

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: Father Herbert Cockett SM was a contemporary of my Mum and Dad and spent many years as a missionary in Fiji. Eventually, ill health made him return to this country and he used to visit us regularly. When he was on leave, he used to live at the home of his sister Cecily. He always invited me to serve his Mass each morning during the school holidays. He would say Mass on the sideboard. After Mass, he would do the toast and tea and then we would play chess for the rest of the morning. One day I asked him about the weather in Fiji. He said that, during the day, it would be very hot but, as evening approached, a cold wind would blow in from the sea and the temperature would plummet to as low as 80 degrees. Phew! Dear Jesus, please give strength and encouragement to all those who work abroad as missionaries, bringing the knowledge of you to different people.

"CHOOSING" - A POEM BY PIERS PLOWRIGHT (Published in 'The Tablet' 20 Jan 2019)

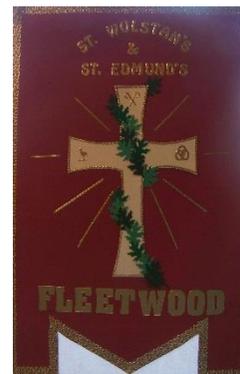
Considering the other Gods
 Would you really want them round your place?
 Thor banging about in the hall
 Kali destroying the kitchen
 Aphrodite coming on strong
 In the bedroom - then turning nasty.
 All tricky, changeable - to hell with right and wrong.
 I think I'll stick with Jesus:
 His half-smile, fierce love,
 Amazing Grace.

Mind you, he too could send the plates flying,
 Turn things upside down,
 The maddened swine stampeding
 Into the wine-dark sea,
 The wrong guys pardoned,
 And all that crying.

Still, he's the one for me
 As the world darkens
 And drunk captains run the ship.
 He's there in the eye of the storm,
 On the cruel tree, facing it down,
 Throwing across time and space,
 Beyond ambition, pride, the dip of Fate,
 A thin line of light
 That we grab before we drown.

REPEAT NOTICES

TALK ON MODERN SLAVERY: Will take place on Tuesday 9th April at 7.00pm at English Martyrs' Hall. More information soon. Led by Debbie (A Parishioner who is a lecturer at the Open University in law and accounting, with a research interest in modern slavery). In September 2023, she presented a paper at Cambridge University's European and Human Rights Law conference. Debbie volunteers as a member of the Pan-Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership, which is hosted by Lancashire Constabulary. More information from 07883 599 511.



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Palm Sunday ~ Year B ~ 24/03/24

Sunday 24 th	1000 1500	People of the Parish Stations of the Cross
Monday 25 th	No Mass	
Tuesday 26 th	1800	Pat Dempsey (Birthday)
Wednesday 27 th	0900 1830	End of Term Whole School Mass Penitential Service
Thursday 28 th	1130 * 1900 * 2200	MAUNDAY THURSDAY Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral Mass of the Last Supper - Lancashire Infirm Clergy Night Prayer at the Altar of Repose
Friday 29 th	1030 * 1500 *	GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross The Lord's Passion
Saturday 30 th	* 2000 *	THE EASTER VIGIL People of the Parish
Sunday 31 st	* 1100 *	EASTER SUNDAY Alfred and Pat Boe (Wedding Anniversary) Wedding of Patricia Benson and Stephen Buzza

ALL SERVICES MARKED * WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE OR VIA OUR PARISH WEBSITE

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

Confessions : Saturday 9.50 - 10.20

Collection	Attendance	Website -
17 th March £503.50	137	98 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: Molly Robinson, Wynn O'Connor, Joseph McKenna, Margaret Rhimes, Brian Preston, Edith Ward Helen Crampton, Kathleen Umpleby,

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

Alfred Robert Boe	25 th March 2012	Freddie Vincent Cheetham	25 th March 2012
Madison George Brooks	27 th March 2011	Leila Edith Fogg	28 th March 2010

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for St Mary's Parish and the people of Anchorage Road, Cheery Tree Court, Church Street, Golbourne Close, Langwood, Mount Street, Seacrest Avenue, and Westfield Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

BONUS BALL WINNER: 16th March - No 51 - Chris Baker. (Beginner's luck - Chris only joined last week!). A gentle reminder, to those Bonus Ball players who pay their subs half-yearly, that the second instalment of £25 is now due. Please see Anne Holland or Cathy Wilson.

