

CHURCH CLEANING: A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Church cleaning and decoration over Easter. Because the first Monday in May will be a Bank Holiday, it will be better if the Church is cleaned on Monday, 29th of April, so if anyone can spare some time then to help, that would be great. The Church will be open from 9.30am, please come in by the Choir door. Thank you.

VOTIVE CANDLES: The sacristans have asked for donations of votive candles as our stocks are getting low. Thank you in anticipation.

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: Gardeners' Question Time on Radio 4 is much loved by gardeners of all skill levels. Advice comes aplenty and listeners always learn a great deal from the experts who share their professional expertise. However, the experts don't always agree. One expert urged gardeners to plant seeds in a tray full of small pots and then place the whole tray in a shallow bath of water. One of the older more traditional experts, I've forgotten his name, objected very strongly to this practice. He said very forcefully that seeds should always be watered from above in the natural way. To drive home his point, he banged his fist on the table and said that if God had intended plants to be watered from the roots, he'd have made it rain upwards! Dear Jesus, we thank you for all the beauty which can be achieved by good gardening.

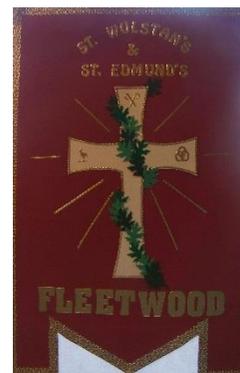
REPEAT NOTICES

A MAY SERENADE - Fleetwood & District Choral Society: Saturday 4th May at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Fleetwood. A May Serenade featuring the music of Haydn and Mozart - Ave Verum and Solemn Vespers. £12 (under 18's free). Tickets from choir members or on the door on the night. Soloists - Lucy Mair, Daisy Mitchell, Ethan Jacobs, William Kyle with kind permission of the RNCM.

PARISH WALK TIME AGAIN: Start of the walking season! We are proposing an easy 5km (ish) walk to get the muscles warmed up. This will be a Nicky Nook circular concluding with a brew & cake in the Apple Store cafe, Scorton afterwards. Departure after post Mass drinks in the Green Hut on Sunday 28th April. If you would like a place in the minibus, add your names to the list at the back of church.

PRO LIFE CHAIN: SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 27th April 11.00 am - 1.00 pm. Please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston - just north of Ribble Bridge. Stay for all or part of the time: bring a chair if required. For info tel 01772 723094.

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN AT YPRES: On the 17th May six of our parishioners are visiting Ypres for a long Weekend. Whilst there we will be participating in the Ceremony at the Menin Gates on Saturday 18th May. We will be laying a wreath on behalf of St Wulstan's and St Edmund's parish in memory of our fallen relatives/parishioners. Also, we will be visiting various sites (cemeteries/memorials) around the area of Ypres. If anyone has relatives that are either buried or appear on one of the many memorials we would be happy to visit them, say a prayer and leave whatever you would like us to take with us (small cross/card etc). For any more information please see Vic Hudson or George Benson.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ Year B ~ 21/04/24

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| Sunday 21 st | 0900 (W) 1100 (M) | Anthony Grogan (Eye operation) Mollie Keating | Mass Intentions  |
| Monday 22 nd | No Mass | | |
| Tuesday 23 rd | 1800 (W) | ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND Holy Souls | |
| Wednesday 24 th | 1000 (M) | People of both our parishes | |
| Thursday 25 th | 1800 (W) | ST MARK, EVANGELIST Dot Lister (RIP) | |
| Friday 26 th | 0930 (W) | Bill Yates (RIP) | |
| Saturday 27 th | 0930 (W) | Eamonn Brosnan and family | |
| Sunday 28 th | 0900 (W) 1100 (M) | Maureen Butler (RIP) Mary & Raymond Madej | |

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

| <u>Collection</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Website</u> |
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| 14 th April £544.50 | 154 | 103 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: Sheila O'Connor, Michael Hogg, Canon Fred Hampson, Fr Joe Haydon, Joan Boardman, James Geldart, Maresa Walsh, Betty Smith, Peter O'Connor,

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

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| Jacob Jordan Sweeney | 21 st April 2013 | Ava Lavelle Hardy | 22 nd April 2012 |
| Sophia Grace Sandham | 22 nd April 2018 | Poppy Louise Gilbertson | 25 th April 2010 |
| Rosie Elizabeth Ogden | 26 th April 2015 | Oliver John English | 27 th April 2014 |

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for Fleetwood & Cleveleys United Reformed Church and the people of Armistead Court, Copse Road, Grasmere Avenue, Larkholme Avenue, Nansen Road, Seymour Street and Whinfield Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

BONUS BALL WINNER: 13th April - No 47 - John Wilson

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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| Wednesday 24 th | 1830 | Welcome Project Leads Meeting in Presbytery |
| Thursday 25 th | 1830 | Rome Pilgrimage Meeting in Green Hut |
| Saturday 26 th | 1030 | Prayer & Share in Presbytery |

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS: Will take place on Thursday 2nd May in the Green Hut which means the Green Hut is not available for other meetings that day.

