



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



2nd March 2025

<p>ASH WEDNESDAY: On Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey, there will be a joint school Mass at St Mary's on Wednesday morning at the usual time of 10am and an extra Mass at St Wulstan's at 6pm. Please join us for this great way of starting our Lenten journey.</p>	<p>LENTEN SERVICES: Please support our extra services during Lent. These help us to deepen our faith at this most holy time of year, bringing us closer to Christ and granting us many graces. During Lent we will be holding Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7pm and a Holy Hour with Benediction and evening prayer on Sunday evening at 4pm. These services will alternate between both churches.</p>
<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Do you ever wonder what it was <i>really</i> like to be at the Passion of Jesus? Our tendency is to approach the Gospels as history, far removed from who and where we are today. The temptation is to distance ourselves and approach them in an impersonal way. But the Gospels are a living, breathing, deeply personal experience. If we are to encounter the living Jesus as powerfully as possible, we need to learn to place ourselves there, in each scene, seeing, hearing, smelling, and tasting everything that is happening, contemplating what each person in the scene is thinking, feeling, hoping, fearing. The Stations of the Cross is one of the most simple, yet powerful, ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus and encounter him like never before. There are fourteen Stations of the Cross. Each is an invitation to contemplate and experience a pivotal moment from Jesus' sentencing to his death to his burial. They are a powerful way to step into some of the most significant moments in human history and encounter Jesus like never before.</p>	<p>CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for Fleetwood Methodist Church and the people of Albert Street, Chapman Court, Furness Avenue, Laidleys Walk, Millom Close, Rutland Avenue and Wentworth Avenue with the prayer: May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.</p>
<p>YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: This Sunday we will host an appeal from a group of young Catholics from the diocese of Lancaster who are making a pilgrimage for the Jubilee year in Rome. They will be here to sell candles and other items in hope to raise some money for the young people going. We ask for your generosity in this time. They will pray for us as they go!</p>	<p>CAFOD LENT APPEAL – Family Fast Day Friday 14th March. Please take a CAFOD envelope from the back of church. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text: CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.</p>
<p>DYING MATTERS WORKSHOP: Fleetwood Churches together are organising a workshop looking at how we support those coming to the end of life. The workshop will be held on Wed. 2nd April from 3-6pm in the Jubilee room at St Nicholas Church, Poulton Rd. All welcome, no reservation necessary.</p>	<p>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: All are welcome to the annual World Day of Prayer which this year is organised by the women of the Cook Islands. This ecumenical service will be held at St Peter's Church, Fleetwood, on Friday, 7th March, at 2.00pm.</p> <p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR: The Catholic faith recognizes that the greatest gift God gives us is himself, and Adoration is another way for us to recognize that gift outside of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion at Mass. During our Holy hour the Consecrated Host (Jesus in the flesh) is placed in an ornate container called a monstrance on the altar. We are invited then to spend some time in quiet prayer, simply spending some time with Jesus, as we would with any friend. Using the time to grow closer to him and let him help us in our life of faith. It is a most powerful devotion and many graces are granted us during this holy time.</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 11 am Mass 23rd February : 113

Facebook : 0

Holy Communion Programme

A Holy Communion programme will be starting soon for those in Year 3 and above, Please let Fr. Stephen know if there is anyone wishing to start this programme.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Saturday 1st March 2025 at 3pm at St. Mary's Church. ALL WELCOME

Council Members: Fr. Stephen Talbutt, Deacon Bernard Farrell-Roberts, Peter Connor, Steve Dale, Anne Duxbury, Judith Halloran, Lindsay Newton, Steve Price and Sammy Ranasinghe.

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time: Ted Bennett, Ann Ashton, Hannah Coxall, Walter Bee, Dorothy Rose, Dorothy Barrowclough, Tony Flanagan, Robert Gillingham, Eric Withey, Mary Myerscough, Thomas Worthington, Billy Allen, Hilary Fox, Bridget Mullen, Thomas Walsh, Maureen Cartwright, Mary Winkley, Thomas Rooney

Readers: 9th March

11.00a.m. Mass: Michael

Eucharistic Ministers:

11.00a.m. Mass: Judith & Kath

Children's Liturgy: Jackie & Maureen

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Ruby Madonna Cantrell 20th February 2013
Jax, Lola & Elliot Buschini 20th February 2011
Tommy Jude Taylor 20th February 2022

DYING MATTERS

End of Life pathway workshop. This will be hosted by members of the Hospice and a representative of Blackpool Victoria Hospital. It follows the pathway of a dying man by way of a video interspersed with discussion.

St. Nicholas's Jubilee Room, Broadway, Fleetwood.

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 – 3-6pm.

ALL WELCOME

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish: POPE FRANCIS, Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephan Barretto, Vera Berry, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carreddu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Fred Chew, Patsy Coll, Kathryn Dale, Marianne Delaney, Sarah Finley, Fr. Andrew from St. Peter's, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Liam Edward Lenihan, Alison Lyons, Fr. Michael Murphy, Michael O'Sullivan, Irene Rankine, Mary Schon, Marie Slater, Mark Surelock, Frank Ward, David Wilkinson, Fred & Mary Wylie, Nan Lusia

Those who have died recently: Sheila Presnail (St. John's, Poulton), Derek Grainger, Monica Agnes Brooks

200 Club winners - December 2024

Berenice Wynn, £60 no. 21, Elaine Porteous £40 no. 16, Karen Dallas £27 no. 69

Due to various circumstances the 200 Club has lost quite a lot of members over the last year. If you could consider joining (it's only £1 a week), please see Ania or Judith, Also, if you are a current member – subscriptions are due. You can also have more than one number. As the saying goes – you've got to be in it to win it!

