

EASYFUNDRAISING: We've just received a not saying we have received £28.16 as a result of some of our parishioners nominating us as their preferred registered charity, when they shop online. If you are interested in helping the parish in this way (at no cost to yourself)....please sign up now...
[St Wulstan and St Edmund Parish - Fleetwood Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Friends of the Holy Land have set up a Hope & Healing Fund to help the Christian Community in the Holy Land endure the crisis and become more resilient. They report that there are still about 820 adults and children sheltering in Gaza's two main churches. They say, "Every day involves fear, prayer and one piece of bread to eat".
 Also, in Bethlehem and the rest of the West Bank 80% of the Palestinian Christians have lost their income as tourism has collapsed and travel to work is restricted.
 Together with prayers, if we contributed £1 each day of Lent it would go a long way to help.
 We hope to be able to arrange an Afternoon Tea in the Green Hut after Easter.

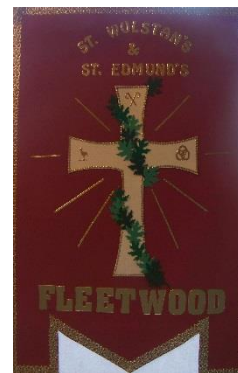
RWANDA APPEAL: The Rwanda Group Trust, now under the patronage of Bishop Paul Swarbrick, is seeking to raise funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. Serious flooding in some areas has destroyed houses, roads and crops and famine continues. There are many families, widows, orphans, poor children and sick people in Rwanda who need our help. Please help us to help them. £30 pays for a goat or a pig; £1.10 buys a kg of rice. Our funds also help with medical costs, housing and school fees. We have no paid employees or overheads. If you would like further information or to make a donation please contact: Michael Donlan (Trustee) Tel: 07864 990941 or email
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PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: Many years ago, my Dad's boss, Mr Shepherd, hired a yacht during Cowes week and, with a friend, set off to do some sailing. They had no experience of yachting at all. When they arrived at Cowes, they found that their yacht was moored at a quay in front of a terraced embankment full of yachting people who watched their every move. Mr Shepherd was extremely nervous that they shouldn't show themselves up in front of such knowledgeable onlookers. They tried to remember exactly what they had been told to do. "Untie this rope, move the other rope, pull this rope, move the rudder, etc, etc." They did all of this in the right order and suddenly the yacht pulled away from the quay in a perfect manner, out into the channel. As they did so, they looked back and realised that the entire crowd was giving them a standing ovation! Dear Jesus, please keep safe all those who enjoy being at sea.

REPEAT NOTICES

COLLECTION COUNTERS: After many years of 'sterling service' (get it?), Margaret Gilmartin has stood down from her counting team. If anyone would like to replace her in partnership with Viv McCarron, please see Viv. Your turn comes round every 7 weeks. A huge thank you to Margaret and also, once again, for her many years' service as the Parish Organist.

WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY INFO CENTRE: Healthier Fleetwood's new premises for the above, which until recently was housed in Affinity, will be the old Regenda offices at the top of Lord Street opposite St Peter's Church. It will officially open on Tuesday 20th February from 10am.



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First Sunday in Lent ~ Year B ~ 18/02/23

Sunday 18 th	1000 1500	Theresa Campy (Anniversary) Stations of the Cross
Monday 19 th	No Mass	
Tuesday 20 th	1800	Colin Noble & Philip Lupton (80 th Birthdays)
Wednesday 21 st	0930 1000	Margaret Cuffe (Anniversary) Holy Half Hour
Thursday 22 nd	1100	Requiem Mass for Dot Lister
Friday 23 rd	0930	Pat Eastham (LD)
Saturday 24 th	0930 0950- 10.20	People of the Parish Holy Half Hour & Confessions
Sunday 25 th	0930 - 0945 1000 1500	Confessions Carl & Jim Blundell (RIP) Stations of the Cross

SUNDAY MASS IS 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>	
11 th February	£595.70	151	Website - 72 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.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Ruby Madonna Cantrell	20 th February 2013	Jax Buschini	20 th February 2011
Lola Buschini	20 th February 2011	Elliot Buschini	20 th February 2011
Tommy Jude Taylor	20 th February 2020		

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Theresa Campy, Anthony Harrison, Michael Wroe, Bunny (William) Croston, Anthony Cossey, Frank Dillon, Anne Monaghan`

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for St Wulstan's & St Edmund's Parish and the people of Albert Square, Cedar Avenue, Forshaw Close, Freeport Village, Knowsley Gate, Middleton Avenue, Rowntree Avenue and Wensley Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

BONUS BALL WINNERS: 10th February - No 34 - No-one has that number. The Bonus Ball winning number on 3rd February was 46, not 16 as printed. No 16, owned by Michael Quinn, had won the week before, so we hope Michael didn't get too excited last week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: You are warmly invited to share Our Lord's journey to the cross each Sunday during lent at 3pm. Stations last usually about half an hour and provide a good reminder of just what Our Lord went through to win our salvation.



