



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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25 FEBRUARY 2024 – SOCOND SUNDAY OF LENT

God's gift to us: His Son

Abraham was prepared to give God his only son, Isaac, in sacrifice. God would do no less.

"This is my Son, the Beloved," he say to us, "Listen to him,"

Saturday 24	Vigil – Second Sunday of Lent
5.30pm	Frank & Julia Vials RIP
Sunday 25	Second Sunday of Lent
10.00am	Lourdes Blanco RIP
Monday 26	<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30am	Montague Pendleton RIP
Tuesday 27	<i>Lent Feria</i>
	Private Mass
Wednesday 28	<i>Lent Feria</i>
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Amelia Anthony (Birthday)
Thursday 29	<i>Lent Feria (Yr3&4 Classes Mass in school)</i>
9.30am	Mary Nash
Friday 01	<i>Feat of St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</i>
10.30am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
11.00pm	<i>Poor Souls in Purgatory</i>
Saturday 02	<i>Feast of St. Chad, Bishop, Patron of our Archdiocese.</i>
	Private Mass
5.30pm	Frank & Julia Vials RIP
Sunday 03	Third Sunday of Lent
10.00am	Salvador Garcia 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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for March – For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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

Thank You to everyone who came along to celebrate the feast of our parish pteron St. Wulstan on Friday. A big 'Thank' you to the organizers and to all who generously donated various food items for the refreshments!

Walk With Me booklets and calendars are available in our church. A donation of £1.00 per book and 20p for the calendar will be much appreciated.

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.

Church Flowers: At Masses on the weekend of 9^h & 10th March there will be a retiring collection for Church Flowers. Some of our silk flowers need replacing and also we have to buy various items to do the arrangements. We would be very grateful for your generous support.

Cathedral Maintenance: Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST: This weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Family Fast.

Day of Prayer for Vocations: Our diocesan vocation's office has allotted our deanery the month of **March** to organise opportunities of special prayers for vocations.

Here in our parish, we shall dedicate the Eucharistic Adoration and Mass on **WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH** for this intention. All are welcome and are encouraged to pray for vocations.

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for Natalie RIP (Whitnash). May God grant her eternal rest. We pray for the Hannan family.

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

World Day of Prayer 2024 is being held in Congregational Church, Wood Street, Southam at 2.00pm on Friday 1 March. All are welcome.

Offertory Collections – 17/18 February 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £135.01 Candles £ 8.00 Refreshments: £8.50

Walk With Me: £ 4.00

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 36 Sunday 52 Total:88

Church Hall: It will be much appreciated if all those who use the parish hall could ensure before leaving the premises that the heating and lights turned off and that the doors, including the fire door/s are securely locked. In recent times the heating has been left on for substantial number of hours. Your cooperation will be much appreciated. Let us save energy and keep the premises secure.

Sacristan: I am repeating my request for help with the sacristy work, both on weekdays and weekends. A great deal of planning and preparation go into our liturgical celebrations. This would also involve coming earlier and returning everything back in their places. Anyone generous and willing to help is welcome. – Fr. Arul Samy

Readers: We need more Readers to help at our Masses at weekends and on weekdays. Anyone willing to help, please speak to Fr. Arul

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER & REFLECT

HOLY COMMUNION: If you are not a Roman Catholic, a member of a church in full communion with it, or an Orthodox unable to attend an Orthodox Liturgy, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Holy Communion cannot be given to all, as it is for us the sign of unity in the faith.

Communion is not bread and wine, but the **Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son**. Let us pray for true unity among all Christians, as God wills. As for Catholics, we need always to remember the truth of the Blessed Sacrament and receive Jesus with care, attention, and reverence, as well as offering the Mass with attention and without causing unnecessary distractions to others by moving about at the most sacred moments. (Courtesy: St. Peter's, Leamington Spa)

Disturb Us, Lord

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.

We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.