

CAUTION: It has come to our attention that three men in Blackpool have started an organisation called Trust in the Community, (which sounds very like Faith in the Community, our foodbank!) for which they solicit donations and offerings for a 'food bank' **BUT this is a business.** They have been asking schools in Fleetwood to contribute so please be aware if they ask you for donations, that they are not connected to our Food Bank in any way. Our Food Bank, as you know is run by volunteers and is non-profit making.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME / ASSISI: If you would like to come on the Pilgrimage to Rome at the end of September and don't yet have a booking from, please see Vivien McCarron after Mass on Sunday. If you want to save on postage, let us have the completed form in the next two weeks. Thank you.

HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD - DANCE OPPORTUNITIES:

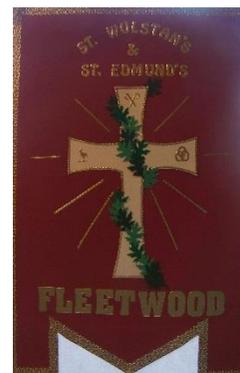
- The wonderful Dance Fusion classes with LPM Dance are held every Thursday from 11am to 12 noon at Barbara Jackson Theatre Arts School, Farmer Parrs. The fun and friendly sessions are suitable for adults with and without disabilities. To start getting involved please email lpmdanceforhealth@gmail.com
- Bethany is a 3rd year student at UCLAN studying dance performance and teaching and has worked with LPM Dance. To support her dissertation she will be hosting five, FREE, gentle dance sessions for people aged 50+, taking part standing or seated. Sessions will be Wednesdays from 2pm to 3.30pm at the Fleetwood Methodist Church, starting 21st February. There's also free tea and biscuits and an opportunity to chat after the session - Bethany would appreciate feedback from the group as part of her studies. If you would like to know more, please telephone her on 07717 943495.

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: After the Alpha meeting recently, Ron told me of a cartoon he saw in an Anglican publication. There was the stable with the crib and Baby Jesus in the crib. Our Lady and St Joseph were there too. However, the donkey was saying to the cow "I don't care who he is, he's lying on my lunch". Dear Jesus, we thank you for all the inspiration and peace we received during Christmastide.

REPEAT NOTICES

LITURGICAL DECORATION: All will be aware of the fabulous altar displays we have for the changing of the seasons and special feast days, which are largely down to Judith Wood, ably assisted by Annie Benson's gift for flower arranging. You'll also be aware of Sadie and Brenda's contribution over countless years to the dressing of the windows for Christmas and Easter. None of these great people are getting any younger and would welcome new people coming forward to help with this beautiful ministry. No previous experience needed. If you have a flair for such things, or would just like to be involved, please have a word with Judith after Mass.

'ROSARYING' FOR PEACE: As mentioned on Sunday, Pete Garside is asking for as many people as possible to pray a Rosary every day, maybe between 6-10pm, for peace in the world. In the light of the savagery of man's inhumanity to man, in these dreadful wars, perhaps we need to storm heaven asking with the help of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to achieve a modern miracle. Never underestimate the power of prayer!



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 21/01/23

Sunday 21 st	1000	Bunny Croston (Birthday Anniversary)
Monday 22 nd	No Mass	
Tuesday 23 rd	1800	Bill Yates (RIP)
Wednesday 24 th	0930 1000	Helen Dwyer (LD) Holy Half Hour
Thursday 25 th	1800	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL People of the Parish
Friday 26 th	0930	Holly Egan (Anniversary)
Saturday 27 th	0930 0950- 10.20	Anne Monaghan (RIP) Holy Half Hour & Confessions
Sunday 28 th	0930 - 0945 1000	Confessions Paul Travis (Anniversary)

SUNDAY MASS IS NOW LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE

The Lady Chapel is open every day from 0800-1700 for private prayer.

**Confessions : Saturday 9.50 - 10.20
Sunday 9.30 - 9.45**

<u>Collection</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
14 th January	£519.80	145	Website - 79 Households

Keeping in Touch: X (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/ssWulstanEdmund>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/st.wulstansfleetwood/>
Instagram: St Wulstan & St Edmund



Please pray for: All the sick and housebound of our parish family and also those in care or in hospital.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Brenda Carsarsa, Marion Fulford, Olive Hyland, Mike David, Thomas Entwistle, Denis Greer, Canon Ted Mitchell, Dennis Geraghty, Josephine King,

