



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



31st August 2025 – 22nd Sunday of Ordinary time

MOVING FORWARD: At our last Deanery Conference many issues came up about the reality of where we are today - lack of priests, empty church buildings, merging of parishes etc, all the things people have been talking about for some time. As a Deanery, we decided to do something about it, rather than wait to see what happens. The result was for each priest to hold three open-ended parish meetings, in which everyone has the opportunity to put their thoughts and ideas forward, followed by a full Deanery meeting, open to everyone, on 15th November, facilitated by Dr Vron Smith from the Jesuit Institute, Hexham and Newcastle, with whom Fr Peter Sharrock, our Dean, Sr Philomena and Fr Alf met recently. St John's Poulton and Guardian Angels, Blackpool, have already begun. This Sunday, at Mass, in our own parishes, Fr Alf will give the talk he gave at Guardian Angels, as a background to initiate the conversation. Each priest has been provided with relevant bullet points for the parish discussions. Notes will be taken in each parish and forwarded to Dr Smith in preparation for the big meeting in November. Hopefully, as many parishioners as possible will come to the meetings and lend their fruitful ideas for the way ahead. The meetings for our Fleetwood parishes will be as follows:

Tuesday 9th September 7:30pm in the Millenium room St Mary's (After the evening Mass)

Friday 19th September 7:00pm in the green hut, St Wulstan's.

Tuesday 14th October 7:30pm in the Millenium room St Mary's (After the evening Mass)

SCHOOL RETURN: Welcome back to all the children and staff of our schools. Hope you have had a restful summer break. Let's offer this coming academic year to the Lord and ask for his help on the journey.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:

This week we are praying for St Mary's Parish and the people of Blakiston Street, Duncan Place, Hazeldene Road, Lothian Avenue, Pike Court and Staveley Grove with the prayer: ***May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.***

Community Prayer service at 6:30pm at Trinity Baptist Church on Sunday 31st Aug.

Stop assisted suicide - action needed!

The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *Easy Action* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill.

Please take action now and visit

www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

DEANERY MASS CANCELTION: The Deanery Mass due to be held at St Teresa's Cleveleys on Friday the 12th September has been cancelled.

An updated poster with the remaining dates for the deanery Masses will be displayed on the church notice boards.

CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE, SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2025

The Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine and Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator takes place on Sunday 7th September. At 2.15pm for those that would like to attend there will be Midday Prayer with the Religious of the Diocese, and Mass with the Blessing of the Sick takes place at 3.00pm.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be a special collection today in both parishes for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales

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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 – 112 Facebook – 112

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time: Frank Hill, Agnes Stott, Thomas Raynor, John Cross, Cissie Bidle, Catherine Brown, Margaret Skitterall, Agnes and Will Crookall, Robert Carter, Catherine Sharp, Coleman Kenny, Mary Wilson, William O'Neill, Mary Lennox

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Saturday 6th September 2025 at 3pm at St. Mary's Church.
To celebrate 1st anniversary of Divine Mercy at St. Mary's, we will have refreshments after prayers. All welcome

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The next meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 3rd September 6:30pm

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

Do you have any ideas / thoughts you wish to raise with the Council?

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Weekly Collection: £294.80

Candles: £32.56

Church Flowers: £6.00

St Anthony: £17.00

Restoration Fund: £

World Needy: £14.00

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zeph Barretto, Vera Berry, Catalina Carredu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Fred Chew, Patsy Coll, Kathryn Dale, Marianne Delaney, Sarah Finley, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Liam Edward Lenihan, Alison Lyons, Les Morris, Fr. Michael Murphy, Michael O'Sullivan, Irene Rankine, Mary Schon, Peter Scott, Scott and Dale Families, Marie Slater, Mark Surelock, Jacqueline Wilding, Frank Ward, David Wilkinson, Fred & Mary Wylie, Nan Lusla

Those who have died recently:

READER: 7th September

11.00am Mass: Kath

Eucharistic Ministers: Peter and Jackie

Children's Liturgy: Judith and Maureen

Tea and Coffee after Sunday Mass

We currently need more help with the serving of tea and coffee after the Sunday Mass. Please speak to Fr. Stephen or one of the volunteers if you would like to help in this great ministry. Please join us for tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat after Mass in the Millennium Room. It's a great way to get to know each other and build our community.

