

NEWS FROM HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD: It's the **NCI Fleetwood Open Day** on Saturday 25th May from 10am to 4pm. Pop along to the Rossall Observation Tower to meet members of the National Coastwatch Fleetwood team, hear about their work keeping us safe on the water and along the beaches, and support them by having a go at the prize tombola or by buying a cake!

A couple of half-term activities coming up at The Mount ...

Not sure if you'll see anything like this, or that you want to, but there is a **Creepy Crawly hunt** on Wednesday 29th May. You will discover some of the bugs living on The Mount at this free event. It's from 11am to 12noon - meet at the lodges on Mount Road to join the fun!

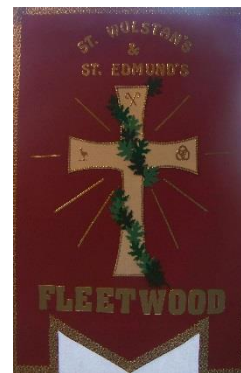
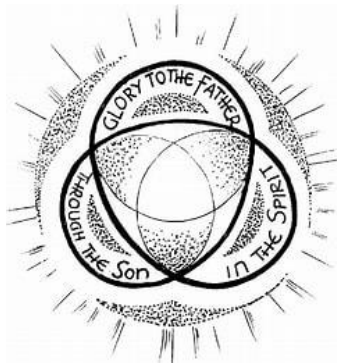
Thursday 30th May there's a **community gardening session**. Come along and help replant the flower beds at the rear of The Mount. Everyone is welcome, all ages and there is no need to book - please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

The session will run from 10.30am to around noon, the meeting point is again the lodges on Mount Road

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: In the early 70's a colleague of mine, Frank, told me that, before joining the Probation Service, he had been an Officer in the Church Army, the social work and evangelising organisation of the Anglican Church. He had specialised in dealing with prisoners and worked in Strangeways Prison. He gave talks, organised prayer sessions and gave individual counselling. Frank said he began to receive increasing requests for bibles and he was pleased to supply them. He thought he was doing very well and introducing many prisoners to Jesus. However, one day, a prisoner let the cat out of the bag. The bibles' pages were of very thin paper and the prisoners were using them to make their roll-up cigarettes. Frank said that this was his first big lesson! Dear Jesus, please give encouragement and strength to all organisations who try to help others.

REPEAT NOTICES

SYNODALITY: Over the last year we have not heard much about the buildup to the Synod & Synodality, which takes place towards the end of the year. This is going to be so important for the future of the Church, and indeed the world, so the more we know about it, the better. Luckily, we have one of our own, who was present at the Synodal meetings in Rome, to bring us up to date. She is Professor Anna Rowlands from Poulton. On Thursday, May 30th at 7pm in English Martyrs Church Hall, Highcross Road POULTON FY6 8DA, Professor Anna Rowlands will be speaking to us about the SYNOD and answering our questions on Zoom. Professor Rowlands has been a theological advisor to the SYNOD ON SYNODALITY from 2021 when Pope Francis called the whole Church to engage in this. So, she has rich experience to share with us to help us as we prepare for the second SYNODAL ASSEMBLY in October. Everyone is most welcome!



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY ~ Year B ~ 26/05/24

Sunday 26 th	0900 (W) 1100 (M)	Susan Norris (LD) Marie Richardson & Eileen Walker (RIP)
Monday 27 th	No Mass	
Tuesday 28 th	1800 (W)	
Wednesday 29 th	1000 (W)	Funeral Mass for Valerie Parker
Thursday 30 th	1000 (M)	Henryk Romanowski (Anniversary)
Friday 31 st	0930 (W)	VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Eucharistic Service
Saturday 1 st	0930 (W) 0950-1020	People of both parishes Confessions during Holy Half Hour
Sunday 2 nd	0900 (W) 1100 (M)	CORPUS CHRISTI Lena Walsh (LD) Joseph Walmsley (PW)

SUNDAY MASS IS LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE
The Lady Chapel is open every day from 0800-1700 for private prayer.

