



**ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF FLEETWOOD
ST MARY'S
ST WULSTAN AND ST EDMUND'S**



2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT – 8th December 2024

<p>NEW MASS TIMETABLE: Please note the new Mass times and locations will commence this week. Tuesday evening Mass will now take place at St Mary's at 7pm. The Saturday morning Masses will alternate between St Wulstan's and St Mary's. For all Mass and service times please see the back page of the newsletter.</p>	<p>DIOCESAN CENTENARY BALL: To celebrate the Centenary of our Diocese, there is to be a ball (Black tie) which will be held on 3rd Jan. 2025, at The Villa at Levens, Brettagh Holt. This is an open invitation to parishioners from all parishes in the Diocese and it is hoped to have widespread representation from all four corners.</p> <p>Tickets (£60 each or a table of 10 for £550) may still be available by contacting info@lancastercentenaryball.com or calling Rosey on 07525845898 before the 16th December. 'The Jags' will be playing the music. More details are available on the displayed poster.</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Christmas Eve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Marys 6pm Carols followed by Mass at 6:30pm. • St Wulstan's Mass at 6:30pm. • St Wulstan's early midnight mass 8:30pm Carols followed by Mass at 9pm. <p>Christmas Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am morning Mass at St Mary's 	<p>CANON ROBERT HORN: please see below the arrangements for Canon Robert Horn's funeral: The Vigil Mass of Reception will be on Wednesday 11th December at 6.00pm, Our Lady and St. Edwards' Church, Preston. The Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 12th December at 11.30am at Our Lady and St. Edwards' Church, Preston. Canon Horn will be buried at St. Mary's Newhouse. There will be a food Reception in Our Lady and St. Edwards' Parish Centre.</p>
<p>ADVENT RETREAT CASTLERIGG: Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at Midday the retreat is planned for the weekend of Dec 13-15th. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens age 15+ and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details email director@castleriggmanor.co.uk. Sign up at www.castleriggmanor.com.</p>	<p>CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for Fleetwood & Clevellys United Reformed Church and the people of Brock Avenue, Fairhaven Avenue, Jones Grove, Maritime Street, Ribble Road and The Strand with the prayer: <i>May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.</i></p> <p>FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE FOODBANK: The Dream Team Singers present A Christmas Miracle in aid of The Pantry Foodbank at The Green Hut St Wulstan's at 2pm on Sunday 15th Dec2024. There will be refreshments, cakes and a raffle all for an entrance fee of only £5.</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Advent: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. "As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.</p>

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ST MARY'S NOTICES



St. Mary's Church will be open from 09:30 to 1pm on weekdays.

Previous Mass attendance 98: 11am Mass: xxx- Facebook:

Many thanks again go to Deacon Bernard for his talk on Mary, Miracles and Christmas. In his talk two resources were mentioned by Deacon Bernard, they were:

The book – "Protoevangelium of St. James"

And the website: www.therealpresence.org

Parish Pastoral Council would like to receive your thoughts on any subject concerning St. Mary's. Please speak with a Council. Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting –**TBC**- Council Members: Fr. Stephen Talbutt, Deacon Bernard Farrell-Roberts, Peter Connor, Steve Dale, Anne Duxbury, Judith Halloran, Steve Price, Sammy Ranasinghe

Today – 8th December is your last chance to buy raffle tickets for the Christmas Draw. The draw will take place during the following week and prizes will be on display for claiming on the 15th. Good Luck!

Readers: 15th December
11.00a.m. Mass: Jonathan
Eucharistic Ministers:
11.00a.m. Mass: Ania & Judith
Children's Liturgy: Judith & Maureen

Mass, here at St. Mary's, will celebrate The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 10am. on Monday 9th December.

On 11th December, Professor Mark Spencer will be at Fleetwood Hospital facilitating an Open Day with guided tours, highlighting the resources inside the Hospital. Noon / 12:30 pm.

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephan Barretto, Vera Berry, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carredu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Patsy Coll, Kathryn Dale, Marianne Delaney, Sarah Finley, Jacob Gray, Fr. Leo Heakin, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Liam Edward Lenihan, Alison Lyons, Fr. Michael Murphy, Michael O'Sullivan, Irene Rankine, Margaret Riches, Mary Schon, Mark Surelock, Frank Ward, David Wilkinson, Fred & Mary Wylie, Nan Lusia

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time: Alan Houghton, James Goulding, Thomas Webster, Alex Welch, Doreen Greenwood, Robert Albion, Joseph Drury, Kathleen Power, John Lafferty, Josephine Sparks, Margaret Kennedy, Jacqueline Lawn, Kathleen Pendleton, Margaret Hearty, George Millington, Deacon Bill Wright, Hamish Duncan, Dyllis Hone

Those who have died recently:

Peter Holden, Fr. Bob Horn, Paul Jackson

Weekly Collection:	£374.90
Candles:	£58.36
Church Flowers:	£22.76
St Anthony	£16.36
Restoration Fund:	£18.88
World Needy	£62.83



ST WULSTAN & ST EDMUND NOTICES



*St. Wulstan's Church side chapel will be open from 08:30 to 4pm on weekdays.
(Access from the side of the church)*

Previous Mass attendance 9 am Mass 1st Dec : 131

Website : 87

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Arthur Isherwood,
Leonard Goodwin Jinks, William Wright.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Alfie Patrick Callaghan 9th December 2012
Nathaniel Charles Currey 13th December 2013



A very big **'THANK YOU'** to all who worked for and supported the highly successful Christmas Fair last Saturday.