END OF TERM MASS: which takes place on Wednesday at 0900, is also the leaving Mass for our departing Headteacher, Mrs Barnes. Jane has been an exceptionally good Head and will be greatly missed. She has regularly gone beyond her official school duties, to give of her free time to encourage and support our children in the growth of their faith. Although she lives in Preston from where she has had to travel twice daily for work, she has also often come over to attend our Children's First Holy Communion. She truly embodies the spirit of an authentic, practising Catholic teacher who always leads by example. We wish her every blessing and success as the new Head of St Anthony's, Preston, her home parish.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: The Lenten service will take place on Wednesday evening at 1830. Please use this wonderful sacrament to receive forgiveness from Christ's sanctifying Grace, in preparation for the great feasts of the Triduum.

MASS OF CHRISM: If you would like to attend the Mass of Chrism, I will be taking the minibus, leaving St Wulstan's at 0930, and picking up at St Mary's a few minutes later. Please put your name on the list at the back of church.

PATRICIA AND STEPHEN'S WEDDING: will take place during Sunday Mass, and afterwards there will be a Jacob's Join in the school hall. There is a list at the back of church for those who would like to nominate what they would like to bring. As mentioned last week, there will also be an Easter egg hunt and games for the children.

THE VOICE: The latest version of our free Diocesan newspaper will be available at the back of church this weekend. Please take one.

CARRIER BAGS: Mike Smith, our Pantry Supervisor has made a request for carrier bags for The Pantry as we are getting short. They can be handed to Mike, Viv or Julie. Thanks,

EASTER CHURCH CLEANING AND DECORATING: Please can you spare some time, so the Church looks good for Easter. Cleaning is on Monday 25th of March at 9.30am. Decorating on Saturday 30th March from 9.00am Entry is by the choir door. Thank you very much.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES: Things are never as easy as they seem! Last Sunday I announced the new Mass times would be 0930 at St Mary's and 1100 at St Wulstan's. Since then, a number of our own parishioners have expressed their concern that, with an hour later start, we could lose the wonderful social rapport we have built up over the years, after Mass in the Green Hut, in which 70-80 people take part every week, including a number of young families. So much of what we do and have achieved as a parish has come from the interaction of those regular conversations. The suggestion was to reverse the timings. I mentioned this to a member of St Mary's Parish Council who was quite upset at the thought of not having 0930. I really don't know what to do next. Any ideas? Shall we discuss it after Mass in the Green Hut?

MARRIAGE CARE TRUSTEE ROLE: Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

BISHOP PAUL'S REVIVAL OF DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: In September (2nd - 6th) this year I am renewing the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady. I invite you to join me! This will be the first pilgrimage since the Pandemic, and we have so much to pray for, so much to give thanks for. Some of you are familiar with Walsingham. For others it will be your first visit. In the Middle Ages the Shrine was one of the great ancient Marian places of pilgrimage in the whole of Christendom. It is known as England's very own Nazareth and is a place where the incarnation of Jesus is particularly remembered. Therefore, for the modern pilgrim, it is a place for all who would rejoice with Mary at 'the great joy of the Annunciation.' Like Lourdes in France, it is a place of reconciliation, conversion, peace and healing. Dependent on accommodation type the all-inclusive cost is no more than £500,00 per person. Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston. For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07895 742 732 or email charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk. More details to follow.

GOOD NEWS: Thank you to all who made their views known on reducing the legal abortion limit to 22 weeks. A petition of over 100,000 signatures was handed in to Downing Street this week, which means it must be debated upon. Hopefully, many young lives could be saved.

BOOK LAUNCH: 'The Roman Catholic Bishops of Lancaster' by Paul Severn, will be launched on Tuesday 9th April at Boarbank Hall, Grange over Sands LA11 7NH. Mass at 10am celebrated by Bishop Paul followed by a talk given by Paul Severn. Lunch after Midday Office. To book a place (first come, first served), please email p.severn@freeuk.co

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Assumption, Blackpool, on Sunday 7th April. It begins at 1445 with the blessing of the image, the Divine mercy Chaplet, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions, followed by Mass at 1630

PREPARING FOR PENTECOST WITH THE APOSTLES: After Easter, Every Wednesday, from 1900-2000, at English Martyrs, Hardhorn, Ursula Walker will be leading a reflection and sharing session on the following Sunday Readings, as a build-up to the great Feast of Pentecost. All welcome. For further details, phone Ursula on 07821 691888.