



# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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## 28 JANUARY 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### The Lord, Our Teacher

Today we celebrate him who speaks with authority and to whom we must give our undivided attention.

<b>Saturday 27</b> 5.30pm	<b>Vigil – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday 28</b> 10.00am	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Montague Pendleton RIP
<b>Monday 29</b> 9.30am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Mary Curran (Intentions)
<b>Tuesday 30</b>	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Private Mass
<b>Wednesday 31</b> 6.00pm	<b>St. John Bosco, Priest</b> Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thursday 01</b> 7.00pm	Catherine Eckold
<b>Friday 02</b> 9.30am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time (Whole School Mass)</i> St. Mary's School Community
<b>Saturday 03</b> 5.30pm	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.</b> Frank & Julia Vials RIP
<b>Sunday 04</b> 10.00am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Chris Johnson (Intentions)
	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Pat & Ian Woolstan (Intentions)

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday 6.00pm – 7.00pm.  
Confession: Saturday 4.45pm – 5.25pm  
Private Rosary / Quiet Prayer: Sunday - 9.30am – 10.00am  
Refreshments: Sundays 11.00am to 11.45am - parish hall.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for January - For the gift of diversity in the Church:** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the Catholic Church.

**Whole School Mass:** The first whole school mass of 2024 will be in church on Thursday 1st. February at 9:30am. All are welcome.

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas). There will be blessing of candles and procession before Mass.

### Second Collections in January - March 2024

January 27/28 Racial Justice

February 10/11 Pro Life

March 02/02 Cathedral Maintenance

March 29 Holy Places

**Sanctuary Lamp:** The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week (between Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.) for the intentions of Chris Johnson.

Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available. The cost is £4 for the week please. Contact Pat Woolston for bookings.

### Prayer for Deanery & Parish Visitation

Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people, and grant us:  
a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power,  
a new faithfulness to your Word,  
and a new consecration to your service,  
that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

### Diocesan Vision Statement

We are called to be a Catholic diocese which is:  
faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ  
**full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly**  
in vibrant communities of faith,  
joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

**Thank you:** 'Thank you' for all your good wishes, I had a safe journey to my native place in India, presided over the wedding of my nephew, spent time with family and friends, particularly with my elderly father who was very pleased to see me and other family members together for a month. I had a safe return journey too.

Sad to learn about the unexpected death of Fr. Chris Greaney and the unexpected visit that Canon Stewart had to make to the hospital preventing him from celebrating Mass for us in Southam. I thank our parishioners and organisers in the efficient way this difficulty was handled. We are very grateful to Fr. Aji Alphonse at St. Marie's, Rugby, for his timely assistance.

We shall pray and reflect over this and see how best we can prepare ourselves for similar occasions in the future. – Fr. Arul.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for February - For the terminally ill:** We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment

### Offertory Collections – 30/31 December 2023

Non-Gift Aided: £149.20 Candles: £25.13

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 23 Sunday 68 Total:91

*Thank you very much for your generosity.*

### Offertory Collections – 06/07 January 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £113.20 Candles: £6.20 Refreshments £ 18.28

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 31 Sunday 74 Total:105

*Thank you very much for your generosity.*

### Offertory Collections – 13/14 January 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £72.31 Candles: £8.35 Refreshments: £ 8.30

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 50 Sunday 65 Total:115

*Thank you very much for your generosity.*

### Offertory Collections – 20/21 January 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £97.59 Candles: £15.20

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 29 Sunday 58 Total:87

*Thank you very much for your generosity.*

**Racial Justice Sunday:** This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Racial Justice Sunday.

**LIFE:** Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for LIFE charity.

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**Recently Deceased:** Fr. Chris Greaney, Fr. Alexander (Sandy) Brown, Fr. Paul Lomas, Gerry Browne, and Pete Lines. May they rest in peace.

**The Year of Prayer:** As you know this is the Year of Prayer, based around study of the Lord's Prayer. This is in preparation for the Jubilee 2025. If anyone is interested in organizing a prayer meeting or a session to learn more about prayer is welcome. Please let Fr. Arul know.

**Day of Prayer for Vocations:** Until recently, under the guidance of our diocesan vocation's office, every parish and chaplaincy service in our archdiocese were encouraged to hold a day of prayer for vocations. This used to include Eucharistic Adoration.

Now each deanery is allotted a month during which parishes in the deanery would take turns to organise the day of prayer.

We shall have this in our parish on WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH between 6.00pm and 7.00pm with MASS at 7.00pm. All are welcome and are encouraged to pray for vocations.

**Sick:** Please pray for Janet Pittam, Nora Brown and all those who are unwell currently and those who need our prayers.

Salvation is FREE, but DISCIPLESHIP costs EVERYTHING we have. – Billy Graham