



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



**18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:**

We are currently running three programs for people young and old who are enquiring about joining our Catholic community. Tuesday afternoons we have a group of young people at Cardinal Allen high school, Wednesday evening children from our primary schools are gathering for catechesis and on Thursday after the evening Mass a group of adults are following the RCIA program. Please keep all those on this journey of faith in your prayers. If you would like to help out with any of these programs please speak to Fr Stephen. Many hands make light work! Training will be given for those interested in helping to spread the "Good News"

**STEPHEN BAMBER ORDINATION:** We are looking at the possibility of hiring a coach to attend Stephen's ordination. If you are interested in going please sign the sheet at the back St Wulstan's church to register your interest. *Stephen is due to be ordained at St Peters Cathedral in Lancaster on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026.*

**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.

**FRIDAY FAITH ALIVE GROUP:** Our Inaugural meeting of our group will take place at 1:30pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January meeting in St Wulstan's Presbytery. We will use the "Penny Catechism" as a launching point to explore what it is to be a people of faith. We'll question our preconceptions of where we come from and what our purpose is, looking towards the Holy Spirit and the teachings of Jesus to guide us. All are most welcome to join us as we embark on this new venture for our parishes.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:**

This week we are praying for Emmanuel Church and the people of Addison Road, Burton Court, Fishermans Way, Kent Street, Medway Avenue, Rossall Grange Lane, Voyage Close and Warren Street 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: Sunday 11<sup>h</sup> January - 109

**Please pray for those whose Anniversaries are about this time:**

John Asprey, Edward Ashford, Martin Casey, Teresa Friswell, Kathleen Worthington, Mwfany Myerscough, Agnes Brown, Doris McKenna, Edward Richardson, Kathleen Asprey, Gerard Harris, Elizabeth Bruce, Thomas Doyle, Jane Cook, John Morley, Barbara Whiteside, Michael David, Ann Haggerty, Christopher Bee, Paula Young

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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, Zephania 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 & 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 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Reader: 11.00am Mass: Kath**  
**Eucharistic Ministers: Peter and Jackie**  
**Children's Liturgy: NONE**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January  
Collection: £328.56  
Candles: £78.50  
Church Flowers: £  
St Anthony: £  
Restoration Fund: £  
World Needy: £8.01

**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)*

<b>Previous Mass attendance 9 am - 11<sup>th</sup> January : Mass</b>		<b>Website :</b>
<b>ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:</b> James Lynch, Jack Oswell, Charlotte Wilson, Teresa New, Brenda Carsarsa, Marion Fulford, Olive Hyland, Mike David, Thomas Entwistle		<b>BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:</b>  Alexandra Karen Hampton 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2014
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>Weekly Collection</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> January- £ 425.90	<b>OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE NEXT TAX YEAR ARE ABOUT TO BE ORDERED.</b> Please let Maria Doherty know if : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you no longer require these envelopes</li> <li>• you have not used them in the past but would like to</li> <li>• you no longer pay income tax or have started to</li> <li>• you have changed your address. Thank you.</li> </ul>
<b>PARISH CENTENARY PREPARATIONS</b> 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. To be aware the Centenary Mass is not a Sunday Vigil Mass and will therefore not fulfil the Sunday Obligation		<b>Centenary Celebrations after Mass:</b> There will be refreshments (a 'Jacob's Join') in the School Hall after the Centenary 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.
<b><u>THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE THE MEMORIALS OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES AND ST AGNES</u></b>		
<b>ST FRANCIS DE SALES:</b> Francis was sent to Padua to study law by his father who wanted him to become a lawyer. He received his qualification but on returning home informed his father that he wanted to become a priest. His father opposed this idea and it took all Francis' powers of persuasion to convince his father. Francis was ordained and at the age of 35 became Bishop of Geneva. He was a gentle man who when evangelising practiced his own saying of "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." His meekness and joyful disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint."		
<b>ST AGNES:</b> Born in 291AD to a wealthy family was very beautiful and had many high ranking suitors. Although Agnes made a promise to God to remain a virgin, whenever she received a proposal of marriage she would say "Jesus Christ is my only spouse." An angry suitor the governors son reported her to the governor when she spurned him accusing her of being a Christian a title she never denied, she was condemned to death by the Governor and martyred by the sword.		



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY



### Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9:00am	St Wulstan's	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Stella Livesey RIP
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both parishes
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>No Mass</b>			
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7:00pm	St Mary's		William "Bill" Rushworth
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10:00pm	St Mary's	St Agnes	Dennis and Mavis Brown
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		Agnes Witton RIP
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9:30am	St Wulstan's		Holly Egan
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00am	St Wulstan's	St Francis de Sales	Joe, Louise and family
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9:00am	St Wulstan's	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Mavis Holden
	11:00am	St Mary's		People of both parishes

### Service Schedule

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 10:30 – 11:30am at St Wulstan's Church with Confessions after Mass.