

OUR CHURCH IN NUMBERS: The latest annual statistics for the worldwide Catholic Church have just been published, which make interesting reading, eg 407,872 priests for 1.38 billion baptised Catholics. It really is time for 'Divine Renovation' don't you think? The stats are on the notice board.

DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE: Apologies for the DCP not being available the last few weeks. We needed to do a security update with our service provider. Although it was an inconvenience, it's good to know they are looking after our money. It is also possible to make donations online, we have our own secure donations page and it's very easy to do.
<https://donate.mydona.com/st-wulstans-and-st-edmunds>

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: When I was a little boy, I always wore short trousers. All of my friends did, it was quite normal. However, there inevitably came a time when long trousers were the order of the day and I can remember well my Mum and Dad taking me to the Coop Menswear department in Glebe Street, Great Harwood to buy my first long trousers. I was very excited. We turned up, I was measured and then I went into the changing room to try them on. When I came out to my Mum and Dad, my Mum took one look at me and burst into floods of tears. I was no longer a little boy, I was growing into a young man! What a milestone! Dear Jesus, please give eternal rest to my Mum and Dad, may they rest in peace. Amen.

REPEAT NOTICES

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.

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 6th July at 11am at the top end of the cemetery. Fr Alf is happy to renew a blessing of family graves. All welcome.

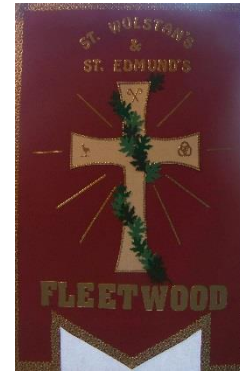
SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR - Thursday 4th July, 3.30 - 5.30

A very sincere THANK YOU to the many parishioners who have bought raffle tickets and to those who have donated prizes. (It's not too late!)



Raffle tickets may be returned to Maria Doherty, to church or the school office.

PLEASE DO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL ON THURSDAY



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FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL ~ Year B ~ 30/06/24

Sunday 30 th	0900 (W) 1100 (M)	Jean Sullivan (Birthday Anniversary) Mary & Raymond Madej	
Monday 1 st	No Mass		
Tuesday 2 nd	1800 (W)	ST THOMAS, APOSTLE Kieran Sullivan (Anniversary)	
Wednesday 3 rd	1000 (M)	Lancashire Inform Clergy	
Thursday 4 th	1330 (W)	Funeral Mass for Summer Atkinson (17)	
Friday 5 th	0930 (W)	Joan Large (LD)	
Saturday 6 th	1100	Annual Mass in the Cemetery - The Holy Souls	
Sunday 7 th	0900 (W) 1100 (M)	Rob Burrows (LD) People of both our Parishes	

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
23 rd June £582.50	159	67 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: Norman Peel, Kathleen Hurley, John Sullivan, Josie Broadberry, Joan Hallworth, Henry McLenahan, Joe Lydon, Gladys Heaton, Joan Boylan, Patrick Leek

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

William George Clapp	30 th June 2013	Seren Elizabeth White	30 th June 2013
Jasmine Alicia Farrell	1 st July 2012	Lilly-Mae Barnes	1 st July 2012
Edie Mary Reilly	2 nd July 2017	Caleb McKenna	3 rd July 2011
Saul Joe Channing	3 rd July 2011	Kelsie Louise Watson	3 rd July 2016
Jaxon Dean Lee	3 rd July 2016	Esmé Moore	3 rd July 2022
Sophia Rose Grassie	4 th July 2010		

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for Fleetwood & Cleveleys United Reformed Church and the people of Bayside, Denham Way, Hatfield Avenue, Lindel Road, Oxford Way, Southwood Avenue and Wraywood Court with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Today, we celebrate the First Holy Communion of six of our children, with one more to follow later. I'd like to put on record our gratitude and thanks to Annie and Pauline, for their many years of dedication in preparing generations of children to receive God's greatest gift, Jesus himself is the Eucharist. We pray that, through their efforts and the support of our community, the children will nourish the gift and through it grow closer to Jesus throughout their lives.

BONUS BALL WINNERS: 22nd June - No-one has this number.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: There will be a service at St Nicholas' Church on Sunday 28th July at 2pm to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the RNLI. All are welcome. For more information ring 07482270224

RUNNING FOR LOURDES: An appeal from Gill Callaghan. There are a couple of young ladies at CACHS who are trying to raise money to go to Lourdes this year and I have offered to help by running Blackpool 10k Music Run in July. It has been agreed that if we raised enough and there was money left over, it would be given to our parish to save for a young person going in the future. Donations can be made here - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gillian-callaghan>

END OF LIFE PROTECTION: We recently published a request from 'Right to Life' to find out what our prospective candidates for Parliament's views on abortion are. As many candidates have a different view on assisted suicide from which they take on abortion, @Right to Life' have asked us to sound them out on assisted suicide also. If you would like your candidate to sign the End of Life Protection pledge, email them through Right to Life's website. <https://righttolife.org.uk/rxj7> or email info@righttolife.org.uk

EASYFUNDRAISING: Thank you to all who nominate our parish, as their chosen registered charity, when shopping online. It brings us a steady trickle, eg last week £11.30 from two parishioners. Every little helps.

CHURCH CLEANING: Please can you spare some time on Monday, 1st July, for Church Cleaning from 9.30am. Please enter by the Choir door. Thank you.

A VIEW FROM THE PEW: This is more a view from the organ bench than the pew. In almost 26 years of having the privilege to play in church, I have seen the ebb and flow of our congregation. Just like the turn of each tide. The hymns chosen for our Sunday celebration of the mass are not only there to praise God but to mirror the message for the readings and Gospel of that weekend. The other week we opened our celebration with the hymn Eternal Father strong to save. Written by Reverend Whiting whose experience of surviving a storm in the Mediterranean helped pen those iconic words. The words were later adapted by Reverend John Dykes to the tune he called Melita, the ancient name for Malta. This also happens to be the island on which St Paul was shipwrecked, coincidence? This hymn echoed the Gospel reading of how Jesus calmed the storm and asks us to have faith. When we experience life's storms we too should have faith that Jesus will guide us to safety. Our offertory hymn, O changeless Christ, echoes the earlier part of the Gospel on how Jesus is here with us 'just as he was' and taught on the shoreline. The hymn continues to remind us that Jesus rebuked the storm and stilled the tempest tossed sea.

The celebration of Mass closed to the hymn Walk with me O my Lord, a simple hymn asking God to walk with us through life's troubles and storms knowing in the comfort knowing that he is there at our side.

Adrian Earnshaw

HANDS OF A PRIEST: Annie Benson has asked that for this piece she discovered to be published on the bulletin.

*We need them in life's early morning,
we need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of friendship,
we seek them when tasting life's woes.
At the altar each day we behold them,
and the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their
greatness; their dignity stands all alone;
And when we are tempted and wander
to pathways of shame and sin,
It's the hand of a priest that will absolve
us----not once, but again and again;
And when we are taking life's partner,
other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite
us is the beautiful hand of a priest.*



*God bless them and keep them all holy
For the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better than
to ask Him to guide thee and bless?
When the hour of death comes upon us
may our courage and strength be increased.
By seeing raised over us in anointing the
beautiful hands of a priest!*