



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



**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

<p><b>DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE:</b> at St. John the Evangelist, Poulton 28th March, 7pm, "Sacrament of Reconciliation"</p>	<p><b>LENTEN SERVICES:</b> 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><b>DYING MATTERS WORKSHOP:</b> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 3-6pm in the Jubilee room at St Nicholas Church, Poulton Rd. All welcome, no reservation necessary.</p>	<p><b>LENTEN LUNCHESES:</b> the following are dates for the next Lenten Lunches held by Fleetwood Churches together Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 11:45-1:45 - Emmanuel Church Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 11:45-1:45 - Fleetwood Methodist Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 11:45-1:45 - St Marys Church All proceeds will go to Safe Hands/Home for good. <a href="http://www.safefamilies.uk">www.safefamilies.uk</a> 0333 4141488 <a href="http://www.homeforgood.org.uk">www.homeforgood.org.uk</a> 0300 001 0995</p>
<p align="center"><b>CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:</b> This week we are praying for St Peter's Parish and the people of Anchorage Mews, Chaucer Road, Garland Grove, Langdale Court, Mount Road, Seabank Road and Westby Grove with the prayer: <b>May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>CARDINAL ALLEN PUPILS HEADING TO LOURDES:</b> 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 &amp; Coffee Morning on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April after the morning Mass.</p>
<p><b>LENTEN ALMSGIVING:</b> The Rwanda Group Trust, is seeking to raise funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. Fr Placide in Cyanguu parish writes: "In Rwanda, because the rains have been very late, crops were not grown well. Poverty is so prevalent that children in schools are facing serious problems. The rain has been heavy in some places and houses have destroyed. However, people are helping each other to survive. Please help us to help them. If you would like further information or to make a donation please contact: Michael Donlan (Trustee) Tel: 07864 990941 E mail: <a href="mailto:rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com">rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.rwandagrouptrust.org">www.rwandagrouptrust.org</a> Bank Account: Rwanda Group Trust Sort Code 09 01 29 Account No.08478395</p>	<p><b>Household Support Fund</b> – People in the community struggling to pay for essentials this winter can now apply for Household Support Funding from Wyre Council. Wyre residents can make an application now, using the online form on the Wyre Council website at <a href="http://www.wyre.gov.uk/householdsupport">www.wyre.gov.uk/householdsupport</a>. The closing date is 31 March 2025. Eligible residents are encouraged to seek support early before funds run out</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: 11am – 119		Facebook – 72													
<p><b>Stations of the Cross will be led by Children from St. Mary's Primary School in St. Mary's at 12:30pm. on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Please come and support our children.</b></p>		<p><b>Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time:</b> Andrew Muscroft, Benjamin Wallbank, Susan Bird, Marjorie Richardson, Norah Rathbone, Edward Clarkson, Mavis Adams, Betty Dawe, Alice Ball, Joan Withey, Mary Keating, Bridget Grainger, John Hawes, Michael Houghton, Colin Riches,</p>													
<p><b>Coffee Morning and Cake Sale</b>  <b>THIS COMING SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>          Calling all bakers Would you be able to bake a cake/buns etc., for the Coffee Morning after Mass NEXT SUNDAY - 30<sup>th</sup> March in St. Mary's? Proceeds are for our Youths' travel expenses as they help at the Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. Also, donations would be gratefully accepted. The children would be delighted to take your prayers with them to offer to Our Lady.</p> <p>Thank you</p>		<p><b>Holy Communion Programme:</b> Our Holy Communion preparation has now started please keep our young people in your prayers as they begin their journey</p>													
<p><b>EASTER RAFFLE</b>  <b>Any donations, please, for the Easter Raffle. Tickets are on sale after Mass. Prizes will be available on Palm Sunday. Proceeds are towards the travelling expenses of two of St. Mary's young parishioners who will be helping at the Lourdes Pilgrimage.</b>  <b>BE IN IT TO WIN IT!</b></p>		<p><b>Easter Flower Appeal</b>          Would you like to donate money for Easter Flowers in memory of an individual, alive or dead?          All the names will be displayed on the noticeboard. 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.</p>													
<p><b>Readers: 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>          11.00a.m. Mass: Linda  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>          11.00a.m. Mass: Chas &amp; Ania  <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> Jackie &amp; Maureen</p>		<p><b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>          Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 12:30pm.          Please come and help.</p>													
<p>Council Members: Fr. Stephen Talbutt, Deacon Bernard Farrell-Roberts, Peter Connor, Steve Dale, Anne Duxbury, Judith Halloran, Lindsay Newton, Steve Price and Sammy Ranasinghe</p>		<p><b>Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish: POPE FRANCIS,</b> 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, Rev. 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, Jacqueline Wilding, Frank Ward, David Wilkinson, Fred &amp; Mary Wylie, Nan Lusia</p>													
<p><b>Those who have died recently: Derek MacDonald</b></p>		<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Weekly Collection:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£290.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Candles:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£64.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Church Flowers:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£9.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Anthony</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£9.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Restoration Fund:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> </tr> <tr> <td>World Needy</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> </tr> </table>		Weekly Collection:	£290.63	Candles:	£64.20	Church Flowers:	£9.00	St Anthony	£9.14	Restoration Fund:	£	World Needy	£
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# 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 16<sup>th</sup> March : 150