An amazing total of **£3483.50** was raised. A list of raffle prize winners is available at the back of church.

Weekly Collection

£456.70 Thank you

THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS:

We will put the CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN back to Monday 16th December, starting at 9.30am so the Church is nice for Christmas and CHURCH DECORATION will happen on Monday 23rd Dec. starting at 9.30am. We do need volunteers for both.



CHURCH DECORATION involves Decorating the WINDOWSILLS, ALTAR FLOWERS, CRIB for the

MAIN CHURCH, CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE, CRIB and decoration for the LADY CHAPEL. You could choose what you wanted to do. There is a list at the back of Church so you can put your name down for what you would like to help with. Thank you, we hope to see you on the 16th and 23rd of December.

HELPING HANDS:

Our parishioners generously support the work of this group, in the same way as they previously did for the SVP society, by putting their donation in the 'Helping Hands' box at the back of church on a weekly basis. Over the last 18 months we have been able to support many families and individuals; providing school uniform and shoes for pupils, Christmas gifts, financial assistance for a college student, spectacles for a young person, help with transport etc. Please continue to support this good cause especially at this time of the year when many people find it financially difficult. Thank you for your generosity.

If you know someone in need of help, please let Maria Doherty or Fr Stephen know or pop the details into the 'Helping Hands' box at the back of church.

REPOSITORY STALL:

A good selection of Christmas cards is now available as well as Nativity sets and other gifts. Catholic Diaries are also on sale. Please see Maria Doherty for any other items you may require.

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: About twenty years ago, I had to attend a Family Court hearing at the Queen Elizabeth Law Courts in Liverpool. The hearing was first on the list, and I was finished by late morning. I then took a taxi to the Cathedral so I could attend the lunchtime Mass. I was sitting in the taxi when I realised I was wearing completely odd socks. I said to the taxi driver "I've just been to Court involved in a serious family matter and here I am, wearing odd socks. I wonder what the Judge would have said if she'd known." Quick as a flash, the driver replied, "She'd have said 'He has another pair just like it at home'." Dear Jesus, we thank you for our sense of humour which helps to oil the wheels of life.

Ahead of the schools breaking up for Christmas, bookings for the Winter Holiday Activities and Food clubs with Wyre Council are now open. Funded by the Department for Education, holiday club places in Wyre are available free to children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals in the summer, Easter and Christmas holidays. There are also paid-for places available for families that are not eligible to attend for free. If your child is eligible to take part, you should have received a text or email with your code and instructions about how to book. The booking system has changed, and the advice is to give yourself some extra time to familiarise with the new system. If you do not receive your code, please contact your school. [> Visit the Wyre Council website here for full details of the Holiday Clubs.](#)

And a reminder that FREE swimming is available for all children living in FY7. Supported by Fleetwood Town Council, places are available for children aged up to 17 years at the **YMCA Fleetwood** pool during all school holidays. This is a fantastic opportunity for local youngsters to become more confident and safe in the water and have loads of fun. The take-up of the offer is low and more places need to be booked to ensure the scheme continues in the future.

[> To register a child for the FREE swimming places, click here](#)



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8TH DEC 2024



Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sunday 8 th Dec 24	9:00am	St Wulstan's	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Stan Campy RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both parishes
Monday 9 th Dec	10:00am	St Mary's	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Deceased Clergy
	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		People of both parishes
Tuesday 10 th Dec	7:00pm	St Mary's		Deacon Bill Wright RIP
Wednesday 11 th Dec	10:00am	St Mary's		Peter Holden RIP
Thursday 12 th Dec	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		Peter Cook RIP
Friday 13 th Dec	9:30am	St Wulstan's	St Lucy	George and Agnes Rowe RIP
Saturday 14 th Dec	9:30am	St Wulstan's	St John of the Cross	Private Intention (ST)
Sunday 15 th Dec	9:00am	St Wulstan's	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	Justine Robinson RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both parishes

Service Schedule

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

- Saturday 14th December 10-11am St Marys Church.
- Saturday 14th December 10-10:30 at St Wulstan's Church with Confessions after Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

There will be two extra Masses on Monday 9th December as we celebrate the Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (See above)