



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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07 APRIL 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

Saturday 06	Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) 7.30pm Mass
Sunday 07	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) 10.00am Patricia Clark's Intentions
Monday 08	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord 7.30am Fr. Antun Rosalie's Intentions
Tuesday 09	Easter Feria Private Mass
Wednesday 10	Easter Feria 6.00pm Eucharistic Adoration 7.00pm Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 11	St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr (Whole school Mass) 7.30am Montague Pendleton RIP
Friday 12	Easter Feria 7.30am Frank & Julia Vials RIP
Saturday 13	Easter Feria 5.30pm Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday 14	Third Sunday of Easter 10.00am Dolores 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 April – For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for Mary & Peter Diggins RIP. May God grant them eternal rest.

APPEAL FOR SPRING BINGO PRIZES: A Spring Bingo is being organized (date to be confirmed). 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.

Forthcoming Clergy & Laity Meetings: Further to Our Archbishop's instruction to deaneries in our Archdiocese to create deanery pastoral Councils and as follow up to the previous deanery gatherings in Bicester and Whitnash, the South Group (Banbury St John's, Banbury, St Joseph's, Bicester, Hethe, Charlbury, Chipping Norton, Kineton, Shipston and Brailes) will meet on **Tuesday 9th April at 7.00pm at St. John's, Banbury.**

The North Group (Baddesley Clinton, Balsall Common, Hampton-on-the-Hill, Kenilworth., Leamington Spa, Lillington, St. Marie's, Bilton, Hillmorton, Southam, Stratford-upon-Avon, Wappenbury, Warwick, Whitnash and Wootton Wawen) will meet at **Sacred Heart, (Bilton) Rugby on Thursday 11 April at 7.00pm.**

It will be helpful if those who volunteered and took part in the earlier meetings, could be present in the above meeting.

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

The Easter Season - The Great Fifty Days

*Believing Christ died – that's history.
Believing Christ died for me – that's salvation.*

May the Blessings of the Risen Lord be With You Always!

Regina Caeli: During Easter season, 'Regina Caeli' will be prayed in place of the 'Angelus'. Prayer cards are available in the foyer. Please remember to take it and join in the prayer.

Thank you very much for your generous Easter offerings. – Fr. Arul

Offertory Collections – 31 March 2024

Holy Places: £146.30.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 27 Sunday 67 Total:94

Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April: On behalf of Warwick Deanery, you are invited to Divine Mercy devotions at St Peter Apostle Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions are from 2.30pm with devotions from 3pm to 4pm.



Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist is being held on **Saturday 27th April 9.30am - 12.00noon** at the Olde Retreat House. The renewal of Commitment will now take place on Corpus Christi (2nd June).

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist are expected to do this as part of their commitment. Please book you places with Sr. Sharon or Val.

THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: To help bring us closer to Christ, our Catholic tradition has held special times sacred to honour Jesus, his Mother, and the saints throughout the year. One of these ways is through the dedication of each month to a particular theme. The following are the common, widespread Catholic devotions for each month throughout the year.

January	The Holy Name of Jesus
February	The Holy Family
March	St. Joseph
April	The Blessed Sacrament / Holy Eucharist
May	The Blessed Virgin Mary
June	The Sacred Heart of Jesus
July	The Precious Blood of Jesus
August	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
September	The Seven Dolours of Mary / The Sorrowful Mother
October	The Holy Rosary
November	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
December	The Immaculate Conception

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. May we grow in our love of the Blessed Sacrament and may we express it through our reverence.

Easter Duty: As a Precept of the Church, 'Easter Duty' draws the Catholic faithful directly into the heart of the Paschal Mystery, hence the importance of Eucharistic reception during the Easter season (ordinarily Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday). Although most Catholics receive Holy Communion frequently throughout the year including Eastertime, Easter Duty sets the minimum obligation and expectations for those who do not.

Month of May is traditionally observed as 'Month of Mary'. There will be a formal beginning of May devotions at the beginning of the month and another to conclude at the end of the month.

Prayer for Vocations: Our diocesan Vocations office has provided many helpful literatures, including prayer cards asking for our support through prayers and practical means. Please consider joining in their efforts. Let us make praying for vocations a regular habit of our personal prayers.