



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



**26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter.**

**THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST?** Come to the day of recollection and discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: Saturday 30 May 12.15pm – 2.30pm at St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT. Gather in the Cathedral for Mass at 12.15, followed by lunch and meeting with Bishop Paul. To book email Heather: [Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:Heather.Watts@lrcd.org.uk) or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge. As well as meeting the Bishop, you will have the opportunity to get to know how discernment works and who can assist you. You will also meet many others from across the Diocese of Lancaster exploring a vocation to priesthood.

**Race Night Fundraiser**

Join us for an evening at the Races! Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, St. Teresa's Parish Hall. Doors open 7pm, first race 7:30pm. Tickets £5: available from St. Teresa's, St. Wulstan's, or by emailing [s.morton@cardinalallen.co.uk](mailto:s.morton@cardinalallen.co.uk) - first 64 tickets sold include horse ownership! 8 Races, nibbles provided (bring own drinks, and cash for bets and raffle). All proceeds to support Cardinal Allen pupils going to Lourdes.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:**

This week we are praying for Trinity Baptist Church and the people of Armistead Way, Corn Mill Lane, Grasscroft Close, Larkholme Lane, Navena Avenue, Shakespeare Road and Willow Street with the prayer:  
***May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and in their homes.***

**YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY:** The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> join the team

**Students for the Priesthood for Diocese of Lancaster**

We ask your prayers for the students for the Diocese of Lancaster who are presently in formation:  
Deacon Stephen Bamber: to be ordained priest: St Peter's Cathedral, Saturday 27 June.  
Chris Sumner: to be ordained deacon: St Paul's Basilica, Rome, Wednesday 17 June.  
And for those beginning or continuing formation with the Diocese: Alexander Kanaan, Ben O'Flynn, Dominic Standing, Paddie Denton, Harry Rawcliffe.

**Pope's prayer intention for May:  
That everyone might have food:**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE**

**DISTRICT:** Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> stay with us or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

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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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 94

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

Brenda Hayes, Patsy McKeowen, Stephen Davies, David Fitzmaurice, Kathleen Clarkson, Maureen Swales, Patricia Slinn, Jean Rimmer, John Wilson, Robert Smith, Joan Whitehead, Elizabeth Myerscough, Thomas Armour, Jeanette Prescott, James Greer, Angela Owens, Edith Sharman

**Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish,** Charlie Andrews, Audrey Armour, Nicola Banks, 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

**Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
3 pm  
St Mary's Church**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

**Reader:** 11.00am Mass: Michael  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Linda and Chas  
**Children's Liturgy:** Judith and Maureen

**The next meeting of the Council will take place on  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Council Members: Fr. Stephen Talbutt, Peter Connor, 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***

Collection: £305.99

Candles: £166.64

Church Flowers: £37.00

St Anthony: £

Restoration Fund: £45.39

World Needy: £35.52

**Easter Raffle**

A massive Thank You to everyone for making this raffle a success. The total amount raised was £191.00. Please remember to check your tickets and collect any prizes.

Do you have any suggestions for the next Parish Council meeting? Please speak with a greeter at the back of church.

**Library in the Millennium Room**

Our spiritual library is now open. Please feel free to borrow our selection of books in the Millennium Room and borrow any that you may be interested in.

**After Saturday morning Mass, here at St. Marys' the church will be closed.**

**On the Saturday when Mass is NOT celebrated in St. Mary's the church will remain closed.**

**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.

**ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA:** St. Catherine of Siena was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. Catherine was a twin, but her sister did not survive infancy. Her mother was 40 when she was born. At the age of 16, Catherine's sister, Bonaventura, died, leaving her husband as a widower. Catherine's parents proposed that he marry Catherine as a replacement, but Catherine opposed this. She began fasting and cut her hair short to mar her appearance. Something changed her when she was 21. She described an experience she referred to as her "mystical marriage to Christ." From 1375 onwards, St. Catherine began dictating letters to scribes. She petitioned for peace and was instrumental in persuading the Pope in Avignon to return to Rome. She became involved in the fractured politics of her time but was instrumental in restoring the Papacy to Rome and in brokering peace deals during a time of factional conflict and war between the Italian city states. By 1380, the 33-year-old mystic had become ill, possibly because of her habit of extreme fasting. In January of 1380, her illness accelerated her inability to eat and drink. Within weeks, she was unable to use her legs. She died on April 29, following a stroke just a week prior.



