

**11th January 2026 – Baptism of the Lord****RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN:**

On Wednesday 14th January 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.

FRIDAY FAITH ALIVE GROUP:

We will be starting a new group in the coming weeks to look at various aspects and teaching of the Church. We will meet on a Friday afternoon. It will be an informal group to explore what it is to be a Roman Catholic Christian. We'll use the Penny Catechism as a launch point and see where the Holy Spirit leads. More information to follow.

POPES PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:

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.

ORDINARY TIME:

This week we re-enter the Church Season of Ordinary time which is represented in the Church by using the colour green. This colour is representative of growth and newness, reminiscent of the transition from winter into spring. It is a time where we can grow in our relationship with Jesus through prayer, scripture and action.

Ordinary time is the longest of the church seasons being split into two periods, between Christmastime and Lent and also between Easter and Advent.

As we enter into this great season of the church year lets till the fertile soil of our souls, planting the seeds of faith, hope and love, watering them with the living water of the Holy Spirit, and watch them grow.

Fr S ☺

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:

This week we are praying for St Mary's Parish and the people of Abercrombie Road, Burnside Avenue, Fir Close, Kenilworth Place, Medlock Place, Rossall Gate, Ullswater Avenue and Warren Avenue South with the prayer:

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

PARISH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT: If anyone has any ideas or suggestion about how we can become an even more active alive and vibrant parish please let Fr Stephen know. All suggestions will be very greatly received.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: The next Baptism preparation course will take place at St Wulstan's Presbytery on Saturday 24th January at 2pm. If you know of anyone with a child under 7 years old or baby that would like please let Fr Stephen know as soon as possible.

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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 28th - 114

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time:

Bernard Brown, Nellie Wilson, Stephen Nolan, Fred Watterson, Olive Hudson, Bartholomew Hodskinson, Duncan Mitchell, Eleanor Worden, Thomas Watterson, Harry Lennox, David Smith, Joseph Greer, Mavis Brown, Gerry McCaul, Ralph Singleton, Jim Lynch, Patricia Cooper, John Kemp, Sylvia Rice, James McAdam, John Wareing, Dennis Brown, Bernard Wilson, Mary Bamber

Diocesan Directories 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.

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**The next meeting of the Council will take place on
Wednesday 25th February 2026**

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?

Minutes are displayed at the back of church above the safe

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Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Zephan Barretto, Vera Berry, Catalina Carreddu, 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 & Mary Wylie, Nan Lusia

Those who have died recently:

Father Michael 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.

Sunday 18th January

Reader: 11.00am Mass: Michael

Eucharistic Ministers: Chas and Julia

Children's Liturgy: Judith and Maureen

Sunday 4th January

Collection: £300.20

Candles: £62.51

Church Flowers: £

St Anthony: £

Restoration Fund: £15.41

World Needy: £28.14

ST ANTHONY: On Saturday the 17th January we celebrate the memorial of St Anthony. Born in Egypt in the year 251 he is credited with being the founder of Monastic life. Being inspired by the words of the Gospel he gave all his belongings to the poor and lived a life of penitence poverty and prayer, mediating and supporting himself by manual work. Disciples flocked to him attracted by his holiness and his teachings on humility resisting temptation through faith and dedication to God. He is said to have lived to be over one hundred years old and died in 356ad.

MORE ABOUT THE HOLY FATHER

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.



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 - 4th January : Mass 123 Website : 89

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Marie Raynor, Peggy Hayes, Robert Walsh, Martyn McVeigh, Jean Sullivan, Canon Joe McKenna, Dolores Riches, David Young, Barbara Jean Gotto,

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

Weekly Collection	4th January- £ 425.90	OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE NEXT TAX YEAR ARE ABOUT TO BE ORDERED. Please let Maria Doherty know if : *you no longer require these envelopes *you have not used them in the past but would like to *you no longer pay income tax or have started to *you have changed your address. Thank you.
<u>Church Cleaning and the removal of Christmas decorations.</u>	Please can you come and help to return the Church to normal on Monday, 12 th January, from 9.30am. Enter by the choir door. Your help would be very much appreciated as there is quite a bit to do. Thank you very much.	

FEAST OF ST WULSTAN:

On Friday we will celebrate our patronal feast of St Wulstan. The School will join us for the morning Mass which will be slightly earlier at 9:15am

PARISH CENTENARY PREPARATIONS

The Bishop is coming to celebrate Mass for the Centenary of St. Wulstan's Parish on Saturday, Feb 7th at 6pm.

Therefore, Church cleaning will be on Monday 2nd of February from 9.30am, entry by the choir door.

Decorating the Church for the Centenary Celebration will be on Thursday 5th of February and ideas and help would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Centenary Celebrations after Mass : There will be refreshments (a 'Jacob's Join') in the School Hall after Mass. There will be a list at church next Sunday (18th Jan) for offers of food items and a list for volunteers to help with jobs in the hall, particularly 'clearing up'. Thank you.

For more info or to offer help, please see Maria D.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11TH JANUARY



Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sun 11 th Jan	9:00am	St Wulstan's	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Deceased members of the Brookes family
Mon 12 th Jan			No Mass	
Tues 13 th Jan	7:00pm	St Mary's		Les and Teresa Morris and the Morris and Flanagan families
Wed 14 th Jan	10:00pm	St Mary's		Bill and Jo Wright RIP
Thurs 15 th Jan	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		Tom Rowlands RIP
Fri 16 th Jan	9:15am	St Wulstan's	Feast of St Wulstan	Eucharistic ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound
Sat 17 th Jan	10:00am	St Mary's	St Anthony of Egypt	Les and Teresa Morris
Sun 18 th Jan	9:00am	St Wulstan's	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Stella Livesey RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both parishes

Service Schedule

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 17th Jan 10:30 – 11:30am at St Mary's Church with Confessions after Mass.

Funerals

- **FUNERAL SERVICE** for Peter Robert Butler will take place at St Wulstan's church on Thursday 15th January at 12:15pm
- **FUNERAL SERVICE** for Ruth Fyall will take place at St Wulstan's church on Friday 16th January at 12:15pm

May they rest in peace.