

**REPOSITORY:** We now have a selection of Easter cards available as well as cards for Mothers' Day and St Patrick's Day. We do, of course, have cards for most occasions, reasonably priced.

**PS FROM BRIAN WOOD:** Some years ago, a Royal Navy submarine paid an official visit to Barrow. The submarine arrived to be greeted by a large and enthusiastic crowd and moved into the dock. Some sailors were lined up on the casing, standing to attention. The submarine moved slowly towards the end of the dock but appeared not to be stopping. The sailor at the very front looked increasingly alarmed and kept glancing sideways at the approaching dock wall. Eventually he had had enough, and he raced away along the casing at a speed to rival Usain Bolt. Finally, the crunch came, and the dock wall made quite a mess of the radar dome the sailor had been standing in front of. The watching crowd seemed greatly entertained by it all! Dear Jesus, please take care of those who spend their working lives at sea.

**REPEAT NOTICES**

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

**DONNA WORTHINGTON RETREAT - IGNATIAN PRAYER & DISCERNMENT**  
An Introduction to these helpful Christian approaches. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 11:30am-3pm. Cost £20. Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Browndge Rd, Lostock Hall PR55AA.  
For bookings, please contact the Parish office on 01772 335387 or Email [office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk)

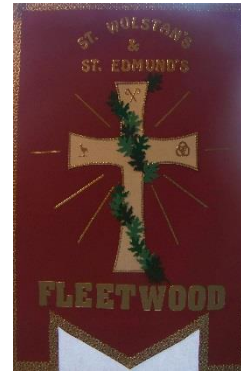
**HELP SUPPORT A PRO-LIFE AMMENDMENT:** Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law.  
**Take action:** Collect 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 (22<sup>nd</sup> 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 it's a child they have lost.



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**Third Sunday in Lent ~ Year B ~ 03/03/23**

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1000	Frank Jeffrey (LD)
	1500	Stations of the Cross
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1800	People of the Parish
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	0930	Jack Morgan (Anniversary)
	1000	Holy Half Hour
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Peter Bird (Anniversary)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	0930	Teresa Jamieson (LD)
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	0930	Maureen Butler (LD)
	0950- 10.20	Holy Half Hour & Confessions
	0930 - 0945	Barbara Gatto (LD)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Confessions
	1500	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** 18<sup>th</sup> February £450.90 **Attendance** 148 Website - 76Households

**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.

### **BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:**

Macie Mae Elrick 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 Evan Rich Lomax 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
Cassidy Rose Lane 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Nancy Bethell, Bernice Moyle, Damian Worthington, Callum Fyall, Helena Arnold, Maria Stirzaker, Terri Fenlon, Logan Reynolds, Sue Brown, Ann Entwistle, Linda Smith, Peter Gow, Arthur O'Malley, Mildred McAvoy, Edith Gannon, Jack Morgan, Pat Caulfield, Peter Bird, Michael Johnson, Frank McCann, Doreen Higgins, Dora Geraghty, James Richardson

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:** This week we are praying for St David's Church and the people of Alder Court, Charterhouse Court, Galloway Road, Lamour Place, Millom Street, Rydal Avenue and West Gate with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

### **NEW NOTICES**

**BONUS BALL WINNERS:** 24<sup>th</sup> February - No 28 - Phil Bowker

### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Pantry Volunteers Training Day at the Rugby Club
	1400	Faith in the Community Board Meeting
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	1900	Deanery Pastoral Council at English Martyrs, Hardhorn
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	1500	Stations of the Cross, St Wulstan's

**HELP NEEDED:** As mentioned last Sunday, our Welcome Project has been informed that, after nearly four years since we raised funds to sponsor a Refugee family, the Home Office is about to allocate us a family. We have acquired a house, and thorough Steve Wade's impressive leadership of the housing committee, and a lot of hours work, they have made it habitable and welcome. All that remains is for the garden to be tidied up. If you can spare an hour please let Keith Urwin know.

**MEN'S MONDAY:** about half a dozen of our male parishioners have formed a small group, to meet up on a Monday evening, for a bit of 'man-socialising' over a game of snooker at the Park Club, Cleveleys from 7.30pm. Amazingly, BAD snooker players are welcomed. If you'd like to join this merry band, you would be most welcome. See Keith Urwin or Vic Hudson for details.

**GARDENING:** If it ever stops raining, we'll soon be looking to getting parish garden ship-shape for Spring sowing. All are welcome to join us. Let Fr Alf know if you are interested.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST WINIFRIDE'S:** St Winefride's House for Retired Priests, Low Moor Rd, Bispham has a job vacancy for a cook/cleaner for 1-2 days a week. Each shift is approximately 4.5 hours. For further details please contact Eva on 07720 800247.

**THANK YOU:** From Harry Lister, to all who attended Dot's funeral, and helped to make it such a beautiful occasion for him and his family. Thanks also for the many prayers, Masses and support from so many parishioners. They are greatly appreciated.

**YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER, CASTLERIGG:** Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested - [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**VIEW FROM THE PEW:** Having been asked to write a note concerning a view from the pew I thought I would mention the homily about lent I heard from Fr Nick, a retired missionary, who now abides at St Peter & Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Portlaoise, Ireland. When it comes to lent things were very harsh. The whole family had to go to Mass every morning which meant we got no breakfast. By the time Mass had finished, we had to go straight to school. Then there was our father who was a heavy smoker, he would smoke 80 cigarettes a day and was he in a terrible mood because he gave smoking up for lent. But then he thought to himself should we be miserable during Lent? After all, we are about to celebrate the most important event in the Christian calendar, the feast of The Risen Christ. So be happy do someone some good whether large or small, even if it is only dropping in to see if they want anything from the shop or how they are. This is something the parishioners of St Wulstan's and St Edmund's are good at. June and I know only too well of the warmth and care of the parishioners have shown to us. God Bless you all. Patrick Dempsey

### **CELEBRATION OF FLEETWOOD MARKET - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** T.

**11.45am - 12.15am** - Learn about the market's rich history through to the present day including the investment of £3.94 million for refurbishment works that have taken place during the exciting period of rejuvenation in 2023 to support its future as a key attraction in Wyre. Please meet on Victoria Street opposite the Custom House Lane pocket park where the tour will begin.

**12.30pm - 1pm** - "Heritage Sign Making demonstration" - Join celebrated local artist Lisa Wigham in the gallery space where she will showcase the traditions of sign painting inspired by heritage hand-lettered signs and posters- once part of the everyday life of Fleetwood Market, along with new artwork from her Arts Council of England 'Endangered Craft Project.'

**11.00am - 2pm** - "Just Reminiscing session" - visit the Just Reminiscing team in the accessible studio to see curious old artefacts, objects, and scrapbooks from the past.

**FLEETWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT LUNCHESES:** Lunches will be served each Friday in Lent, commencing 16<sup>th</sup> February between 11.45 am and 1.30 pm. 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.

**HELP NEEDED 2:** We will soon be renovating the Pantry to make it more user friendly for the people who come to receive help and food. Obviously, we will have to move all the food and shelving so the work can go ahead. Are you able to help with the move on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March? If so, please let Fr Alf or Steve Doherty know after Mass today. Thank you.