

**SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY - A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL:** As a School of Sanctuary, we value working with our local community and building relationships with those in our area. The dynamic of our locality is forever changing, and we recognise that there are children and families that need more of our support than ever before. We have the theme of 'Home' this year, and how we value this as a safe and stable place to be. Please join us in the School Hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30-4.30 to view our wonderful 'Home' artwork in our mini art exhibition and take part in some crafts.

**VACANCY - EDUCATION SERVICE:** Our Diocesan education Service is advertising for a Director of Formation. For more details, please see the website - [Diocese of Lancaster Education Service \(lancaster-diocese-education.org.uk\)](http://Diocese of Lancaster Education Service (lancaster-diocese-education.org.uk))

**PS FROM BRIAN WOOD:** Many years ago, Thomas Merton was trying to discern his vocation. He had only recently been told by a priest that he did not have a vocation to the priesthood. Nevertheless, he felt a powerful attraction to become a Trappist monk. He decided that he would ask Our Lord for a direct indication as to whether he should try to become a Trappist. He decided to open his bible at random with his eyes closed, point to the page and see what the message was. So, he took his bible, laid it in front of him and he prayed. Then he closed his eyes, opened the bible at random and thrust his finger at the page. He then read the words his finger was touching. It said simply "Be silent". He had his answer. He set off for the Trappist Monastery, became a monk and was ordained a priest. Then, with the encouragement of his Abbot, he became one of the most important and influential Catholic spiritual writers of the twentieth century. Dear Jesus, we thank you for all the inspiration Thomas Merton's writings have given us.

**REPEAT NOTICES**

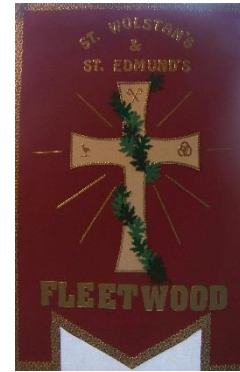
**A JOURNEY THROUGH MARK'S GOSPEL:** A group of people from the Fylde coast meet online each week to discuss the Sunday readings. If anyone would like to join in (Thursday, 7:30) please contact [martwinben@gmail.com](mailto:martwinben@gmail.com) for details. You can also receive weekly notes by subscribing (for free). Just go to [martinbenneett.substack.com](http://martinbenneett.substack.com)

**VIDEO TALK ON SYNODALITY:** Thanks to all who came to the video talk about the experience at the last Roma Synod - what it was like, its learnings and where it fits into the teaching of the Church. If anyone could not come to the event, but wishes to see a recording, please could you email Fr Philip Wrigley ([philip.wrigley@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:philip.wrigley@lrcd.org.uk)) and he will send you a personal link. (Give him your preferred email address)

**A FEAST FOR THE NATIONS - FLEETWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER:** A celebration for Refugee Week - International Foods will be available from 12.30 on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (Buffet Style) at the United Reformed Church, Dronsfield Road. Everyone is welcome. An opportunity to meet some new people from different parts of the world. Help us to make them feel welcome as they try to settle in a new country.



**SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30 - 5.30**  
Our primary school will be holding their annual Summer Fair after school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July and all are welcome. **Raffle Tickets (£1 per book) are available from church.** We would be very pleased, as in previous years, to receive donations for raffle prizes or tombolas from parishioners. Items may be given to Maria Doherty. Thank you.




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**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR ~ Year B ~ 23/06/24**

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	0900 (W) 1100 (M)	Bill Groves (Anniversary) Mary & Raymond Madej	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	1000 (M)	People of both parishes	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	1800 (W)	Alan Stansfield (Anniversary)	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	0930 (W)	Maureen Cafferkey (LD)	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	0930 (W)	Dotty Hayman (RIP)	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	0900 (W) 1100 (M)	<b>STS PETER &amp; PAUL</b> Jean Sullivan (Birthday Anniversary) Mary & Raymond Madej	

**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
16 <sup>th</sup> June £646.60	126	79 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:** Lilian Whiteside, Raymon McDermott, Hilda McGuirk, Margaret Humphries, James Huntington, Eileen Hearty, Katie Anne Taylor, Philip Abram, Alan Stansfield, June Dutton, Ethel Fleming, William John Edwards, Wyn Dickinson, John Arthur McCoy,

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jasmine Primrose Stanney	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Joseph Francis Stanney	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Zyien Gareth Thomas	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	Emily Mae Birch	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2009
Harry Stedman	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	Declan Caleb Bradley	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2009

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:** This week we are praying for St Paul's Fre Church and the people of Balmoral Terrace, Delta Lane, Harrow Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, Oxford Road, Southway and Wood Street with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

