

Welcome to Fr Stephen Talbutt: This weekend, we give a very warm welcome to Father Stephen Talbutt who has been appointed as our Parish Priest. Here is a message from him by way of introduction:

Hello, my name is Stephen Talbutt, I'm from Lancaster born and bred, and I have been appointed by Bishop Paul to join you in the parishes of St Wulstan and St Edmunds, and St Mary's. Just a little bit about myself, I'm 54 years old and have been an ordained priest for 5 years (I'm definitely a late vocation). Prior to this I worked in the IT sector in many roles. I'm looking forward to get to know you all and travelling with you on our journey to the Lord. Many thanks to Fr Alf for all the help he has given me in the last week, and wishing him a very happy and blest retirement.
Fr Stephen



Father Stephen on the day of his ordination.

NEWS FROM HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD CENTRE: West Fleetwood Computer Clinic is back on Friday 20th September.

If you need help and advice for your digital device including getting connected, staying safe online and storing data the friendly and knowledgeable volunteers are happy to help. It's FREE and no pre-booking is required, call in from 11am to around 1.30pm.

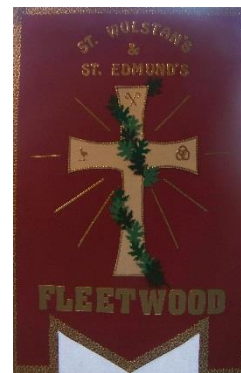
Blackpool & Fylde College are with us on Tuesday 24th September.

Chat with Jenny about the adult education courses, the enrolment process and the support available while you study. There's no need to make an appointment, the drop-in is from 10am to 12noon ... find out more about starting your learning journey!

You can also visit the [College website](#) for information and pick up a course guide from our centre on other days.

REPEAT NOTICES

ASDA CASHPOTS PROMOTION FOR SCHOOLS: If you shop in Asda and use the 'Cashpot' App you can benefit our school as well as gain your own rewards. This promotion is until the end of November. It is so easy to do and at the time of writing this, £193 has already been raised. Thank you to all who are already joining in.




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25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR ~ Year B ~ 22/09/24

Sunday 22 nd	0900 (W) 1100 (M)	Margaret Gilmartin (90 th birthday) Eleanor Foulder & Colin Wilkinson (Anniversary)	
Monday 23 rd	No Mass		
Tuesday 24 th	1800 (W)	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM Carl Blundell (RIP)	Mass Intentions 
Wednesday 25 th	1000 (M)	All Donors to St Mary's Restoration	
Thursday 26 th	1800 (W)	Maureen Butler (Birthday Anniversary)	
Friday 27 th	0930 (W)	ST VINCENT DE PAUL Laurence Jones (Speedy recovery)	
Saturday 28 th	0930 (W)	Paul Buschini (Birthday Anniversary) Followed by Confessions during Benediction	
Sunday 29 th	0900 (W) 1100 (M)	People of both parishes Sheila Donnelly (90 th Birthday)	

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
8 th September £487.70	148	90 Households
15 th September £560.20	192	159 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: Alice Jordan, James Lace, Susan Hobbs, Len O'Halloran

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Ronan Joseph Bullough 23rd September 2014 Jordan Shaun Riley 25th September 2014

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for Fleetwood & Cleveleys United Reformed Church. And the people of Bowland avenue, Eastwood Avenue, Herring Arm Road, Lune Road, Pool Court and Sunningdale Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

A HUNDRED THOUSAND THANKS FROM FR ALF: The title of this bulletin article says it all! I was overwhelmed by the beautiful Mass of Thanksgiving last Friday, followed by the lively social in the school hall. The love I felt left me quite emotional and deeply aware of what I was stepping away from, which has truly been the joy of my life these last 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ years. As I said in my farewell speech, I have loved being your Parish Priest. I am also truly grateful for the way everyone does their best to honour their baptismal vocation which is to live the gospel keeping Our Lord's two great commandments - to love God and serve our neighbour. Also doing our best to take the gospel outside the church walls. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, emails and text messages but above all for your prayers. My time with you has been a blast! It only remains for me to wish Father Stephen a wonderful apostolate, as he takes on the rather daunting task of Parish Priest of the whole of Fleetwood. I know you will support him as generously as you have me. Love and God Bless to all.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 25 th	1730	Faith in the Community Trustees in Presbytery
	1830	Churches Together in Millennium Room, St Mary's
Thursday 26 th	1830	Bible Share in presbytery
Saturday 28 th	0430	Coach to the airport for Pilgrimage to Rome - at St Wulstan's

ROTAS: The new rotas for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Counters and Coffee Bar are available at the back of church.

VOTIVE CANDLES: The sacristans have mentioned that we are getting quite low, so if anyone would like to donate some, you are welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The next one is for the Bishop's Admin fund and will be taken on 22nd September.

DAY OF RENEWAL - Forgiveness - Following the Example of Jesus Christ: This will take place at St Clare's in Preston on Saturday 5th October, 10am - 4pm. For more details, please see the poster in the church porch.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: As you may have seen, news reports suggest that our Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, is "paving the way" for a parliamentary vote before Christmas on legalising assisted suicide. Media outlets are reporting that the Government and assisted suicide lobbyists are putting intense pressure on MPs who were successful in the recent Private Members' Bill ballot to introduce a Bill that would "rush into law" the legalisation of assisted suicide. If they are successful in persuading an MP to take a bill forward, a vote could be held within weeks! A Private Members' Bill was the same mechanism used in Parliament to legalise abortion in 1967 and it appears Keir Starmer wishes to use a similar tactic to implement his personal desire for assisted suicide also to become legal. It's vital that all MPs and the Government urgently see that there is a large number of voters in each constituency who don't want to see an extreme change to our laws that would see the ending of many lives through assisted suicide. **Please take action and click the button below to [contact your MP now](#).** It only takes 30 seconds.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY BALL: To celebrate the Centenary of our Diocese, there is to be a ball which will be held on January 3rd, 2025, at The Villa at Levens, Brettagh Holt. For more details, please see the poster in the church porch.

TALK ON PADRE PIO - Thursday 19th September: Padre Pio Spirituality: St John Vianney, Blackpool. Mass 5pm followed by a talk and questions with Fr Martin Rohrer. (This priest has been welcomed in the diocese before and I have his clearance documents)

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: On Saturday 28th September, the Vigil of the Feast of St Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. "And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it." (Jonah 3:5,10) Please Invite others to join the day on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/158416872229831/>

SING TO SAVE LIVES - CONCERT AT ST MARY'S - Saturday 28th September, 7.30: The 'Dream Team Singers' and 'Fleetwood and District Choral Society' SING TO SAVE LIVES "With Courage". Fundraising event in support of R.N.L.I. 200. Tickets £10, raffle and refreshments available.

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: Many years ago, we went to London on an anti-abortion rally. Firstly, we heard speeches at a meeting in Hyde Park before moving on towards Parliament. As we left the Park, we saw a man carrying a large placard. On it was the message "IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU VOTE FOR, THE GOVERNMENT ALWAYS GETS IN." Hmm, perhaps so...perhaps sol Dear Jesus, we thank you for the stable political democratic process we enjoy in this country.