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> April : 136      Website : 85

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

Peter O'Connor, Mary Hayhurst, Maureen Scott,  
Susannah Bamforth, Ronald James Beesley,  
Pat Wilson, Joseph Moyle

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:**

Oliver John English	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2014
Jack Phillip Bowker	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2013
Florence Rose Parry-Jones	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Maisy Rose McDaid	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2011
Bella Olivia Roskell	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2016
Michael Bond-Benson	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 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,  
Pam Fildes, Veronica Greer, Gino Guatelli, Ken Hodson, Peggy Lawson, Harry Lister, Anna Lupton,  
Joan Mitchell, Dianne & Michael McCann, Jean Morgan, Sally Newbold, Claire Preston,  
Ethna & Michael Quinn, Carmel Roche, Jean Rolph, Sheila Russell, Vera Scott, Eunice Shaw,  
Norma Snasdell, Clare Thomas, Pauline Stephenson, Sheila Walsh, Kathleen White,  
Norah White, Brenda Wilmot, Alan Wright

**Weekly Collection**

12<sup>th</sup> April - £509.30

**Bonus Ball :** The winner for 18<sup>th</sup> April was  
Doreen Sandham with number 48

**St Wulstan's Tower:** As long suffering parishioners know, it has taken a long time, quite a few years, to finally find and fix the leak in the tower which has caused damage to the back wall and some of the roof beams. It has now virtually dried out, and the Maintenance Committee has decided to restore the tower to its former glory, with the funds we have available. However, when Fr Stephen applied to the Diocese for permission to go ahead, the Trustees suggested we should instead explore the possibility and cost of demolishing it.

At our meeting with the Diocesan Property Manager last week, it was agreed that the parishioners should let us have their views on the situation. With that in mind, we propose to have a parish meeting in the Green Hut on 21<sup>st</sup> May after the evening Mass to see what people think.

If you can't make the meeting, you're welcome to email Fr Stephen with your views.

Fr Alf

Chair of the Maintenance Committee

**RED BOX APPEAL:** Thanks to those who collect using the red boxes, we raised £740.20 during 2025

**Rev Stephen Bamber's Ordination**

A coach has been ordered for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June for the Priestly Ordination of Stephen, which will take place at 1130 in the Cathedral. The coach will leave from St Wulstan's at 0900 and return from Lancaster at 1700.

At the moment we have 40 names on the list for the coach, which is a 53 seater. So, there is plenty of room for more to come, and, of course, the more who come, the cheaper it will be for everyone.

If you have not put your name on the list, but would like to come, please let Fr Alf know asap.

**THANK YOU** to all those parishioners who pay tax and allow us to claim back from the government 25% of their offerings to the church.

If you pay tax and have not signed a Gift Aid Declaration and would be willing to do so, please see Maria Doherty. Please also let Maria know if :

- you no longer pay income tax or have started to
- you have changed your address (or name). Thank you.



## FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026



### Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Location		Intention/Details
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00am	St Wulstan's	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Margaret Pinder RIP
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	No Mass			
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00pm	St Mary's		Anne Statham RIP
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am	St Mary's	St Catherine of Siena	Joe Louise and Family
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	6:00pm	St Wulstan's		Betty Josephine Smith RIP
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9:30am	St Wulstan's		Golden Wedding Anniversary
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10:00am	St Wulstan's	St Athanasius	Anthony Buschini
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:00am	St Wulstan's	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of both parishes
	11:00am	St Mary's		Deceased members of the Chew and Feeney families

### Service Schedule

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10:30 – 11:30am at St Wulstan's Church with Confessions after Mass.