**NEW NOTICES**

**BONUS BALL WINNERS:**

1<sup>st</sup> June - No 9 - Brenda Gray  
8<sup>th</sup> June - No 59 - No-one has this number.  
15<sup>th</sup> June - No 22 - Susan Noble & Jeannie Hibbel

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

1730 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Project in Presbytery  
1830 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - Bible share in Presbytery  
1030 Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> - Prayer and share in Presbytery

**DAY OF RENEWAL - 'Come Holy Spirit' - 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE:**

Sorry for the late notice, which only came through this week. This will be held at St Clare's Church Hall, Preston from 10am to 4pm, starting with Mass at 10am. The day will be led by Maria Heath, Director of Mission Northampton. All are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be available. For further information please contact Christine 07745009694 or Annette 07954429333

**OUR DIOCESAN CENTENARY - MUSICIANS REQUIRED:**

November 2024 initiates a year of celebration of 100 years of the Lancaster Diocese. Our Blackpool & Fylde Deanery is planning a number of events, one of which is a bi-monthly celebration of the 7 Sacraments, each one in a different church. Here in Fleetwood, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage next January. We would like to form a Deanery Music Group and choir to lead the liturgy at each of the Masses. We would especially like to have young people involved. If you would like to take part, let Fr Alf know asap. Lots more details to follow after the next Deanery Pastoral Council meeting.

**PARISH MASS BOOKS:**

You may know that from 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent, a new translation of the lectionary will come into use for mass. The lectern copy comes in 4 volumes and is quite expensive (£695) but I've managed to get a 10% discount by ordering early. Each 6-month volume, of congregation copies, will cost (if we order over 100) £4.95. 150 copies will cost £742.50, and there will be 5 more volumes at the same price to complete the 3-year cycle. The finance committee would like to know what people feel. If we order before July 31<sup>st</sup>, the books will be sent post free.

**ANNUAL MASS IN THE CEMETERY:**

Our Mass for the repose of the souls of the people we've loved and lost will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 11am at the top end of the cemetery. Fr Alf is happy to renew a blessing of family graves. All welcome.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

The next one is FOR St Peter's Pence which takes place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. St Peter's Pence is in support of the Holy Father's projects.

**THE CATHOLIC PARISH SUMMIT:**

Fr Alf preached about this last week, and Catherine Anderton has written a wonderful summary which she is happy for people to share. As it is too long for the bulletin, it will be emailed with the bulletin. For those who don't receive the bulletin by email, copies are at the back of church.

**FR MICHAEL - BISHOP PAUL'S RECENT LETTER:**

My Dear People. You will have been all too well aware of Fr Michael Murphy having been taken ill before Easter. I am pleased to say that he is making slow progress, but he is not yet 'out of the woods'. During his time in hospital, the care of St Mary's parish has been taken on, very generously, by Canon Hayes. I'm confident that St Mary's parishioners and some of you may have stepped forward to do what you can to keep the flag flying. Thank you.

At this stage, I honestly struggle to see Fr Michael recovering enough to be able to resume his role as Parish Priest. I plan to have a heart-to-heart conversation about this with him soon. In the meantime, I have asked Canon Hayes to work with parishioners and local clergy to help the grand old parish of St Mary's to keep going. Soon we must come up with a more suitable solution that does not risk closure.

I believe strongly that we are all called to live our Faith in these times, and to live our vocations - whether lay or clergy - in these times. Each in his or her own way can keep the light of Christ's love burning brightly for those who need him most. There is no need to be downhearted about things because they aren't what they used to be. Times may have changed, but the mission of the Church remains the same as ever. Live your Faith with trust and joy and love! With my blessing, Rt Rev Paul Swarbrick, Bishop of Lancaster.

**TOM BIRCH'S ADDRESS:**

As mentioned last week, Tom is now in a Nursing Home in Scotland. He is at Rashielee Care Home, Rashielee Avenue, Erskine PA8 6HA

**VOTE FOR BOTH LIVES CAMPAIGN:**

Julia has drawn our attention to Right to Life's campaign to see where our prospective MP stands on abortion. The Both Lives Pledge outlines three policy changes that are designed to increase protection for babies in the womb and stop pregnancy discrimination for women - policies that will save lives by protecting and supporting both mother and child.

Want to know where your MP candidates stand on abortion? Contact your MP candidates today. Ask your local MP candidates to take the Both Lives Pledge. The pledge outlines three policy changes that are designed to increase protections for babies in the womb and stop pregnancy discrimination for women.

Take action: Email your candidates today by visiting [righttolife.org.uk/bothlives](http://righttolife.org.uk/bothlives) before the General Election on Thursday 4 July.