

REPEAT NOTICES

PANTRY: As mentioned last week, the Pantry is about to be renovated to make it more user friendly. The work starts on Tuesday and is due to be finished by 2nd April, which means the pantry will be closed for three weeks. If you know of anyone who uses it, or is in need, please let them know that food parcels, made up the night before, will be available for collection from St Peter's church between 1 and 2pm, Monday - Friday, during the closure of the pantry.

CASTLERIGG EASTER RETREAT: **Easter Retreat 2024** // We still have spaces on this year's open retreat. It's for anyone in year 7 upwards and it costs £85, but anyone who is put off by the cost should get in touch and we can probably help out. The Easter Retreat is a great chance for young people to make some friends, have fun, and journey together through the Easter weekend. More here - <https://castleriggmanor.com/easterretreat/>

A NOTE FROM BRIDE TO BE PATRICIA BENSON: We've always made Easter special and this is year Patricia Benson and Stephen Buzza will be getting married on Easter Sunday. A special date for Patricia as it's her Nana and Grandads Boe's wedding anniversary too. This year we will be planning a little get together, Easter egg hunts, and a 'Jacob's Join'. We will have lots of visitors and our hospitality is well known in our parish so let's raise the bar. There will be a list at the back of church for people to write down what they will bring so we haven't got hundreds of cheese sandwiches etc. There's a team of helpers already on task for this. Any questions speak to Patricia, Annie Benson or Cathy Anderton.

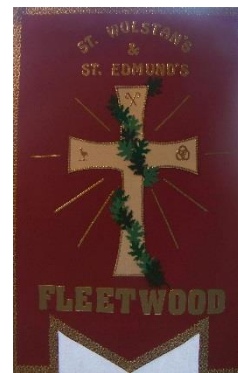
HOLY WEEK - DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Sunday 24 th March	1000	Palm Sunday Mass
Wednesday 27 th March	1830	Penitential Service
Thursday 28 th March	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
	1130	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
	1900	Mass of the Last Supper
	2200	Night Prayer at the Altar of Repose
Friday 29 th March	GOOD FRIDAY	
	1030	Stations of the Cross
	1500	The Lord's Passion
Saturday 30 th	2000	The Easter Vigil
Sunday 31 st March	EASTER SUNDAY	
	NB 1100	Easter Sunday Mass

REPOSITORY: We now have a selection of Easter cards available as well as cards for Mothers' Day and St Patrick's Day. We do, of course, have cards for most occasions, reasonably priced.

FLEETWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT LUNCHESES: Lunches will be served each Friday in Lent, between 11.45 am and 1.30 pm.
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.

GARDENING: If it ever stops raining, we'll soon be looking to getting parish garden ship-shape for Spring sowing. All are welcome to join us. Let Fr Alf know if you are interested.



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Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ Year B ~ 17/03/24

Sunday 17 th	1000 1500	Pauline Greenall (Anniversary) Stations of the Cross
Monday 18 th	No Mass	
Tuesday 19 th	1800	ST JOSEPH Maureen Butler (RIP)
Wednesday 20 th	0930 1000	Wynne Wright (LD) Holy Half Hour
Thursday 21 st	1800	Deceased Members of the Cuffe Family
Friday 22 nd	0930 1200	Dot Lister (RIP) Funeral of Winifred Wright (at St Mary's)
Saturday 23 rd	0930 0950- 10.20	Paul Brosnan and Family Holy Half Hour & Confessions
Sunday 24 th	0930 - 0945 1000 1500	Confessions People of the Parish 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**

Collection	Attendance	
10 th March	£678.30	151 Website - 85 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:

Harriet Amelia Belk 17th March 2013
Alban James Callaghan 23rd March 2014

Shae Ben Doughty 18th March 2012

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Mary Brunell, Pauline Greenall, Keith Scott, Ronald Beavers, Rose Sharp, Frank Waring, Mary Henschcliffe, Margaret Wilson, George Benson (Snr), Edith Brown

