



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



16th March 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Do you ever wonder what it was *really* 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.

CARDINAL ALLEN PUPILS HEADING TO LOURDES:

Twelve Year 11 pupils from Cardinal Allen are going on the Lourdes pilgrimage this July. They are working hard to fundraise for the trip amidst their GCSE exams. If any parishioners have any petitions they would like to send, please pass to (PP's name) or leave at the main office of Cardinal Allen school before Friday 11th July. They would be delighted to take your prayers with them to offer Our Lady. To help support their fundraising, our Parish will be hosting a Cake & Coffee Morning on Sunday 6th April after the morning Mass.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:

This week we are praying for St Wulstan's & St Edmund's Parish and the people of Allen Close, Chatsworth Avenue, Garfield Street, Lancaster Gate, Monroe Drive, Saer Close and West Way with the prayer:
May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.

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.

LENTEN LUNCH: This week's Lenten Lunch will take place on Friday 21st March 11:45 – 1:15 at St Nicholas Church, Poulton Rd. All proceeds will go to Safe Hands/Home for good. www.safefamilies.uk 0333 4141488
www.homeforgood.org.uk 0300 001 0995

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.

BANKING HUB: The new shared-banking hub in Fleetwood will offer cash and everyday banking services such as 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. More information will be provided when we receive it.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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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: 11am – 105

Facebook – 91

Stations of the Cross will be led by Children from St. Mary's Primary School in St. Mary's at 12:30pm. on Tuesday 18th March. Please come and support our children.

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time: Alexander & the Ross family, Joan Hanksworth, George Woodward, Ann Wilson, Michael Harris, Francis Turner, Ellen Hargreaves, Thomas McCartney, Alice McDaid, Leo Heap, John Greywell, Peter Flanagan. Mary Parker, Hannah Buckley, Mary McCormack, Mrs. G. Smith, Edward Parkinson, Irene Cross

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 19th March, 6:30 pm. in the Presbytery

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

Holy Communion Programme

At Mass this Sunday all children starting our Holy Communion programme will be enrolled at Mass, please keep them in your prayers, as they embark on this great journey of faith.

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

EASTER RAFFLE

Proceeds from our Easter raffle will be used to subsidise two of our young people who are going with the youth to Lourdes. We pray that they will have a blessed time.

Readers: 23rd March

11.00a.m. Mass: Judith

Eucharistic Ministers:

11.00a.m. Mass: Peter & Linda

Children's Liturgy: NONE

Easter Flower Appeal

Would you like to donate some money for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one?

All the names will be displayed on the noticeboard in time for Easter.

Envelopes for donations and the individual's name are available at the back of church.

Please return completed envelopes to Judith, Anne or a steward at the back of church.

MILL HILL MISSION boxes (Red Boxes), please bring these to church after Sunday Masses during March for emptying. Thank you

Weekly Collection:	£280.31
Candles:	£66.97
Church Flowers:	£
St Anthony	£
Restoration Fund:	£16.54
World Needy	£6.84



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 9th March : 147

Website : 85

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Clare Cattell, Marjorie Morgan, Mary Brunell, Pauline Greenall, Keith Scott, Ronald Beavers, Rose Sharp, Frank Wareing, Mary Henchcliffe, Margaret Wilson, George Benson (Snr),

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Harriet Amelia Belk	17 th March 2013
Shae Ben Doughty	18 th March 2012

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.

CENTENARY OF OUR PARISH: In February 2026, we will celebrate one hundred years of our Parish, St Wulstan's and St Edmund's. We are putting together a booklet to commemorate the event and would be grateful for any photos from your "family archives", details regarding Parish/family celebrations, personal anecdotes etc., etc. Please speak to either Glenda (Kelly) or Sandra (Witton) if you have any contributions/thoughts/ideas.
Many thanks in anticipation

BONUS BALL WINNERS: 8th March

Alexander Currey & Vicki Hardacre - No 21

Please note: for those people paying half yearly, the second payment of £25 is now due.

REPOSITORY:

Easter cards and a selection of 'Stations of the Cross' booklets are now available. There is a good selection of cards for most occasions, please ask if you cannot find what you need. Another order of the new Sunday missal is on its way. M Doherty

THANK YOU from Charlotte O'Halloran's Family:
A very sincere 'Thank You' to Fr Stephen, Fr Alf, and all who assisted at and attended Mum's funeral Mass. It was exactly as she had planned, and we are all very grateful for your support. Thank you, also, for the many cards and Mass cards received and for the love and prayers received from our parish family.

Weekly Collection

9th March - 545.90

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.

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: Our daughter Rachel has two dogs, the big one a bit thick and the smaller one highly intelligent. One day not long ago, the big dog came in carrying the body of a rat he had caught and killed. He was given a reward for his efforts. The small dog was watching all this and immediately disappeared into the garage. Five minutes later, she came back, carrying the body of a mouse, still in the mousetrap! She placed this in front of Rachel and waited for her reward which she duly received. A superb example of canine intelligence and the ability to put two and two together to her own benefit! Dear Jesus, we thank you for all our pets who accompany us through our lives and who never fail to astonish us.



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



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 16TH MARCH - 2025



Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sun 16 th Mar	9:00am	St Wulstan's	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Theresa Campy RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both parishes
Mon 17 th Mar	No Mass			
Tues 18 th Mar	7:00pm	St Mary's		Charlotte O'Halloran RIP
Wed 19 th Mar	10:00am	St Mary's		Joseph Walmsley
Thurs 20 th Mar	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		Deceased members of the Guatelli family
Fri 21 st Mar	9:30am	St Wulstan's		Mavis Holden
Sat 22 nd Mar	10:00am	St Wulstan's		Shirley Anne, Michael and family.
Sun 23 rd Mar	9:00am	St Wulstan's	3 rd 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 22nd 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 21st March 7pm St Wulstan's
- Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction - Sunday 22nd March 4pm St Wulstan's
- Lent Talk "Jesus" given by Fr Alf at 7pm on Thursday 20th March in the Green Hut at St Wulstan's

FUNERALS:

- Funeral Service of Derek MacDonald, 11am Tuesday 18th March, St Mary's Church.
- Requiem Mass Monica Brooks, 11:45am Thursday 20th March, St Mary's Church.