

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



4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Second Sunday after the Nativity

## RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN:

In the next few weeks we will be starting a programme for any children between 7 and 11 years old who have not yet been baptised. In Canon law once a child has reached the age of reason (7 years old) they cannot be baptised purely with the request of the parent, the child must make the decision for themselves. In order for them to make this decision they are required to be instructed in the faith. We currently have a number of young people about to start this preparation. If you are aware of any other candidates for this course please ask the parent to contact Fr Stephen in the next week to enrol on the program.

**THE SEASON OF CHRISTMASTIDE:** For most people Christmas ends at midnight on Christmas day. But for the Catholic Church, it means the celebration has just begun. Many of us Catholics, however, are not aware of this. Our rhythm of celebrating Christmas is very much along the lines of the secular celebration. We put a massive amount of effort into preparing for December 25th...then, the very next day, we feel a bit blue. "It's over," we think. We take down our Christmas lights, drag the tree out onto the curb, and return to our everyday lives. But in truth the celebration is only just beginning! The carols, the feasting, the lights, the joy, have only just commenced. There is a reason why Christmas is called a season. It does not last for a single day. the Christmas season (also known as Christmastide) lasts 40 days. It begins with the vigil Mass said on Christmas Eve, and ends on February 2nd, Candlemas, which is the day on which we celebrate the feast of Jesus' presentation in the temple.

## HAPPY AND HOLY NEW YEAR.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy New Year. Parish running takes a lot of work and we need as many volunteers as possible to help our parish grow in faith and numbers.

If you would like to help out or offer your talents please let us know. Initially we are looking for;

- Musician's / singers (For both choirs)
- Catechists to support the spiritual formation of both adults and children (Full instruction will be given)
- Church cleaners and welcomers.
- Gardeners to help in the upkeep of the church grounds.

Let's get our Fleetwood parishes growing in 2026. All for the glory of God.

Fr S 😊

## CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:

This week we are praying for St Peter's Parish and the people of Abbotts Walk, Burns Road, Fern Court, Kenilworth Court, Medlock Avenue, Rossall Close, Troutbeck Avenue and Warren Avenue North with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.*

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** The great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, a **Holy Day of Obligation** takes place on Tuesday this week. There will be two Masses on this day 9:15am at St Wulstan's which will also be attended by St Wulstan's school and 7pm in the evening at St Mary's. We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the arrival of the Three Kings.

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## ST MARY'S NOTICES



St. Mary's Church will be open from 09:30 to 1pm on weekdays, apart from Wednesday when the church will close after the morning Mass

Previous Mass attendance: Christmas Eve – 167, Christmas Day – 93, Sun 28<sup>th</sup> - 114

<p><b>Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time:</b></p> <p>Sandra Lafferty, Margaret Riches, Iain MacDonald, Thomas Buxton, Tobias Smith/ McGinley, Doris Flaherty, Thomas Bowles, Mary Beaver, Dorothea Hadgraft, Peter Atkinson, Josephine Kennedy, Florrie Reeve, Anne Fish, Marion Morley, Mary Young, James Keane, Frank Pinder</p>	<p><b>Christmas Raffle</b> A huge Thank You to all for your donations and for buying tickets. The total raised was £407. If you have not already done so, please bring your tickets on Sunday, to see if you are a winner. +++++</p> <p><b>Diocesan Directories and Christmas Cards</b> are for sale, please ask a steward for them, as they will no longer be at the back of church, due to the recent theft.</p>
<p>+++++</p> <p><b>The next meeting of the Council will take place on <u>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026</u></b></p> <p>Council Members: Fr. Stephen Talbut, Deacon Bernard Farrell- Roberts, Peter Connor, Steve Dale, Anne Duxbury, Judith Halloran, Lindsay Newton, Steve Price and Sammy Ranasinghe</p> <p><b>Do you have any ideas / thoughts you wish to raise with the Council?</b></p> <p><i>Minutes are displayed at the back of church above the safe</i></p> <p>+++++</p> <p><b>Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish,</b> Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephan Barretto, Vera Berry, Catalina Carredu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Patsy Coll, Kathryn Dale, Bert Dallas, Marianne Delaney, Sarah Finley, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Liam Edward Lenihan, Alison Lyons, 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 &amp; Mary Wylie, Nan Lusia</p>	<p><b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>  <b>Reader:</b> 11.00am Mass: Jonathan  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Linda and Kath  <b>Children's Liturgy:</b> NONE</p>
<p><b>Those who have died recently:</b></p>	<p>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December Collection: £343.48  Candles: £76.03  Church Flowers: £  St Anthony: £15.20  Restoration Fund: £  World Needy: £</p> <p>Christmas Eve and Day Collection £844.20</p>
<p><b>Father Michael</b> has moved from Lakelands Lodge and is now residing at Room 37, Cleveleys Nursing Home, 19 Rossall Road, FY5 1DX. We wish him happiness in his new home and many visitors.</p>	<p><b>MORE ABOUT THE HOLY FATHER</b> There is a lovely 50 minute programme on YouTube called 'Leo from Chicago'. It is a wonderful insight into how God has chosen a true shepherd for his people.</p>