Website : 97

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Edith Brown, Veronica Fenley, Mollie Robinson,  
Wynn O'Connor, Joseph McKenna, Margaret Rhimes,  
Brian Preston, Edith Ward, Rodney Angel

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Alban James Callaghan	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2014
Alfred Robert Boe	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
Freddie Vincent Cheetham	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
Madison Brooks	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2011

### HOLY COMMUNION and RCIA PROGRAMMES:

Our RCIA and Holy Communion programs are now underway. Please keep all those embarking on these courses in your prayers as they start this significant journey of faith.

### HELPING HANDS : HOSPITAL TRANSPORT

Could you spare a little time to help a fellow parishioner who needs a lift to the hospital for an appointment? If you feel you could do this from time to time, please give your name and contact details to Maria Doherty who will contact you if the need arises. Thank you.

**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:** Bonus ball winner for 15 March was Phil Bowker with number 28

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

**Weekly Collection**

26<sup>th</sup> March - £449.00

### Pilgrims of Hope – Part One By Matthew Vincent

As the Diocese of Lancaster celebrates its Jubilee and Centenary year, we have been called to embrace the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." This theme has been widely shared across the diocese, particularly during the beginning of Lent, including in my own school, Cardinal Allen Catholic High School. It has encouraged me to reflect on the nature of faith—what it means to have it, to seek it, and to nurture it within ourselves and others.

It struck me recently that while faith is supposed to be an unconditional obligation, the reality is that it often isn't. I do not believe that faith in God is simply a decision we make, just as love for a friend or a romantic partner is not a decision. We cannot simply wake up one morning and command ourselves to love someone; rather, love is something that grows through experience, through time spent together, through understanding and appreciation.

Faith is much the same for me. I can and do cultivate it—by prayer, by attending Mass, by engaging with Scripture, by contemplating the beauty of creation, by striving to live according to Christ's teachings—but I cannot simply decide to have it, no matter how much I want to. I often find myself longing for the certainty of belief—that unwavering, unshakable faith that I see in others. Yet, in all honesty, my own faith fluctuates. I have many moments of certainty, of course. I think of the miracle of creation, of the existence of love, of my family, and in that, I can often feel God's presence. But I also have moments of doubt.

That struggle, I have come to realise, is not a failure. It is a journey. And it is one that many people in the Catholic Church will share. *(To be continued in the next edition...)*

**PS FROM BRIAN WOOD:** Many years ago, Saint Padre Pio was kneeling in prayer. After a while he rose and went to sit down. One of the brothers who was there asked him "Who have you just been praying for?" Padre Pio replied, "I've just been asking God to give my grandfather a happy and peaceful death." The brother said "But your grandfather died many years ago. How can you be praying for him now?" Padre Pio said, "Time means nothing to God." Makes you think, doesn't it? Dear Jesus, we thank you for the shining example of Padre Pio's prayerfulness and obedience to his superiors.



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



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH - 2025



### Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	9:00am	St Wulstan's	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Marjorie and James Richardson RIP
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	No Mass			
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:00pm	St Mary's	The Annunciation of the Lord	Hilda Day and Diane Siwelton RIP
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00am	St Mary's		Rose and Shamus Conway
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		Charlotte O'Halloran RIP
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:30am	St Wulstan's		Anthony Buschini
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00am	St Mary's		Special Intention
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:00am	St Wulstan's	4 <sup>th</sup> 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 29th March 10:30 – 11:15am at St Mary's Church with Confessions after Mass.

#### LENT:

- Stations of the Cross - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7pm St Mary's
- Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 4pm St Mary's
- Lent Talk "God the Father" given by Fr Stephen at 7pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March in the Green Hut at St Wulstan's