

**RITE OF ELECTION:** This is the ceremony held every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent in the Cathedral, in which all those preparing for adult baptism or reception into the church throughout the diocese are welcomed by Bishop Paul and prayed for by the Catholic Community. Two of our parishioners, Holly and Simon will be among the participants. Let us keep them both in our prayers.

**ABORTION UP TO BIRTH AMENDMENT:** Diana Johnson has tabled a new extreme abortion up to birth amendment ahead of Report Stage of the Government's flagship Criminal Justice Bill. This proposed extreme change to the law would likely lead to a tragic increase in the number of babies' lives being ended through late-term abortions performed at home.

**TAKE ACTION NOW!** We have just launched an [easy-to-use tool](#) on our website that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose Diana Johnson's amendment.

**PS FROM BRIAN WOOD:** In a recent study, a university in Kenya observed the behaviour of elephants over several years. They came to two conclusions. Firstly, they found that when elephants are pregnant, they undergo cravings for special food, just like humans. Very interesting. Secondly, they discovered that elephants like to eat something different each evening. Well, with due respect, there's nothing clever about that. Our cat has been doing that for years.... drives us potty. Dear Jesus, we thank you for the wonders of your creation, the companionship of cats who very quickly get us trained and academic studies which go on for years and end up telling us what we knew already.

#### REPEAT NOTICES

**BANK CHARGES:** As mentioned last week, our Finance Committee has put together an up-to-date report on Bank Charges. Since these charges came into effect last April, our team has monitored them, and we are able to say what that means for us and our parish funds.

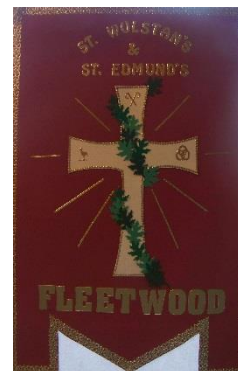
Since April 2023, the bankers started to charge us for all transactions this means that you're offering monies cost varying amounts for us to receive, depending how you make your donations. We are currently paying about £50 a month to receive donations. Standing orders cost the parish 15p each to receive, regardless of the amount donated, this is the cheapest method. We would encourage as many people as possible to donate this way.

However, four weekly donations costs 60p per month whereas a single monthly donation costs 15p per month so monthly donations are preferred. If those who already donate by weekly standing order can change to monthly, it will save us 45p per month, per person.

Donating by card costs us 16p per £10 donated.

Donating cash costs 15p per £10 to pay into the bank and if you use pre-printed envelopes, each box of envelopes costs just over £2.

Cheques are the most expensive, costing us 50p per cheque to clear plus £1.50 per month to pay our cheques into the bank. We don't get many cheques so if we only get one cheque in a month the value of that donation is reduced by £2.



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### *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 11/02/23*

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1000	John Lynch (RIP)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Harry Lister (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1800	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Joe & Rose Murphy (Anniversary) People of the Parish
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Deceased members of Cuffe family
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	0930	John Quinn (RIP)
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	0930 0950- 10.20	Jonathon & Jean Metson Holy Half Hour & Confessions
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	0930 - 0945 1000	Confessions Theresa Campy (Anniversary)

**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**

#### Collection

4<sup>th</sup> February £534.80

#### Attendance

148

Website - 95 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:**

Jasmine Louise Allman 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Paige Marie Allman 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Scarlette Anne Rose Moran 12 February 2014

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Carol Spriggs, Tom Flanagan, Joe Murphy, Anthony Dooney, John Greig, Bertie Pirie, Sonja McNamara, Marjorie Dutton, Jospeh Jorgenson, Fred Abrams

**CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR:** This week we are praying for St Nicholas' Church and the people of Albany Road, Cambridge Road, Formby Avenue, Kirkstone Avenue, Mersey Road, Roundway and Welbeck Avenue with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

### **NEW NOTICES**

**BONUS BALL WINNERS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February - No 16 - No-one has that number.  
If anyone would like to own it, see Anne Holland.

