

Dear Parishioners,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits.

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who attended the AGM we held last Sunday 17th March 2024. Your presence and active participation contributed greatly to its success, making it a truly enriching and engaging gathering.

Our general meeting allowed us to come together and discuss important matters pertaining to our community and its growth. Your insightful feedback, thoughtful suggestions, and valuable contributions truly demonstrated the deep care and dedication you have for our parish.

I am especially grateful for the spirit of unity and collaboration that prevailed throughout the meeting. It was inspiring to witness the diverse thoughts and ideas being shared, and the respectful manner in which they were discussed. Our ability to engage in constructive dialogue truly embodies the spirit of our parish.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to those who dedicated their time and efforts to organizing and facilitating the general meeting. Your commitment to ensuring a smooth and productive gathering played a significant role in its success.

Your input and participation are invaluable to the ongoing progress of our parish.

With your continued support, I am confident that we can achieve great things together.

Once again, thank you for attending the general meeting and for your unwavering dedication to our parish.

May God continue to bless each one of you abundantly.

With warm regards,

Fr. Augustine Obiagwu, HFFBY

Parish Priest

Please Gift Aid your Offertory Donation if you pay tax:

Be assured:

- What you give is confidential.
- You don't have to give the same amount each week/month.
- The parish receives 25p for every £1 that you give.

For more information contact Kevin Gilchrist @ 8.45am Mass or Emma McGrath @ 6pm Mass

Coffee Morning Dates for March

March 26th 10.00 to 12.00

Call in to the Parish Centre for Refreshment and Company

The **Good Friday Walk of Witness** will start at the old Debenhams building in Fishergate, Preston at 11:15am and process up Fishergate to the Flag Market, ending in a short service. The Salvation Army will serve refreshments. Easter Sunday Sunrise Service to celebrate Our Lord. Meet at Beacon Fell car park at 6:30 am to walk to the summit for 6:45 am sunrise. All are welcome.

Our Lady & St Edwards Parish Centre

Please tell your family and friends that our Parish Centre is available for hire by various groups including: Keep fit classes, Yoga, Pilates, Dance, Drama and Music including Choirs.

For more information: contact Frank 0777 943 6279

Dear brothers and sisters,

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@lrdc.org.uk. Posters for your notice boards will be posted out to you this week.



The places will be limited, so please book in good time.

With my blessing

+ Paul



Special Rosary Service Guest - Speaker: Fr Philip Smith

to celebrate The Feast of St Catherine of Sienna at St Mary's Fernyhalgh, Fernyhalgh Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 5RR

Monday 29 April 2024 starting at 2.00pm

followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

The Great Fairtrade Easter Egg Hunt - Celebrating 20 years of Fairtrade in Preston.

You can do this any time between Saturday 30th March and Saturday 13th April. Have a Happy Fairtrade Easter!

Details at Fairtrade Preston, fairpreston@gmail.com, 07813 870641

CAFOD's Lent calendar and prayer resources are available on the website: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-prayers> including things specific to Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you so much for your support this Lent. John is hoping a few days off work this week will allow more walking - he's still got a long way to

go! <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/johns-olse-big-lent-walk>

AGM DRAFT MINUTES at church porch board.

Easter cards are now on sale in the porch. If you have any queries, please contact Sheila on 861073.

Parish Collection including via banks
£ 671.27

GIFT AID ENVELOPES are already available at church porch. Thank you