



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No 234216



14 APRIL 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Saturday 13	Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter
5.30pm	Mass
Sunday 14	Third Sunday of Easter
10.00am	Dolores Blanco (RIP)
Monday 15	Easter Feria
9.30am	Onur Ince (RIP)
Tuesday 16	Easter Feria
	Private Mass
Wednesday 17	Easter Feria
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 18	Easter Feria
9.30am	Montague Pendleton RIP
Friday 19	Easter Feria
9.30am	Frank & Julia Vials RIP
Saturday 20	Easter Feria
	Private Mass
5.30pm	Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter
	Mass
Sunday 21	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday)
10.00am	Mass

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 Valerie Berridge. Please pray for her intentions.

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.

Thank You to our parishioners who attended the meeting at Bilton on Thursday to participate in the discussions towards forming the Deanery Pastoral Council. As this happens, our parish too will be looking into forming the Parish Pastoral Council. Parishioners are asked to pray that these efforts will yield the intended outcome for the good of the parishes, deaneries, and our Archdiocese at large.

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

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.

Clergy Training Fund: Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for Clergy Training Fund.

The Easter Season - The Great Fifty Days

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

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

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

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 on Wednesday 1st May and another to conclude on Friday 31st May.

Rosary is prayed before Masses, particularly during the month of May and October in many parishes. We need volunteers to lead the Rosary. Anyone willing to help, please let Fr. Arul know.

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.

The New Sunday Missal - EARLY BIRD OFFER: Pre-order your copy by 31st May and receive Your Sunday Missal for only £19.95! After this date, it will revert to the full retail price of £24.95 Stocks due in Autumn 2024, we will update you when you can expect to receive your copy. You can order directly from the Redemptorist Publications or through our parish piety stall.

TRUE DEVOTION TO JESUS AND MARY: We are starting again our group for the Warwickshire area and would welcome anyone else from the deanery that would like to join us. The devotion is considered to be a perfect renewal of a person's baptismal promises and is based on the teachings and spirituality of St Louis Marie de Montfort. Please bring your rosary for our first meeting: Upper Room St Peter's parish centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA on Saturday 27th April at 11am.
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Local contact: Peter Dimambro 01926 428399
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Closing date for applications is 29th April. Please send your CV and covering letter to Jen Hill at office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Offertory Collections – 07 April 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £132. Candles £65.51 Donation: £40.00 Cafod: £47.00
Refreshments: £11.50 Lenten Lunch: £26.50
Thank you very much for your generosity.
Mass Attendance: Saturday: 32 Sunday 80 Total:112

Why do we make the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and chests before listening to the Gospel at Mass?

...(Our listening) of the Gospel must change our minds, it must be proclaimed by our lips, and it must affect our hearts. By our hearts, we especially mean our wills, affections, emotions, and passions.

*God be in my head and in my thinking,
God be in my lips and in my speaking,
God be in my heart and in my loving.*

The next time you sign yourself with the Cross before the Gospel, make sure that it's more than just an external gesture; make sure it is also a prayer and an invitation to Christ!