



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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21 JANUARY 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLES. (ISAIAH 56:7)

Please gather in prayerful silence. Be encouraged "to speak to God BEFORE Mass and to speak to your neighbour AFTER Mass".

The Lord who teaches us His Ways

Like Jonah, Christ was sent to preach repentance. He calls us to change our ways. We are not to become engrossed in the world, but to believe the good news and live for the kingdom of God.

Saturday 20	Vigil – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5.30pm	Srs. Mairé & Sharon PCJ's
Sunday 21	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Mary Hughes RIP & The Hughes Family
Monday 22	<i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.</i>
9.30am	~~~ No Mass ~~~
Tuesday 23	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
	~~~ No Mass ~~~
Wednesday 24	<i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor</i>
7.00pm	~~~ No Mass ~~~
Thursday 25	<i>Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle.</i>
9.30am	~~~ No Mass ~~~
Friday 26	<i>Ss. Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops.</i>
9.30am	Mass
Saturday 27	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
5.30pm	Mass
<b>Sunday 28</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
10.00am	Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: None this week.

Confession: On request.

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.

Welcome: A warm welcome to Fr. Teddy O'Brien and Fr. Aji Alphonse who will be celebrating the Masses on Saturday and Sunday of this weekend respectively.

### 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

PETER LINES RIP - We are saddened to hear of the recent death of Peter Lines, husband of Marie. Please remember Marie and her family in your prayers.

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

Prayer to the Holy Spirit for Renewal in our lives

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

### SUP A CUP AND CAKE

Returning this Wednesday in the parish hall from 1400.

All WELCOME

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends on Thursday 25th January.

Feast of St. Wulstan will be celebrated on Friday 9th February.

Sanctuary Lamp: The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for Philip James RIP. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 27th January 2024. The cost is £4 for the week please. Contact Pat Woolston for bookings.

Ash Wednesday is on 14th February. There will Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Time for the Stations of the Cross and Mass to be confirmed, so as to enable as many as possible to take part in his popular Lenten practice. As this year is the 'Year of Prayer' this has added significance to our life as Christians.

### YEAR OF PRAYER, 3 DECEMBER 2023 – 24 DECEMBER 2024

The Year of Prayer was officially launched in our Archdiocese this Advent, as a preparation for the Jubilee Year. The Office for Mission would like to invite all to mark this vital year in our homes, parishes, schools and communities. "For the Year of Prayer, Pope Francis desires to see the 'Our Father' become the "life programme" of every disciple, and so I invite our Diocesan family to prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025, "Pilgrims of Hope", through a deeper devotion to prayer, in this Year of Prayer!"

Please visit the Diocesan and Vocations pages for more information, including books and courses, web and app recommendations; catechesis and suggestions for personal prayer; downloads to help people to pray and to share their journey of prayer.

New from the Archdiocese for 2024: Pause for Prayer, a reflective, monthly, video resource of teaching, testimony and intentions. To learn more and to watch, visit: [www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024](http://www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024)

Holy Year 2025: During 2024 we focus on the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. All the bishops of England and Wales have written: "We invite every parish, school and community to look anew at how the adoration of the Lord, not least through Eucharistic Adoration, and service of the Lord in people in need, can be better connected and reinvigorated."

At the concluding Mass of the Synod Pope Francis spoke directly to us as pastors: "May worship be central for those of us who are pastors: let us devote time every day to intimacy with Jesus the Good Shepherd, adoring him in the tabernacle. May the Church adore: in every diocese, in every parish, in every community, let us adore the Lord! Only in this way will we turn to Jesus and not to ourselves."

"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me, but in me and I in Him."  
— St. Francis de Sales

"Jesus' table is twofold in the Christian Community: There is the Table of the Word and there is the Table of the Eucharist. These are the medicines with which the Divine Doctor heals and nourishes us"  
– Pope Francis

**You get out of Mass what you put into it.**