**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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Begins the fruitful season of Lent, during which all are invited to reflect on our lives as regards God's plan for us, aided by a personal penance of some kind. To mark the beginning of Lent and to concentrate our mind, we are asked to fast, and abstain from meat, on Ash Wednesday. This request applies to all fit and healthy people, between the ages of 16-70. May this season bring us many blessings.

**LENT LUNCHESES:** The new owner of Scotch Bakery has kindly agreed to continue the tradition of providing 60 bread rolls free of charge to each of the 6 lunches. Lunches will be served each Friday in Lent, commencing 16<sup>th</sup> February between 11.45 am and 1.30 pm.  
Venues: 16/2 United Reformed Church, 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.

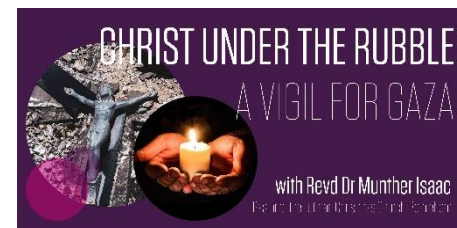
**ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES:** In the absence of a suitable York Course, we will be using a 5-week course written by Rt Rev Philip North, Anglican Bishop of Blackburn. Two venues are available, St Nicholas Broadway Rooms on Wednesdays at 4 pm, commencing 21<sup>st</sup> Feb and Trinity Baptist Church, Thursdays at 7 pm commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. All are very welcome to attend these relaxed sessions of scripture readings and study during Lent.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE SYNOD:** Austin Ivereigh, who was a delegate at the Synod on Synodality last October, gave a talk last Sunday explaining the process and the progress as the Church changes in significant ways. If you would like to listen to or read the talk, it is available on [3prophets.co.uk](http://3prophets.co.uk)

**CRAFT FAIR - URC:** You are invited to Fleetwood United Reformed Church Hall, Dronsfield Road, for a Craft Fair on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** from 10.30 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

**SPECIAL MASS FOR SEAFARERS AND FISHERS:** A special Mass for seafarers and fishers, is to be celebrated by Bishop Paul Swarbrick on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 12:15pm at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT. It will be followed by a reception. All are welcome. If you are able to attend, please confirm by phone 0207 901 1931, or email to [Roland.Hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:Roland.Hayes@stellamarismail.org)

**CHRIST UNDER THE RUBBLE:** You are invited to join us and Revd Dr Munther Isaac, pastor of the Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem, for: **Christ Under the Rubble: A Vigil for Gaza.** 2pm-4pm, 18th February. **Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London**  
A service of prayer, music, readings, poetry and silence. To book in person or livestream - [www.embrace.org/events/vigil-for-gaza](http://www.embrace.org/events/vigil-for-gaza)



**CASTLERIGG UPDATE:** **EASTER RETREAT // MAR 28-31** - This year's Easter Retreat is filling up fast so now is the time to book. The retreat runs from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday and it's a great chance to journey together through Easter, to have some fun, and to make some friends along the way. The retreat costs £85 but we don't want cost to be an obstacle for anybody so if you want to come but can't afford it get in touch and we can probably help you out. [Book here.](#)

**CASTLERIGG LOTTERY** - The Castlerigg lottery costs £3 per ticket and the draw is made at the start of each month. The winner takes half the pot! [Sign up here.](#)

**JOIN THE TEAM** - We are currently looking for interns to join the team. We now start interns throughout the year rather than all in August, so if you're interested just get in touch. Working on the team at Castlerigg Manor is a great chance to get some brilliant experience and training and to work in a vibrant ministry with a brilliant team. Anyone who is interested should contact [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**DATE FOR THE DIARY:** The next Day of renewal will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2004, from 10am to 4pm at St Clare's Church, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston, PR2 9HH. It will be led by Gary Stephens, who will be speaking on 'The Invisible Father' (Col 1:15). Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

**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 apposite St Peter's Church. It will officially open on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 10am.