually and help our children to grow in the love of God and the practice of the Faith.

GREEN HUT: All is on schedule for the re-opening of the Green Hut this Sunday, with our extended kitchen and newly decorated walls, a fabulous job overseen by Steve Garrett who did all the joinery. Before we re-open on Sunday, there is some cleaning and tidying up to do. If you have an hour to spare on Saturday afternoon, please join Fr Alf at 2pm. More hands, light work etc.

NEW COTTAGE INDUSTRY?: We were delighted before Mass on Saturday when Annie McKeon brought in a pair of candles she had fashioned from the stumps left over from used altar candles. They look great, and the good news is that there's more to come. Such a useful and helpful way to avoid waste and save the parish some money, very ingenious. Thank you Annie.

THANK YOU FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year. Many thanks as well to all those who donated to our Christmas Campaign. **You have gifted nearly £200,000!** We are humbled by your response and are making sure your love and care is going directly where it is needed: £100,000 has already gone directly into Gaza to help those sheltering from the war, we are adding 15 new families to our Family Support Programme, we have expanded our emergency support programme and we are currently developing major projects to improve the water supply, employment and the healing of the most vulnerable, planned for the next three months. We are most grateful for your ongoing support as the conflict deepens and shows little sign of a ceasefire being close. With your help we will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters directly with our arms around them.

VIEW FROM THE PEW: I first set eyes on the statue of Our Lady and baby Jesus over 60 years ago. Not in Our Lady Chapel but on the floor of our then new presbytery. I had met Dean Raftery (our parish priest) on my way to church. Oh, please come and see who has just arrived for our new church! On following him into the presbytery, there lying amid all the packaging and sawdust this beautiful face of our Blessed Lady looked up at me. A moment in my life I will never forget. Little did I know then the beautiful face would gaze down on me over 60 years of married life, four children and now thirty-four grandchildren and great grandchildren. She has always been there for me through all the worries and heartaches of family life. To all you young mothers in our parish, please pop into our Lady Chapel. Look up at Our Lady's statue. I think it depicts how very young a mother she was. It also has a look of sadness about her face. She knows how hard it must be (in this materialistic world of today) to struggle to bring up your precious babies to be loving, caring adults. Please pray to her. She will never let you down and is always there for you. God bless you all. Sadie Buschini

STARTING A NEW BUSINESS?: Our Business Support Network **Wyred Up** is hosting a brand-new free event for anyone looking for advice on starting a business.

Fleetwood Nautical Centre FY7 8JZ, Wed 21 Feb, 4-6.30pm. This event is perfect for anyone who is looking to turn a brilliant idea into reality, wants to know how to convert a passion or a hobby into a viable business, is self-employed, in your 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of business and need advice on what to do next. During this event you will get the opportunity to: network with other entrepreneurs and prospective new business owners, see our business research tools to get industry & market information, learn about further business support, which is available to you, talk to our business support partners at Boost Flying Start and other experts. All helping you to achieve your personal and business goals. There's free refreshments too ✓ [Join the questlist - Starting a New Business - Fleetwood Nautical College, Wed 21 Feb 2024 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

FABULOUS NEWS: At long last, four years after we agreed to home a Syrian Refugee family, and worked so hard to raise the money, we have just received final approval from The Home Office to resettle one, in a house we have acquired and completely renovated under the leadership of Steve Wade. Our overall 'Welcome Project' leader has been Sharon Jones, and we have been blessed with many other parishioners contributing various areas of expertise to bring about this happy day. A huge thankyou to them all.

THE COLLECTION: This ancient ritual goes back to the days when, especially in rural communities, people brought gifts of produce or food as part of the offertory. Over time, for sheer convenience, the offertory gifts became money. I remember as a boy being given a 'penny for the plate'. As you know, during Covid, we had to stop using the collection plate, as it was passed from hand to hand, but now we feel it would be good to restore the 'personal touch' by restoring the collection in its rightful place at the offertory. If, as many of you do, you contribute by standing order, feel free to simply pass the plate down the bench. We hope to re-start the plate collection next Sunday. Also, in next weeks' bulletin, there will be a message from the finance committee on bank charges, which have made a big difference since they were introduced last April.

REFURBISHED HOLY WATER STOOPS: You are welcome to use the two new reclaimed and restored brass stoops from St Edmund's, where they had been unused for many years. Holy Water flows from a touch upwards, just above the bowl.