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER: With the general election on the horizon, CAFOD and the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) will be jointly inviting parishes and individuals to reach out to local candidates to find out about their views on some important issues - and express our views too. For resources, more info or to sign up to join a training session, go to cafod.org.uk/encounter. The online training sessions for all are on Thursday 25 April (6:30-8:30pm) and Saturday 4 May (11am-1pm).

NEWS FROM HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD - ELMER THE ELEPHANT: We don't often encourage you to leave Fleetwood, but this weekend is the launch of a fantastic attraction down the coast with loads of local connections. From Saturday 13th April until early June, Elmer The Elephant and over 30 of his uniquely decorated friends will appear on the streets of Blackpool in a huge art trail, many of them sponsored/designed by Fleetwood-based businesses, schools and organisations. It's a fundraising campaign for the wonderful Brian House Children's Hospice which supports families from all across the



Fylde Coast. As well as all the fun to be had finding the elephants, at the end of the art trail the larger Elmer sculptures will be put up for auction to raise as much as possible for Brian House. Thank you to all those involved for supporting such a worthy cause - apologies if we've missed out any of the local partners. There is an excellent App for Elmer's Parade which can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store (search 'Elmer Blackpool 2024') or [visit the Elmer Blackpool website](#)

West View Computer Clinic - A reminder if you need any help or advice with your digital device, drop in to see the volunteers from the West Fleetwood Computer Clinic. They will be at the Healthier Fleetwood Information Centre on Friday 19th April, 11am to around 1.30pm to offer suggestions for online security, data storage and technical issues. It's free to attend and there's no need to book.

DONNA WORTHINGTON'S NEXT RETREAT - THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWNING:

Explore this incredible mystical text written in the 14th C, a profound guide on prayer. Monday 13th May 11:30am-3pm. Cost £20 at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Rd, Lostock Hall PR55AA.

For bookings, please contact the Parish office on 01772 335387 or Email - office@saintgerards.org.uk

A PRAYER FOR OUR JOURNEY TO PENTECOST:

This lovely prayer has been forwarded to us from Deborah Parker.

*Come, Holy Spirit, breathe down upon our troubled world.
Shake the tired foundations of our crumbling institutions.
Break the rules which keep you out of all our sacred spaces,
and from the dust and rubble, gather up seedlings of a new creation.*

*Come Holy Spirit, enflame once more the dying embers of our weariness.
Shake us out of our complacency. Whisper our names once more
And scatter your gifts of grace with wild abandon.
Break open the prisons of our inner being
And let your raging justice be a sign of our liberty.*

*Come Holy Spirit and lead us to places we would rather not go.
Expand the horizons of our limited imaginations.
Awaken in our souls dangerous dreams for new tomorrow
And rekindle in our hearts the fire of prophetic enthusiasm.*

*Come Holy Spirit whose justice outwits international conspiracy,
Whose light outshines religious bigotry,
Whose peace can halt our patriarchal hunger for dominance and control,
Whose promise invigorates our every effort,
To create a new heaven and a new earth, now and for ever. Amen
Fr. Diarmuid O'Murcho*

A VIEW FROM THE PEW:

In 1947 the church of St Wulstan was invited by the BBC to present the Evening Service. For us Catholics, this meant 'Benediction', a much-loved part of Sunday for many of us. Some of the rehearsals were held in choir members' houses. My father was a member of the choir, so one evening in May, it was our turn. (I think a hotpot supper was also provided!) I was sent to bed early (school next day) and as I climbed the stairs, I paused to listen to the music, stirred by its beauty. It was Mozart's 'Ave Verum'. The next morning my father set off early on his bike to catch the tide. (He was the engineer on the dredger S.D. Poulton.) As he reached his ship, he collapsed and died of a heart attack. My final memory of a beloved father is therefore bound up with this beautiful motet. Later, when I discovered the meaning of the Latin words, it has grown in greater significance for me. Jesus, through his suffering on the cross, has left us with a living and eternal assurance of His real presence through the Holy Eucharist and as a foretaste of the great feast to come. Holy Week is very special. Claire Hewitson