



# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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## 24 MARCH 2024 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

<b>Saturday 23</b> 5.30pm	<b>Vigil – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Mass
<b>Sunday 24</b> 10.00am	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Maria Blanco RIP
Monday 25 9.30am	<i>Monday of the Holy Week</i> Mass
Tuesday 26	<i>Tuesday of the Holy Week</i> Private Mass
Wednesday 27 6.00pm	<i>Wednesday of the Holy Week</i> Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Mass
<b>THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM</b>	
<b>Thursday 28</b> 7.00am	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper (For Vocations) Watching at the Altar of Repose (till 10.00pm)
10.00pm	Night Prayer
<b>Friday 29</b> 11.00am	<b>Good Friday</b> (A Day of fasting and abstinence) Ecumenical Prayer Walk
<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday 30</b> 7.00pm	<b>Holy Saturday.</b> Easter Vigil (For the Pope's Intentions)
<b>Sunday 31</b> 10.00am	<b>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> In Thanksgiving (for all Benefactors)

**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.

**Sick:** Please pray for Janet Pittam, Nora Brown, Bernie Grant, John Ison, Chris Ison 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. All are welcome.

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

**Sanctuary Lamp** is burning this week for Pauline Critchley R I P. May God grant her eternal rest.

**APPEAL FOR SPRING BINGO PRIZES:** As the time leading up to Easter will be busy, Easter Bingo is postponed. However, a Spring Bingo will be organized (date to be confirmed) in April.

Hence, by way of preparations, we are appealing for the following prize items: Eggs, chocolates, bottles, plants. Vouchers too are welcome! Your support will be much appreciated. Thank you.

**Readers Rota:** A new Rota for Readers at our weekend Masses is being prepared. Thanks to the coordinators and parishioners who have volunteered to help in proclaiming God's Word at our Liturgical celebrations. New Readers will be very welcome. Please speak to the coordinators.

### Offertory Collections – 17 March 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £114.68 Flowers: £ 20.00 Candles £16.16

Lenten Lunch: £61.50

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 27 Sunday 67 Total:94

**Wardens:** We need help in collecting the offerings at Mass. Volunteers are welcome.

### From the Headteacher's Desk...

Hello again to all readers from St Mary's school,

**After two terms, it is my time to handover the leadership of your wonderful school to Mrs Rachel Chadbourne.** The whole reason for me accepting the interim appointment was always to ensure that the school was ready for this moment and to ensure that any visitors including Ofsted, would see it as a place that truly does inspire learning in the light of Christ.

**Much has happened at the school.** I am so pleased to see that the curriculum has been thoroughly reviewed to ensure that all get access to real learning that progresses and engages. I am heartened that the attitude to learning and school as a whole is so much more focused: it is a happy place to be in. I am though especially thrilled to see children and staff embracing the wider opportunities to grow and flourish in so much more but especially in sports and music.

**St Mary's is very much on the map again with regard to sport:** the football team is back competing: the netball teams are flying (we have absolutely dominated in recent matches and the last tournament) and the cross country engaged 80% of children across the school last week and were double winners in the last multi-school competition.

**Quite a few of you will have heard many of the school musicians coming together as a band for assemblies and Masses.** The Mass to end the Spring term with was very special. What is also lovely, is that many others do like to play little tunes in assemblies now too. Music to me is an essential building block of life: a beautiful expression of creativity. To see children musically inspired has made my time at St Mary's have additional worth. I am therefore thrilled that Mrs Chadbourne loves music too and that Mr Gillespie will be taking on the school band. He is also looking to create choirs as well in the months and hopefully years ahead.

**Thank you for the support that so many of you gave to those being inducted for Confirmation and Holy Communion.** Though the numbers are quite small, they are reflective of the numbers of Catholic children in but be in no doubt that the whole school is learning about these sacraments and recognise their importance as steps on their faith journey.

- First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10am
- Confirmations will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

**Faith is and will remain an essential part of the provision at your school** as marked in the class masses, the wider prayer life of the school, the RE lessons and the day to day running of the school. I and all those attending, were for example very moved to witness the enactment of the 'Stations of the Cross' – simplicity and depth together. These have been a central part of our Lenten preparations alongside the learning of some Taize and a new (to them) version of the Kyrie Eleison.

A great school makes time for all of these key elements of education whether academic, pastoral, spiritual or creative. Indeed, without all of the elements, it surely can't be a great school?

We'd love you to continue to join with us in future masses here in school or when we come to church.

**In the meantime, I ask for your continued prayers as Mrs Chadbourne takes the reins** and builds further on the great things that have been achieved by the team including our governors with your support and that of Father Arul.

May your Easter bring many blessings to you all.

John Brine.

**Day of Reflection** for Eucharistic Ministers is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am - 12.00noon at the Olde Retreat House.