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CALENDAR: This week we are praying for St Peter's Parish and the people of Anchorage Mews, Chaucer Road, Garland Grove, Langdale Court, Mount Road, Seabank Road and Westby Grove with the prayer: *May the peace of Christ be in their hearts and their homes.*

NEW NOTICES

BONUS BALL WINNER: 9th March - No 43 - Judith Wood

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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 20th 1900 Finance Committee in the Presbytery

THANKYOU: Dear St Wulstan's and St Edmund's Parish: thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the love and kindness you have shown to us as a family during the most difficult time. We are eternally grateful for the comfort and friendship you have provided to Maureen throughout her life, and to us as a family. With love and best wishes, the Butler Family. xxx

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES: As mentioned last Sunday, after Easter we will be changing some of our Mass times to reflect the change in pastoral cover for Fleetwood, following Fr Michael's current state of ill health. Thank you to those - not many - who let me know what they felt about the proposed times for Sundays. Most were quite happy with what St Mary's had proposed, ie 0900 St Mary's 1030 here. My own thoughts were that 1100 here would give me a bit more time after Mass at St Mary's, but the parents of a family with primary school children thought the later hour of 1100, would impact their quality time as a family, and suggested that might be the view of many families of school age children. Experience shows that we're never going to get a time which suits everyone, so let's start with 0900 and 1030 and see how that goes. We can always look again later. The best reply I got was "Father, I don't care what time the Mass is as long as we have one". As regards weekday Masses, I will be dropping Wednesday here in order to celebrate at St Mary's, which is the day their children attend from school.

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.

MASS OF CHRISM: The minibus will be available for those who would like to go to the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, Please put your name on the list at the back of church.

LATEST NEWS FROM STEPHEN BAMBER:

Dear friends,

Greetings from Rome on this Laetare Sunday. I cannot believe Holy Week and the Triduum are almost upon us - this year seems to have disappeared in a flurry of exams, retreats, and new academic modules.

We are well into the second semester here at the Beda. I am currently taking courses on Moral Theology, Psalms and Wisdom Literature, Human Development and Mediaeval Church History (to name a few). I have settled into the routine of seminary life quite well - although that is not to say it is easy.

I am kept quite busy in my role as Assistant M.C., and I am soon starting some outreach in our local parish of St. Leonardo Murialdo (cofounder of the Congregation of St. Joseph). I'll be teaching English along with a few other seminarians to anyone who wishes to learn: it's a big parish encompassing Roma Tre University, so Fr. Carmelo, the P.P. is confident that it will be a success: we will have to wait and see if his confidence is well founded!

On the Friday before Palm Sunday I will be instituted as an acolyte here in the college along with my fellow second year students. It's a significant step - the next ministerial staging post on my formation journey. I am looking forward to this occasion a great deal, as once we are instituted as Acolytes, we take on more of an active role in the liturgical life of the college.

I miss St. Wulstan's and the good people of Fleetwood a great deal. I will be sure to pop over for Mass during the Summer. Please remember me in your prayers and be assured of my own prayers for you and all your loved ones.

God bless. Stephen

PS FROM BRIAN WOOD: In the mid-80s I worked very near Piccadilly Station in Manchester and occasionally I went to the station to watch the trains. On one occasion, the call went out "Engineer to Platform Five." I went along to see what was happening. The cab of the locomotive at the head of the London train was full of men in suits trying to find out why the engine wasn't working. After about ten minutes, a little man approached. He was sweeping the platform and was pushing his dustbin cart in front of him. He looked into the cab, pointed to a switch and said to the suit nearest him "That switch should be up, not down," The suit looked at him, turned his back and continued with the debate. The little man carried on sweeping. I stayed. Fully half an hour later, the suits looked at the switch and one of them moved the switch to the up position. The locomotive roared into life! The little sweeper had been right all along! Victory to the workers! Dear Jesus, Please look after all the people who work to keep the world moving round, especially when their input is not always appreciated.