

ASPECTS OF A SYNODIAL CHURCH: You can listen to a talk about the life of Fr, Austin Smith CP lived his ministry in the heart of Toxteth, living in a terraced house as priest, neighbour and active member of the community, bringing the Gospel both to the people and to the authorities. It will be available next week on the website 3prophets.co.uk

DONNA WORTHINGTON RETREAT - IGNATIAN PRAYER & DISCERNMENT

An Introduction to these helpful Christian approaches. Tuesday 5th March 11:30am-3pm. Cost £20. Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Rd, Lostock Hall PR55AA. For bookings, please contact the Parish office on 01772 335387 or Email office@saintgerards.org.uk

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: Will take place from 10th - 18th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena - you are welcome to send in your petitions. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

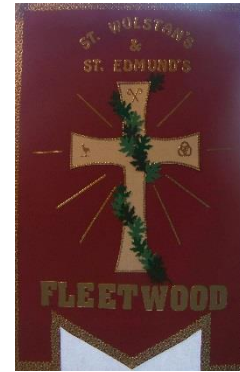
PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: In the summer of 1962, the Band of the Coldstream Guards spent a week in Plymouth supplying the music for the Army Week there. In between performances, I used to spend time in the large local aquarium. I enjoyed the gracefulness of the dogfish (mini sharks) but my favourite creature by far was the octopus. It was about eighteen inches in diameter, toe to toe. Its large tank had half the background covered in a mottled red pattern and the other half covered in a mottled blue pattern. When I first saw it, I thought the tank was empty but I soon realised that the octopus was resting on the red wall, had adopted the red mottled pattern and could barely be seen. Suddenly, it jetted itself across the tank to the blue wall. It formed a vivid red splash on the blue wall. Then it instantaneously changed to the mottled blue pattern and disappeared again immediately. It was a fascinating, wonderful and endearing demonstration of the art of being an octopus. Dear Jesus, we thank you for the sheer beauty of your creation.

REPEAT NOTICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: You are warmly invited to share Our Lord's journey to the cross each Sunday during lent at 3pm. Stations last usually about half an hour and provide a good reminder of just what Our Lord went through to win our salvation.



ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES: Wednesdays 4 pm, St Nicholas Broadway Rooms. Thursdays 7 pm, Trinity Baptist Church, All are welcome.



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Second Sunday in Lent ~ Year B ~ 25/02/23

Sunday 25 th	1000 1500	Carl & Jim Blundell (RIP) Stations of the Cross
Monday 26 th	No Mass	
Tuesday 27 th	1800	Ann Blyth (LD)
Wednesday 28 th	0930 1000	Dot Lister (LD) Holy Half Hour
Thursday 29 th	1800	Bill Yates (RIP)
Friday 1 st	1000	ST DAVID, PATRON SAINT OF WALES Funeral Mass for Maureen Butler
Saturday 2 nd	0930 0950- 10.20	People of the Parish Holy Half Hour & Confessions
Sunday 3 rd	0930 - 0945 1000 1500	Confessions Frank Jeffrey (LD) Stations of the Cross

SUNDAY MASS IS 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 18th February £517.80 **Attendance** 128 Website - 69 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: Mary Clarke, Christine Beesley, Kath Corrigan, Alice Ashcroft, Michael Cosgrove, Nelly Spedhurst, Charles Godfrey, Nancy Bethell, Bernice Moyle, Damian Worthington, Callum Fyall

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for Fleetwood Methodist Church and the people of Albert Street, Chapman Court, Furness Avenue, Laidleys Walk, Millom Close, Rutland Avenue and Wentworth Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

BONUS BALL WINNERS: 17th February – No 43 – Judith Wood

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Thursday 29 th	1830	Bible Share in Presbytery
Friday 1 st March	11.45-1330	Lent lunch at Emmanuel Church
Friday 1 st March	1400	World Day of Prayer at Emmanuel Church

THANK YOU 1: From Missio for the collection of £84.30. This generosity and spiritual sustenance will encourage missionaries, like Sister Mary in Kenya to continue serving and sharing God's love. Sister Mary is just one of the many dedicated missionaries around the world, supported by Missio, who have responded to God's calling by choosing to serve in vulnerable and impoverished communities.

