



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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11 FEBRUARY 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus, Friend of outcasts

To bring help to outcasts, Jesus himself had to become an outcast and "stay outside in places where nobody lived".

Saturday 10	Vigil – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5.30pm	Frank & Julia Vials RIP
Sunday 11	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Montague Pendleton RIP
Monday 12	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
9.30am	Pete Lines RIP & Family
Tuesday 13	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
	Private Mass
	~~~ <u>The Season of Lent</u> ~~~
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	<i>Ash Wednesday (A Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence)</i>
9.30am	Katie Hannan RIP (60th Birthday)
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday 15</b>	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>
9.30am	John & Jane Wilson (Int.)
<b>Friday 16</b>	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>
9.30am	Liam O'Brien RIP (1 st Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 17</b>	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>
5.30pm	Terry Wood RIP
<b>Sunday 18</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
10.00am	Andrew Borg 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  
 March 02/02 Cathedral Maintenance  
 March 29 Holy Places

**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.

**Shrove Tuesday** is being celebrated on Tuesday 13th February at 1930hrs 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.

**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.

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

**Alpha course** will be starting at St Joseph's Church, Whitnash on Monday 26th February 2024 at 7.30 - 9.00 pm. This is an excellent introduction to Christianity, also serving to refresh the faith of existing Christians. Food will be provided. All are welcome.

From the Headteacher's desk.....

Hello again to all readers from St Mary's school ... having enjoyed a very active half term,

**It has indeed been a very full term so far** with multiple cross-country events taking place leading to two wins so far, with our participation in a most successful netball tournament: children relishing the challenge and children from Yr3 putting on a well-received flute concert to parents. This has been on top of the raft of topics being studied in each class: the new curriculums for geography, history, art and design technology are doing their job of engaging our eager learners. We are, for example, having our Yr6's designing and producing waistcoats with a little bit of 'make do and mend' to link in with their topic of World War Two. All of this, in between their maths and English and the host of practice papers that have been the bread and butter of school provision for so many years.

**It has been good to welcome Fr Arul back into school following his much-needed break.** Our first Mass of 2024 was a real joy as it pulled together the themes of the first half of the Spring Term: to hear His call, to follow His ways, to be guided by His light and to go out to serve. It has been a timely reminder that life is, at its fullest, when we go out of our way to serve – something that helps us all so grow and a key value of those at the school.

**A full programme of events to mark Lent is now in place** including opportunities to reflect and ask questions. These include Masses for different classes across the school. All will be held in the school hall unless otherwise indicated.

Thursday 29th February @ 9:30am for Classes 3&4.

Thursday 7th March @ 9:30am for Classes 5&6.

Thursday 14th March @ 9:30am for Nursery, Reception, Class 1 and Class2.

Thursday 21st March @ 9:30am for the whole school – and this will be in church! This mass will feature a couple of special guests who usually join me every Sunday at St Francis to lead music.

All are always very welcome to join us for each of these celebrations of Mass if you possibly can.

**We are also getting ready to prepare children for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.** Though less than 25% of our children are Catholic in our school, we firmly believe that such preparations are a key purpose of our school. We want every child to know about the significance of these sacraments in shaping our lives: they've certainly shaped mine and probably yours too. Please do join us in prayer so that these children who are to be inducted and prepared do it well and are helped to embrace the faith so as to help them lead the fullest of lives.

Best wishes to you all for this coming period of Lent.

John Brine

### Offertory Collections – 27/28 January 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £103.65 Candles: £44.50 Refreshments: £8.65

*Thank you very much for your generosity.*

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 32 Sunday 63 Total:95

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

### An Appeal for Prayer

coinciding with the Collection for LIFE this weekend.

I am a member of LIFE and as such I am asking for prayers, not only for LIFE but for all those who are working and promoting respect and protection for life in all stages from conception to its natural end.

A pernicious culture of death is growing in our country. Let me illustrate this by highlighting three areas of grave concern.

A growing campaign to legalise abortion up to birth, with plans to decriminalise abortion whatever the circumstances.

The continued availability to obtain pills through the post which induce abortion at home. This nullifies the precautions put in place by the 1967 Abortion Act, and makes these measures unlawful, as well as taking away protections which were in place for vulnerable women.

Hand in hand with all this is a concerted drive to introduce "Mercy Killing" or so called "Assisted Suicide" by the end of this year.

Prayers are needed – let us pray with confidence. "Never underestimate the power that prayer releases". Thank you – Val Berridge

**Sanctuary Light** is burning this week for Linda Hughes RIP.