FAMILY FAST: Next Friday, 23rd February, is the first of our 2 annual Family Fast Days, on which people are invited to eat less and donate what they save to helping the poor of the world. CAFOD envelopes are eat the back of the church.

FLEETWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT LUNCHES: Lunches will be served each Friday in Lent, commencing 16th February between 11.45 am and 1.30 pm. Venues: 23/2 St Peter's & St David's, 1/3 Emmanuel, 8/3 Methodist Church with Trinity Baptist, 15/3 St Mary's, 22/3 St Nicholas Church with St Wulstan's & St Edmund's. Proceeds from the lunches this year will go to Fleetwood RNLI.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES: Wednesdays 4 pm, St Nicholas Broadway Rooms. Feb and Thursdays 7 pm, Trinity Baptist Church, All are welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The World Day of Prayer Service for 2024, will be held at Emmanuel on the Mount Church, Fleetwood on Friday, 1st March, at 2.00 pm. This service was prepared by Christian Women from Palestine and focusses on Peace. It was organised before the war in Gaza started. It now provides us all with an opportunity to pray for Peace in the Holy Land and to ask for God's help for the people endangered, or bereaved, by the violence there.

VIEW FROM THE PEW: Upon recently being asked to give another contribution to View from the pew, I have opted to share with my fellow parishioners some links to very authoritative and inspiring Catholic priests and scholars who have helped to shape my faith, as it has grown in recent years. I hope this will provide some spiritual fruit during lent. These come only from solid and reliable Catholic sources, and I hope you can derive as much inspiration and food for thought from them as I have in recent years. Any of you who follow online mass from time to time, I recommend the following link to The Church of St. Gregory the Great in South Ruislip. <https://www.churchservices.tv/southruislip> They are blessed with a Brazilian priest who attended seminary with a view to serve here in England as he felt was his calling. His name is Father Bagini, (I think he's of Italian descent) and his sermons are some of the most inspiring I have ever heard.

Below is a wonderful talk by a Jesuit monk on the approach of St Ignatius of Loyola to discerning spiritual consolation and spiritual desolation and dealing with it.

[Ignatian Discernment w/ Mary](#)

Next there is a very inspirational priest, Father Chad Ripperger who is also an exorcist in the United States. Trained as a psychologist he developed an interest in the overlapping areas of Psychology and Possession. (Heavy stuff but his experiences and insights are full of things which inspire faith). He is very devoted to Our Lady and has set up a Holy Order of like-minded priests and exorcists called The Dolorans in the desert of Nevada . They train and instruct other priests interested in entering the field of exorcism across the USA. He also gives very interesting lectures on Our Lady, on traditional Catholic teaching and where we are currently with regard to spiritual warfare in these turbulent and wicked times and how to lead holier lives.

Don't be put off by the dark nature of this subject. It really is a great guide to faith and to the ultimate victory of The Immaculate Heart vis a viz the Fatima Message. He also dispels all the sensationalism of Hollywood regarding this kind of work, whilst making us realize the scope and intensity of the spiritual battles currently raging and giving us the prayer tools to lead holier lives.

He appears all over you tube on various catholic talk shows principally on

<https://www.youtube.com/@SensusFidelium>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/AugustineInstitute>

[Exorcisms: what Catholics need to know w/ Fr. Chad Ripperger | Chris Stefanick Show](#) .

[The Dolorans - A Documentary with Fr. Ripperger](#)

[Why the Devil Hates \(and Fears\) Mary w/Fr. Chad Ripperger | Chris Stefanick Show](#)

[Mary's Role in Spiritual Warfare | Fr Chad Ripperger \[2022\]](#)

[Rosary: A Spiritual Weapon ~ Fr Ripperger](#)

Lastly, a great sermon on Mary's suffering and sorrows containing much spiritual fruit.

[The Sword Never Left Her: Fatima, St. Bridget & the Sorrows of Our Lady](#)

I pray you get time to watch at least some of these during lent and gain spiritual fruit from them as I have. The link to St. Gregory's Church is one of many on a web page compiled of Catholic online masses from parishes in The UK and Ireland which became de rigeur during the pandemic. However, as Father Bagini once stated, 'these are to be used only for the sick and housebound or in emergencies when it is not possible to actively attend Mass'. They are not to be used as a substitute to Mass attendance.

Have a blessed and fruitful Lent.

Mick Roberts