THANK YOU 2: from CAFOD for Autumn 2023 Family Fast Day collection of £212.76. 'We hugely appreciate your donation. You are supporting local experts like Dr Nasha to reach people with vital help. Dr Nasha asked me to share this message with you. She said: "We are incredibly grateful to you for thinking of us and helping. It's so heart-warming to know we have friends who are there for us when we need it most." By supporting families like Meera's, struck by climate disasters, you are putting into action Pope Francis' renewed call to care for our common home.'

HELP SUPPORT A PRO-LIFE AMMENDMENT: Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law.

Take action: Collect a postcard today from the back of church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment.!

We would like to ask that you continue to promote this campaign for at least the next two weeks until the amendment is debated. Although the date of the debate has not yet been confirmed, it is now looking like it will be at the beginning of March.

Ironically, parents can now, from today (22nd February), receive a certificate (from the Government) of 'Baby Loss' for babies lost in pregnancy before 24 weeks, which is the legal limit in England for abortion.

So, what does that say about the law which says that human life within the womb is merely a bunch of cells, not a child. Clearly, those parents wanting a certificate think they've lost a child.

CHURCH CLEANING: Please can you spare some time for Church Cleaning on Monday 4th March from 9.30am? If you can, enter by the choir door. Thank you.

THE VOICE: The latest edition of our Diocesan newspaper will be ready for collecting after Mass this Sunday from the back of church.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: The annual John Bradburne Pilgrimage will take place up Cross Fell on the 8th of June. For further details go to www.johnbradburne.com

FLEETWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT LUNCHESES: Lunches will be served each Friday in Lent, commencing 16th February between 11.45 am and 1.30 pm. Venues: 23/2 St Peter's & St David's, 1/3 Emmanuel, 8/3 Methodist Church with Trinity Baptist, 15/3 St Mary's, 22/3 St Nicholas Church with St Wulstan's & St Edmund's. Proceeds from the lunches this year will go to Fleetwood RNLI.

HOSPITAL PRAYER ROOMS: Catherine Anderton has asked our support for a petition to re-instate the crucifix in the multi-faith room in Nottingham Hospital. [Sign the Petition](#) She has also written to the CEO of Victoria Hospital, Blackpool as they are thinking of changing the multi faith prayer room in the Cardiac Centre into an Islam only prayer room.

HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD LATEST: A couple of new groups have started this week, but don't worry, you can still get involved in the weeks ahead.

Gentle Dance Class on Wednesdays, 2pm to 3.30pm, Fleetwood Methodist – UCLAN student Beth invites you to try this FREE 5-week course, taken seated or standing. Enjoy the music, dance, move and have some fun! > Call Beth on 07717 943495 for more information.

Fleetwood Puppy Classes, St Nicholas' Wednesdays at 6pm and 7.15pm

Already so popular that a second class has been added with instructor Kelly and as we write places are going fast! For puppies under 20 weeks old. > [More info and bookings here](#)

Wyre Council's 'Just Reminiscing' is returning after a winter break.

The fascinating exhibit of books, artefacts and more will be at Fleetwood Library on Friday morning (23rd) from around 10am until late morning. There's no need to book, drop in, have a chat and a brew with the team and enjoy the memories!

The Wyre Family Hub team will be at Strive Community Cafe next week.

If you'd like to know more about the work to support children and families, call in for a chat with professionals and parents, and a brew on Wednesday 28th February from 10.30am to 11.30am. > [More on Facebook - Wyre Family Hub](#)

Healthier Fleetwood Information Centre. 1-7 Lord Street, Fleetwood FY7 6DX opposite St Peter's Church. OPEN Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 3pm to share what's happening in the community and support your ideas for something new.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: If you would like to subscribe to the above and want it delivered to your home, you can email Michelle Jones – michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or ring 07436617650

LOST RING: A 'gold' band was found in the back school playground on Sunday morning. If you have lost this item, please contact the school office.