Confessions during Benediction : Saturday 9.50 - 10.20

Collection	Attendance	Website
19 th May £4482.10	137	99 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: Geraldine Hewitt, Edith Hamilton, Alice May Rogers, Roy Moore, Fr Jack Edwards, Eric Richmond, Laura Hirst.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Bobby John Allen	27 th May 2012	Oliver James Kenny	28 th May 2017
Camilla Maria Bond	28 th May 2017	Dillon Mark Thomson	29 th May 2011
20 th May 2018	Micha Hampton	24 th May 2009	Alexander Charles Hardie
24 th May 2015	Scott William Hardie	24 th May 2015	
Jenson Joseph Brice	25 th May 2011		

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for St Wulstan's & St Edmund's Parish and the people of Aughton Street, Custom House Lane, Hamlet Road, Leighton Avenue, Northfleet Avenue, South Strand and Wingrove Road with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

BONUS BALL WINNERS: May 4th - No 29 - No-one has this number.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 29 th	1900	Finance Committee in Presbytery
Saturday 1 st	1030	Prayer & Share in Presbytery

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

The Government is holding a consultation to remove the 50% cap on faith admissions, seeking views on religious designation reforms for new and existing free schools and special academies.

Part 1) To remove the 50% cap on faith admissions, with the aim of enabling all faith groups to apply to open new faith free schools and

Part 2) To allow new special academies and existing special academies with a recognised faith ethos to apply to be designated as having a religious character.

Read more - [Faith schools reform: Everything you need to know \(schoolsweek.co.uk\)](http://schoolsweek.co.uk)

Please give your views - [Faith school designation reforms - Department for Education](http://Department for Education)

VIEW FROM THE PEW: Participating in the Eucharist changes everything. On my year-long journey into the church, I absorbed the teachings but mostly felt like an outsider. Mass would often feel dry in those days before my first communion. I felt like my relationship with Christ had only scratched the surface and I hoped things would change. I didn't appreciate the qualities that awaited me in the Eucharist.

It was after my third communion with Christ that I sensed a radical shift in my perception. Mass now makes sense and I'm eager to be in church and immerse myself in the mystery. I feel part of something spectacular: I try to take on the contemplative demeanour I see around me but, often, I can't help smiling as the joy escapes me. I'm also much more relaxed in the face of adversity, remarkably so; it is peace. More than this though is something harder to put into words; I feel a kinship, a co-joining where I can understand and be understood. Communing with saints feels electric. The desire to grow ever closer to the Holy Trinity is strong. It feels like I've finally made my home in Jesus. Someone told me that the Eucharist was the best medicine; I now fully appreciate that truth.

Simon Sadler

GENERAL ELECTION: Cafod and the SVP are working together to create a culture of encounter in this election year. They invite parishioners to reach out to their local candidates on the issues that matter. To quote Pope Francis, "No-one can demand that religion should be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life..." See www.cafod.org.uk/encounter for a briefing on issues such as cost of living, climate change, the global food system etc, and for more guidance about ways to engage our candidates. You can also contact the CAFOD team at yearofencounter@cafod.org.uk

Since I wrote this, the PM has called a general election for July 4th, so we need to act a lot sooner than we thought. In the weeks to come, we'll hear a lot about the issues political parties say voters care about. But as Catholics, we know that caring for the poorest and most marginalised people both here and overseas is among the most important issue politicians should act on.

Your voice is powerful! Your local candidates will listen to what issues you care about. With the election campaign about to start, join us to make sure our candidates hear about the issues that matter. By reaching out to them, you can make a difference.

[Sign up to call for action this election](#)

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - A HUGE THANK YOU: After a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2013 we decided to try and help the position of the Christians, an ever-dwindling number, be set by the Palestinian Muslims on one side and the Israelis on the other. In 2014 we organised the first of our afternoon teas, which became ever more popular and ever more colourful, each with its own distinctive theme. In the ensuing decade (we celebrate our 10th anniversary next month) we have raised £10,430, most of which has been sent to the charity 'Friends of the Holy Land'. Other charities we have supported are Mary's Meals, NSPCC, Marie Curie, The Welcome Project and the Ukraine.

All this was possible through the loyal and generous support of our guests, and the time, talents and amazing baking skills of our helpers. We were delighted to welcome our new waitresses and hope they will stay with us in the future. Earlier this year we said a sad goodbye to Maureen (Butler) who brought so much to these occasions. We remember her with affection and gratitude. As Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He stopped on the Mount of Olives and looked across at the old city and wept. Today there is a small church on this site 'Dominus Flavit' (the Lord wept). He would surely weep again at the suffering of His land, where he lived, died and carried out his mission. Please pray for peace in Israel

THE VOICE: The latest edition is now available from the back of church. Please take your free copy to keep up with what's going on in the Diocese.

JONAH AND THE WHALE - Donna Worthington's next spiritual retreat: A spiritual sea journey into the darkness of the whale & moving towards a pathway of light.

Thursday 6th June 11:30am-3pm. Cost £20 At 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