



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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03 MARCH 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Saturday 02	Vigil – Third Sunday of Lent
5.30pm	Frank & Julia Vials RIP
Sunday 03	Third Sunday of Lent (Mass of FHC Enrolment)
10.00am	Salvador Garcia RIP
Monday 04	<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30am	Sr. Sharon
Tuesday 05	<i>Lent Feria</i>
	Private Mass
Wednesday 06	<i>Lent Feria (Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations)</i>
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Helen Kadodwala
Thursday 07	<i>Lent Feria (Mass in School for Yrs. 5 & 6)</i>
9.30am	Bernice Newsam RIP (Anniversary)
Friday 08	<i>Lent Feria</i>
10.30am	Stations of the Cross
11.00am	Peter Simmons RIP (First Anniversary)
Saturday 09	<i>Lent Feria.</i>
	Private Mass
5.30pm	Montague Pendleton RIP
Sunday 10	Fourth Sunday of Lent
10.00am	Antonio Blanco 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 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.

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 Mondays 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.

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

Church Flowers: At Masses next weekend, 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. Thank you for your generous support.

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.

EASTER CARDS will be on sale at Piety Stall at rear of the Church after the Weekend Masses. Please come & have a look.

Thank You to all who attended World Day of Prayer 2024 held in Congregational Church, on Friday.

First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass: We welcome the children who are being prepared for their First Holy Communion this year in our primary school and their families to 10.00am Mass this Sunday. Please pray for them.

The Holy Eucharist is **the source and summit** of Christian Life. Hence it is important that we as Catholics prioritise and celebrate it especially on every Sunday and Holy Days in the company of the believing community, which for most of us is our parish. In doing so, we are nurtured, sustained, and enabled to grow in our faith.

Parents, do come and bring your children to Sunday Mass. Please remember that the best preparation for any Sacrament that we could make is our **'regular attendance and active participation at every Eucharist (Mass), joining the parish community - our local church, in worshipping our Heavenly Father through Jesus our Lord in the Holy Spirit'**. It will pay rich dividend when our cursory or token attendance becomes a regular one. It is rather painful and disappointing to have a wonderful celebration one week with nothing to precede nor to follow! Let us remember that **CH_ _CH** will mean nothing unless **UR** in it! - Fr. Arul Samy

Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for Keith Evans RIP. May God grant him eternal rest. We pray for the Evans family.

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

APPEAL FOR EASTER BINGO PRIZES: Easter Bingo is being organized (date to be confirmed). However, by way of preparations, we are appealing for the following prize items: Easter Eggs, chocolates, bottles, plants. Vouchers too are welcome! Thank you.

Offertory Collections – 24/25 February 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £133.16 Candles £14.21 Refreshments: £4.00

CAFOD: £ 125.53 Lenten Lunch: £120.00+Mugs £25.00

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 33 Sunday 62 Total:88

NEW LECTIONARIES are being prepared for use in parishes of England & Wales. They will be available in parishes by mid-October 2024. They can be used on receipt but must be used from the weekend of 30 November/1December, the First Sunday of Advent.

Day of Recollection: There will be a Day of Recollection as soon as possible, for the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist and the Readers. Others will be welcome too. Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist are expected to do this as part of their commitment.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE, 8 MARCH 2024: Highlighting the rising death toll and the increasing humanitarian distress, our bishops have asked us to pray for peace, particularly on Friday 8th March and do whatever we can, for peace. Parishioners are specially invited to join in the Stations of the Cross & Mass on that day and pray for peace.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: The "24 Hours for the Lord" event, a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis, this year marks its 11th edition. As previously, the event will be celebrated in dioceses around the world on the eve of the fourth Sunday of Lent, from Friday 8 to Saturday 9 March.

The motto chosen by the Holy Father for this year is taken from a verse of the Letter to the Romans: "Walking in a new life" (Rom 6,4): <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/24ore/24-ore-per-il-signore2024.htm>

Bearing in mind Pope Francis' frequent cry of recent times that there is 'not enough adoration' this event provides an ideal opportunity to respond to the words of the Holy Father as well as respond to the message of *Into the Future-3* and the *Listening Exercise* as the Archdiocese prepares to walk in a new life, of the renewed formation and evangelisation for which our people are calling.

Our Archbishop has encouraged each parish to take one hour over those two days for **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.**

There will be Eucharistic Adoration in our parish on Friday from 7.00pm to 8.00pm and on Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.30pm All are welcome.