



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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04 FEBRUARY 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Christ who makes us free to serve

Without Christ our lives would be pure drudgery. We would be like slaves, or like workmen with nothing to look forward to but our wages. But the healing power of Christ has transformed our lives: now we are free to make ourselves like him, the slaves of everyone, offering everyone the good news without asking for anything in return.

Saturday 03 Vigil – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.30pm Chris Johnson (Intentions)

Sunday 04 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00am Pat & Ian Woolstan (Intentions)

Monday 05 *St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr*

9.30am Carmel Roche (Special Intentions)

Tuesday 06 *St. Paul Miki, & Companions, Martyrs*

Private Mass

Wednesday 07 *Feria in Ordinary*

6.00pm Eucharistic Adoration

7.00pm Special Intentions (L. Family)

Thursday 08 *Feria in Ordinary Time*

9.30am Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday 09 *Feria in Ordinary*

9.30am Pelloquin Family Intentions

Saturday 10 *St. Scholastica, Virgin*

5.30pm Frank & Julia Vials RIP

Sunday 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00am *Confirmation Enrolment Mass*

Montague Pendleton RIP

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 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.

Second Collections in January - March 2024

March02/02 Cathedral Maintenance

March 29 Holy Places

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

Fr. Chris's Funeral Arrangements: Of your charity, please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Father Christopher Greaney who died on Thursday 28th December 2023.

Fr Christopher's body will be received into St Peter Apostle RC Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AA, on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 6pm, followed by the celebration of Mass.

His Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday 8th February at 12 noon, Archbishop Bernard Longley to preside.

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

Walk With Me: With Ash Wednesday on 14th February, we begin our Lenten Journey this year. To help us, our archdiocese has made available the booklets and calendars. They are available in our church this weekend. Donation of £1.00 per book and 20p for the calendar is recommended.

Lenten Lunches have been organised again! They will be on the following Tuesdays: February 20, 27, March 5, 12 & 19, between 12.00noon and 1.30pm. All proceeds go to Galanos House. Your generous response will be much appreciated.

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

Shrove Tuesday is being celebrated in our parish on Tuesday 13th February at 19.30hrs in the parish hall with Pancakes and prosecco*. All are welcome! This will also be an opportunity to look forward to Lent and the months ahead, as we plan our social and spiritual calendar. (*alternative hot drinks will also be available!). **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

Celebration of St. Wulstan's Feast: In order to invite and enable members from other churches in the area join in, the celebration scheduled for 9th February will now take place on Friday 23rd February instead.

There will be a Mass in the morning at 10.00am or 10.30am with the possibility of refreshments to follow in the parish hall. In the evening, there will be vespers (Evening Prayer) in our church with our ecumenical friends, followed by bring & share refreshments in the parish hall. Do keep this date & time free. Come and celebrate our patron's feast.

Alpha course will be starting at St Joseph's Church, Whitnash on Monday 26th February 2024 at 7.30 - 9.0 pm. This is an excellent introduction to Christianity, also serving to refresh the faith of existing Christians. Food will be provided. All are welcome.

Offertory Collections – 27/28 January 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £120.15 Candles: £6.00 Piety: £20.00

Racial Justice: £ 86.40

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 41 Sunday 60 Total:101

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

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 6TH MARCH between 6.00pm and 7.00pm with MASS at 7.00pm. All are welcome and are encouraged to pray for vocations.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 - 27th May to 1st June: Would you be willing to give up a week of your time to assist sick pilgrims in Lourdes? If so, please email Kathryn, our Chief Nurse, on chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk or visit the Diocesan website for more information.

Eucharistic Ministers: We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers willing to take Holy Communion to Galanos House residents on Fridays at 10.00am. This is an urgent need; volunteers, speak to Fr. Arul as soon as possible.

Cafod Family Fast Day Friday 23 February 2024: As Lent approaches this year, we are all aware that the cost-of-living crisis weighs heavily on our hearts. I know things are very tough for our church community here in England and Wales. This is a global experience of course - I hear every week from our colleagues and CAFOD's Church partners worldwide about the profound challenges they face in their countries seeing so many grappling with poverty as they strive to provide for their families while prices of essential goods soar.

The cost-of-living crisis presents a dual challenge. Not only does it affect those we serve but it is impacting CAFOD's ability to support people and communities during this critical time. I cannot emphasise enough how important the Family Fast Day appeal is to our work, especially at a time when we see the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on our income. Your endorsement of Fast Day amongst parishes and schools in your diocese over the coming weeks is so needed.... (Christine Allen, the Executive Director of CAFOD)