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for St Paul's Free Church and the people of Adelaide Close, Buttermere Avenue, Flakefleet Avenue, Kentmere Close, Melbourne Avenue, Rossall Lane, and Warrenhurst Road with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 24th 1900 Finance Committee in Presbytery
Thursday 25th 1830 Bible Share in Presbytery

SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION: As mentioned last week, after Saturday morning 0930 Mass there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.20, during which time, confession will be available. Wednesday Holy half Hour will continue after the 0930 Mass.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This annual event which takes place from 18th - 25th January is a special time to give thanks for the progress made by all Christian churches in seeking what unites rather than what divides. Unusually this year, there is no Fleetwood Churches Together Service, but there is a County based service on Zoom next week. Topic: Online Service for the WPCU
Time: Jan 24, 2024 07:30 PM London
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84859498489?pwd=SVB0ZlQ0OVp2OHljU2h5U1ppcVVsQT09>
Meeting ID: 848 5949 8489 Passcode: 946264

CINNAMON TRUST: A message from Fr Andrew Dawson, hospital chaplain. Sometimes it may be that someone you know is due to go into hospital but they are apprehensive because they are concerned who will look after their pet whilst they are away. Did you know [The Cinnamon Trust](#) is a national charity for people aged 65 and over, the terminally ill and their pets? They'll try to help with pet-related tasks such as dog walking and short-term fostering when an owner faces a spell in hospital. They also provide long term care for pets whose owners have died or moved into residential accommodation which will not accept pets. Patients /parishioners who might benefit from the Cinnamon Trust's service should call the 01736 757900 (Mon to Fri 10am to 4pm). Those who would like to volunteer as a dog walker or someone who could provide short term pet care can also call the same number.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN (20s & 30s): 16-18 February 2024

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life **Location:** Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

THE CAFOD BIG LENT WALK: Will you walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. We're excited to invite you to take part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, our challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty. That's right - that's 5km a day, and you're in good time to get in plenty of training. You can walk, run, skip, or stroll your 200km, when and where you choose, alone or with friends. You'll be among thousands of people up and down Great Britain conquering your 200km targets in time for Easter. [Sign up now](#)
This Lent CAFOD is linking up with SCIAF to bring the Big Lent Walk to the whole of Great Britain. From John O'Groats to Land's End, Cardiff to Coventry, people will be tying up their purple laces to give poverty it's marching orders.
The money you raise will help people as they overcome poverty. Remember: every step you take is a step closer to a fairer world. Let's tell poverty to jog on!

VIEW FROM THE PEW: Deborah Parker

As we progressed through Advent, I looked back over the beautiful scripture readings reminding us to be ready, prepared, awake. I was also reminded that I must not lose sight of Jesus present in our world today, in the people I meet every day.

As you know this is a very important time for our school as we start the search for our new Headteacher. This was high in my thoughts and prayers at Mass this Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent).

I heard in the Gospel ... 'John answered them, 'I baptise with water; but standing among you -- **unknown to you** - is the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandal.' Listening to the Gospel, I prayed that God would send us the right candidate and that He would give us the grace to recognize him / her when they came.

I was reminded that John recognised Jesus, indeed, even before he was born ('When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb '). Would I recognise Him? Do I recognise him?

A lesson I learned many years ago and have practiced ever since is that as an interviewer I should always seek to catch the candidates 'in' not catch them 'out'.

Leaving church these and other thoughts were running around my mind.

Rather than go straight home I decided to go into Fleetwood for some shopping and then take the bus home. The weather had turned quite cold, the wind was picking up and it looked like rain. I waited for the No.1 bus outside St Mary's church for what felt like forever. Lord street was deserted. A young man joined me at the bus stop. I wondered if I should ask him if he was also waiting for the No 1. I wasn't sure. I found myself wondering if I wanted to engage in conversation with him, he might be a 'dodgy' character. I was ashamed of myself for having such thoughts and spoke to him. He informed me that he was waiting for the no.14. He asked where I was going, and he said that I should get the tram. I responded, 'yes but the tram is more expensive for the same journey'.

We both stood and waited. When he saw a tram approaching, he said I am going for the tram.

I was about to say, 'so am I' when he said 'look, I've got £2.50, you can have that'.

My heart sank. I heard my 'cock crow'. How dreadful that I had those thoughts, that I didn't see his goodness, but I also actually judged him and SO unjustly. Would I have been that generous! I humbly thanked him for his kindness and generosity, reassured him that I the fare and said how blessed I had been to meet him.

'Heavenly Father, please give us the grace to be ever on the watch for Christ, your Son, when he comes and knocks at our door ...'