



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



7th September 2025 – 23rd 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)

DIOCESE OF LANCASTER CENTENARY MASS OF

CELEBRATION: Will be held on Saturday 18th October 2025 at 11:30am at Lancaster Cathedral, with a reception at Lancaster Town Hall after the event.

Entrance is by ticket only and each parish have been allotted two tickets each. These tickets will be awarded by ballot. If you would like to attend please complete a ballot form which can found at the back of Church. The ballots for each parish will be drawn on Sunday the 14th September and the winners from each parish will be contacted with their golden tickets.

The winners will receive 2 tickets each. Good luck!

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.

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!

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:

This week we are praying for Emmanuel Church and the people of Bold Street, Dune Place, Heathfield Road, Lower Lune Street, Pioneer Close and Stratford Place with the prayer:

***May the peace of Christ be in their hearts
and in their homes.***

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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 – 125 Facebook – 137

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time: Edna Benson, John O'Brien, Mary Prince, Ronald Helsby, Peter King, Jack Galvin, Wilfred Carter, Margaret Anthony, Peter Baldwin, Monica Crewdson, Alice Murray, Francis Lord, Jane Daniels

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The next meeting of the Council will take place on

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: £360.22

Candles: £82.68

Church Flowers: £

St Anthony: £16.20

Restoration Fund: £16.88

World Needy: £8.64

READER: 14th September

11.00am Mass: Judith

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda and Ania

Children's Liturgy: Jackie 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.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephania 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 Lusia

Those who have died recently:

Harvest Ceilidh _ Churches Together

St. Nicholas is hosting this event which will include fish and chips at £10 a head, bringing your own drinks and tumblers.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church asap



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 152 Website : 60 | |
| ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Bob Walsh, Charles Holder, Shaun Mangan, Pat Cocking, Eileen Whalley, Ken Wright, Syd Lane, Val Earnshaw, Marie Gren, Richard Mallinson, Harry Brownwood | BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES: Jacob William Riley 8 th September 2013 Darcie Moon Brooks 8 th September 2013 Kian James Brown 11 th September 2011 Keira Louise Brown 11 th September 2011 Florence Ida Collins 11 th September 2022 Mollie Jane Evans 13 th September 2009 |
| Weekly Collection £ 458.40 | 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. |
| SCHOOL MASS: There will be a celebration Mass to welcome the school back after their summer holidays and to offer this coming year to Our Lord. Thursday 11 th September at 9:15. Please come along and show support for our school, all are welcome. | Bonus ball: Bonus ball winner for 30 August was Mike Quinn with number 16. |
| Cardinal Allen Catholic High School - Open Evening - Thursday 18 th Sept. - 5-8pm All welcome. Headteacher Address at 5pm and 6pm. Apply now for the 2026 intake. | |
| 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. 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: *NB Change of date* Friday 10th October : ANNUAL PARISH QUIZ NIGHT & HOT POT SUPPER. School Hall - 7.30 - Tickets are now on sale - £5 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 Heritage Open Weekend - Sat 20th & Sun 21st September Many of Fleetwood's iconic venues will be opening their doors to visitors. One or two require advance booking and others are open on different dates in the week. Copies of the guide are available from Healthier Fleetwood, Fleetwood Museum, Fleetwood Library, Marine Hall and more. > Further information available on the Heritage Open Days website here: search for Fleetwood | |



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7TH SEPTEMBER - 2025



Mass Schedule

| Date | Time | Location | | Intention/Details |
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| Sun 7 th Sept | 9:00am | St Wulstan's | 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Louise Cantrell RIP |
| | 11:00am | St Mary's | | People of Both Parishes |
| Mon 8 th Sept | No Mass | | | |
| Tue 9 th Sept | 7:00pm | St Mary's | | Bill Groves |
| Wed 10 th Sept | 10:00am | St Mary's | | Neville Booth |
| Thurs 11 th Sept | 6:00pm | St Wulstan's | | William Edward Maunder |
| Fri 12 th Sept | 9:30am | St Wulstan's | | Valerie Earnshaw RIP |
| Sat 13 th Sept | 10:00am | St Mary's | St John Chrysostum | Rae Tollan RIP |
| Sun 14 th Sept | 9:00am | St Mary's | 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Healing for Charles |
| | 11:00am | St Mary's | | People of both Parishes |

Service Schedule

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 13th September 10:30 – 11:30am at St Mary's Church with Confessions after Mass.

Joint Parish Meetings

Fr Alf will speak at both Masses this 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)

Funerals

- The Requiem Mass for Louise Cantrell will take place at St Wulstan's on Wednesday 10th September at midday

May she rest in peace