Weekly Collection:	£302.88
Candles:	£79.53
Church Flowers:	£25.94
St Anthony	£7.76
Restoration Fund:	£17.65
World Needy	£15.00



ST WULSTAN & ST EDMUND NOTICES



*St. Wulstan's Church Lady Chapel will be open from 8.30am to 4pm on weekdays.
(Access from the side of the church)*

Previous Mass attendance 9 am Mass 23rd February : 144

Website : 85

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Teresa Jamieson, Nelly Spedhurst, Charles Godfrey, Nancy Bethell, Bernice Moyle, Damian Worthington, Callum Fyall, Helena Arnold, Maria Stirzaker, Terri Fenlon, Logan Reynolds, Sue Brown, Ann Entwistle, Linda Smith, Peter Gow, Arthur O'Malley, Mildred McAvoy, Edith Gannon, Jack Morgan, Pat Caulfield, Peter Bird, Michael Johnson, Frank McCann, Doreen Higgins, Dora Gerraghty,

REPOSITORY:

I have been asked for Easter cards, so there will be a selection available this weekend. There is a good selection of cards for most occasions, please ask if you cannot find what you need. Several more parishioners have requested copies of the new Sunday missal, and I am pleased to say another order is on its way. M Doherty

HOLY COMMUNION and RCIA PROGRAMMES: Our RCIA and Holy Communion programs have now started. Please keep all those embarking on these courses in your prayers as they start this significant journey of faith.

REQUIEM MASS FOR CHARLOTTE O'HALLORAN:

This will take place on Tuesday 4th March at 11am. Her body will be received into church at 6pm on Monday 3rd.

Weekly Collection

23rd February - £488.90

BONUS BALL WINNERS:

22nd Feb. - No 5 - Nathaniel Currey and Father Alf

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As you know, we have been involved in providing food and welcome for those in need in Fleetwood for the last 15 years through the food bank founded by our SVP and now operating from the pantry in the old hospital, in partnership with our Church of England friends from St Peter's & St David's. If you would like to become a volunteer helping us to feed up to 200 people each week, we would really welcome your help, which can be given in various ways, either up front or in the background, e.g. welcoming and serving our clients or sorting out of stock and making up small bags or collecting donations of food and purchases from supermarkets. You can decide how many hours you work or could even sign up as a 'reservist' volunteer, i.e. someone who can be called on when one of our regulars is ill or able to attend. If you feel you can give some time to help, please let our Manager Mike Smith or Fr Alf know after Mass, and we will take it from there. Thank you.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: A successful and informative meeting was held discussing this proposed bill. A letter opposing the bill has been produced and is on display at the back of church. There is also a signup form to complete which will be submitted to our local MP expressing our concern and opposition to this bill becoming law. Please take the time to sign the form before we submit it along with the letter.

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: Some time ago, I listened to Brahms' 4th Symphony on Radio 3. It is a brilliant work, statuesque, gigantic and powerful. It had its first performance in 1885, in a concert conducted by Brahms himself and was so magnificent, it took many people by surprise. After that first performance, one music critic, Eduard Hanslick, was so affected by it that he wrote in his national daily newspaper "I have the distinct impression that I have just been beaten up by an extremely intelligent man!" Dear Jesus, we thank you for those who have the gift of musicianship and whose music brightens our lives and lifts our spirits.

NEWS FROM HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD: An Important event that affects local residents and businesses.

Cash Access UK is a not-for-profit company funded by the major banks, providing cash and basic banking services in communities across the UK, such as banking hubs and deposit services ... and they are coming to Fleetwood. The new shared-banking hub will offer cash and everyday banking services, cash withdrawals, depositing cash and cheques and paying utility bills, as well as a community banker service, so you can speak to your own bank about more complicated matters on specific days. **There's an Information drop-in to hear more...** It's on Friday 7 March, from 10am to 1pm at the former Senior Citizens Hall, Warrenhurst Road, Fleetwood - next to Fisherman's Walk tram stop. [> More about the drop-in on Facebook](#)



Please pray for all the sick and household of our parish family and also those in care or in hospital.



**8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.
2ND MARCH - 2025**



Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sun 2 nd March	9:00am	St Wulstan's	8 th Sunday in Ordinary time	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Silver Wedding thanksgiving
Mon 3 rd Mar	No Mass			
Tues 4 th Mar	7:00pm	St Mary's		Charlotte O'Halloran RIP
Wed 5 th Mar	10:00am	St Mary's	ASH WEDNESDAY	John Feenan RIP
	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		Anthony for a quick recovery.
Thurs 6 th Mar	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		Jack Morgan RIP
Fri 7 th Mar	9:30am	St Wulstan's		Terry, birthday Mass
Sat 8 th Mar	10:00am	St Wulstan's		Mary Blackburn RIP
Sun 9 th Mar	9:00am	St Wulstan's	1 st Sunday of Lent	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Marjorie and James Richardson RIP

Service Schedule

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

- Saturday 8th March 10:30 – 11:15am at St Wulstan's Church with Confessions after Mass. Followed by faith and friendship group in the presbytery.

LENT:

- Stations of the Cross - Friday 7th March 7pm St Wulstan's
- Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction - Sunday 9th March 4pm St Wulstan's

FUNERALS:

- Charlotte O'Halloran will be received into St Wulstan's Church at 6pm on Monday 3rd March. Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday at 11am. May she rest in peace.