## 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 - 21 <sup>st</sup> December : Mass 154 Christmas 6.30 pm : Mass 247 Christmas 8.30 pm : Mass 84 9 am - 28 <sup>th</sup> December : Mass 123	Website : 89 Website : 66 Website : 69 Website : 89
<b>ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:</b>	

Annie Chamberlain, Irene Scott, Frances Tomlinson, Agnes McGreevey, Edith Oldham, Evelyn Flynn, Audrey Andreas, Sheila Squirrel, Harold Dawe, Kath Ogden, Nora Nicholson, Cecil Wilson, John Betty, James Hargreaves, Harold Young, Veronica Fitzgerald,

### **BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:**

Alfie Dewhurst-Hardy 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish (and those who care for them) :**  
Josie Atkinson, Pat Boe, Rose Conway, Tom Cumpsty, Rita Davies, Patrick Dempsey, Mary Doyle, Margaret Fallon, Pam Fildes, Veronica Greer, Gino Guatelli, Ken Hodson, Peggy Lawson, Harry Lister, Anna Lupton, Dianne & Michael McCann, Joan Mitchell, Jean Morgan, Sally Newbold, Claire Preston, Ethna & Michael Quinn, Carmel Roche, Jean Rolph, Sheila Russell, Vera Scott, Eunice Shaw, Norma Snasdell, Anne Statham, Pauline Stephenson, Clare Thomas, Sheila Walsh, Kathleen White, Norah White, Brenda Wilmot, Eileen & Alan Wright

<b>Bonus ball winners:-</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> December ~ John Wilson ~ no. 47 27 <sup>th</sup> December ~ Alexander Currey and Vicki Hardacre ~ no. 21	<b>Weekly Collection</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. - £ 598.67 Christmas - £599.40 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec. - £407.00
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<b>A MESSAGE FROM FR ALF....</b> Thank you for all the good wishes, cards and presents received for Christmas. It was very kind of you.	<b>REPOSITORY</b> Catholic Diaries for 2026 are on sale. A few calendars are also available.
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The pope's Worldwide Prayer Network has released Pope Leo XIV's list of prayer intentions for the year 2026.

Every month, Pope Leo asks Catholics around the world to pray for a particular intention. This initiative is accompanied by a video in which the pontiff expresses the reasons why he has chosen that particular intention.

The complete list of Pope Leo's prayer intentions for 2026... [Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intentions for 2026](#)

**January:** For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY



### Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9:00am	St Wulstan's	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY</b>	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Fred Chew RIP
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>No Mass</b>			
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9:15am	St Wulstan's	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> <i>(Holy day of Obligation)</i>	People of both Parishes
	7:00pm	St Mary's		Hannah McMurtrie
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00pm	St Mary's	Wednesday after the Epiphany	Mark Holden
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6:00pm	St Wulstan's	Thursday after the Epiphany	Linda Benny RIP
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9:30am	St Wulstan's	Friday after the Epiphany	Stephen & Emily Nolan
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00am	St Wulstan's	Saturday after the Epiphany	Deceased members of Wright and Casey families
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9:00am	St Wulstan's	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Deceased members of Brooks family

### Service Schedule

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 10:30 – 11:30am at St Wulstan's Church with Confessions after Mass.

### Funerals

- **FUNERAL SERVICE** for Thelma Salthouse will take place at St Mary's church on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30am

*May she rest in peace.*