St. Mary's will close after the 10am Mass each Wednesday from 3rd September.



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)*

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| Previous Mass attendance 9 am : Mass 130 | | Website : 89 |
| ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Bernard Roney, William Sandham, Catherine Reidy, Mary Matley, Anne Baines, Fr Mick Scanlon, Alan Jones, David Whyte, Tom Green, Mary Waring, Teresa Walsh | | BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES: Nicole Heidi Tebay 1 st September 2013 Benjamin Joseph Tebay 1 st September 2013 Junior James Rimmer 1 st September 2013 |
| Weekly Collection | £ 481.20 | 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. |
| Congratulations: to Keith Earnshaw who this Sunday celebrates 75 years as an altar server. Keith began altar serving at Holy Family Church in Freckleton before moving to Fleetwood in 1956. Congratulations and many thanks for all the work you do in our parish. God bless you on this special day. | | |
| THANKS: To all those who have donated books for our Spiritual Library. We are now getting quite a good selection from theology/spirituality to the lives of the Saints and inspirational stories! I'd encourage you to have a leaf through the books, there's something for everyone Fr S 😊 | | Bonus ball: Bonus ball winners for 23 August were Father Alf and Nathaniel Currey with number 5 |
| BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: Our next session for those requesting baptism will be on Sunday 14 th September after the 9am Mass. Please meet at the presbytery door. Anyone wishing to have their child baptised please speak with Fr Stephen. | | |
| The Christmas Catalogue for the Repository goods was delivered this week and reminded me of an Apostolic Letter of the significance of the Christmas Crib written by Pope Francis a few years ago. He hoped that his letter would encourage the family tradition of preparing the nativity scene and setting it up in the workplace, in schools and in homes. You can read this letter here With this in mind, if you do not have a nativity scene in your home and would like to purchase one, please contact me and I will share the catalogue. It seems very early but in the past there have been disappointments as popular item sell out quickly. Maria D | | |
| DIARY DATE: Friday 3rd October : ANNUAL PARISH QUIZ NIGHT & HOT POT SUPPER. School Hall - 7.30 - Tickets will be on sale soon. Please bring own drinks and nibbles! | | REQUEST FOR JAM JARS: It's jam making time again and Sheila Walsh is asking for jam jars. There is a collection box at the back of church. GIFT AID - change of details. Please let Maria Doherty know if you have a change of address (or name) Many thanks. |
| NEWS FROM HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD The next Healthier Fleetwood OPEN MEETING is on Wednesday 3rd September at Emmanuel Mount Church. All welcome from 6pm for a brew, with the meeting starting at 6.30pm. The evenings are always enjoyable and inspiring, all about the positive side of life in Fleetwood, hearing from local residents and groups making a difference in the community. Come along to share your story or to listen as you prefer ... we look forward to seeing you. | | |



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31ST AUGUST - 2025



Mass Schedule

| Date | Time | Location | | Intention/Details |
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| Sun 31 st Aug | 9:00am | St Wulstan's | 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Margaret McCann birthday |
| | 11:00am | St Mary's | | People of both parishes |
| Mon 1 st Sept | No Mass | | | |
| Tue 2 nd Sept | 7:00pm | St Mary's | | Wilkinson family deceased |
| Wed 3 rd Sept | 10:00am | St Mary's | St Gregory the Great | Yvonne Talbutt RIP |
| Thurs 4 th Sept | 6:00pm | St Wulstan's | St Cuthbert | Jack Morgan RIP |
| Fri 5 th Sept | 9:30am | St Wulstan's | | |
| Sat 6 th Sept | 10:00am | St Wulstan's | | |
| Sun 7 th Sept | 9:00am | St Wulstan's | 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | People of Both Parishes |
| | 11:00am | St Mary's | | |

Service Schedule

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 6th September 10:30 – 11:30am at St Wulstan's Church with Confessions after Mass.

Joint Parish Meetings

Fr Alf will speak at both Masses next Sunday with regard the future of our churches here in Fleetwood.

- **MOVING FORWARD** – The first meeting in our series open to both parishes will be on Tuesday 9th September 7:30pm in the Millenium room St Mary's (After the evening Mass)