

**Parish Collection including via banks  
£682.65**

Additional: Christmas Offering £60.00

**CAFOD**

This year sees the fourth edition of CAFOD's Lent walking challenge - The Big Lent Walk. This year, we're teaming up with SCIAF - our Scottish sister agency - so we're walking across the whole of Great Britain!

Could you walk 200km during Lent - 5km per day? Walk with friends, walk with pets, walk a bit more, walk a bit less! Any sponsorship you can gain will be much appreciated. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

We also hope to have a 'community walk' like the last two years; a date where parishioners from all three of our parishes can come and walk together. Watch this space for more info! <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

**The Bereavement Journey a place to talk**

Running soon:

Tuesdays 2pm starting on the 6<sup>th</sup> February

At Christ Church, Victoria Road,

Fulwood Preston PR2 8NE

01772 715202

[christchurchpreston@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchpreston@gmail.com)

7 Sessions of films and discussion for anyone bereaved anytime.

Topics include:

Attachment, separation and loss \* The pain and responses

of grief \* Anger and guilt \* Coping with others' reactions \*

Delayed and suppressed \* Adjusting to change \* Moving

forward healthily \* Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional).

To find out more, visit:

[Thebereavementjourney.org](http://Thebereavementjourney.org)

**The Lancashire Evening**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in Our Lady & St Edward's parish centre. Tickets on sale from 3<sup>rd</sup> February

For more information contact Frank - 0777 943 6279

**Food bank**

Thank you for all your support.

If you have not previously supported the food bank please consider doing so. You will make a difference.

The families we serve are in real need. With your help children are fed who would otherwise go to bed hungry.

**We need:** Tins of rice pudding, long life milk and breakfast cereals, tins of meat and soups, toiletries, and all usual items.

All donations for the Food bank and St Wilfrid's can be dropped off at the back of the church or at 3 Marlborough Drive.

Collection can be arranged by calling 0777 943 627

Thank you and may God bless you and your family.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

If you have a child who requires the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation or Holy Communion please speak to one of the priests for an initial meeting.

**Panto update**

One of our aims of the recent pantomime Aladdin was to raise money to contribute to North West Ambulance Service Charitable Fund for providing the Parish with a Defibrillator and the cupboard in which it will be stored. For this we aim to donate £400. We are also making a contribution for the use of the Parish centre and the rest will be made available to cover the cost of the installation.

So once again a huge thank you to you, who supported and encouraged us.

**The Choir**

**Castlerigg Manor**

The EASTER RETREAT gives us a chance to journey together through the Easter weekend from Thursday to Sunday. We will pray together, eat together, have fun, get some quality input, and hopefully make a few friends along the way.

The 2024 Easter Retreat is March 28-31 2024.

Contact: <https://castleriggmanor.com/>

**An Invitation to all Parishioners**

The Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) will be holding a special Mass for seafarers and fishers, 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 3B. It will be followed by a reception.

The first **Fulwood Farmers' Market of 2024** will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 9.30am-1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road, PR2 8EA. Come and stock up on fresh local produce and Fairtrade products, browse the New to You stalls and stay for a drink and a snack. Do spread the word and hope to see you there.

**St Walburge's** is opening its doors to visitors this January with a chance to climb the spire. Afterwards, tours of the church and refreshments are available.

27<sup>th</sup> January 1-5pm.

Tickets available on Ticket Tailor:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stwalburgesshrinechurch/1082309#>

No ticket sales on the door. All proceeds go to the restoration project, especially the stunning hammerbeam roof.

**Special Rosary Service**

to celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of Lourdes** at **St Mary's Newhouse**, Station Lane, Barton, Preston PR3 5DY

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February starting at 2.00pm

**Guest Speaker: Fr Anthony Keefe**

**Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre  
January dates**

**Sunday after Mass Jan 21st**

**Tuesday (10.00 to 12.00) Jan 23rd**

**Call in for good coffee/tea and good**