



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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21 APRIL 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – VOCATIONS SUNDAY

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

Saturday 20 5.30pm	Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter (<i>Vocations Sunday</i>) Anne & Terry Connor (Intentions)
Sunday 21 10.00am	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday) The Clarke Family Intentions
Monday 22 9.30am	Easter Feria Sophia & Roger Green (Intentions)
Tuesday 23	Easter Feria Private Mass
Wednesday 24 6.00pm	Easter Feria ~ ~ ~ No Eucharistic Adoration ~ ~ ~
7.00pm	~ ~ ~ No Mass ~ ~ ~
Thursday 25 9.30am	Easter Feria ~ ~ ~ No Mass ~ ~ ~
Friday 26 9.30am	Easter Feria ~ ~ ~ No Mass ~ ~ ~
Saturday 27 5.30pm	Easter Feria Private Mass Vigil Mass: Fifth Sunday of Easter Sr. Mary Fitzpatrick fmm (Intentions)
Sunday 28 10.00am	Fifth Sunday of Easter 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.

Patrick Ryan RIP: Pat Ryan died on 5th April. May he rest in peace. Heartfelt condolences to the Ryan Family. Funeral will take place Friday 10th May at 10.30am in our church.

Alpha course is taking place at St Joseph's Church, Whitnash on Mondays at 7.30 - 9.00 pm. All are welcome.

APPEAL FOR SPRING BINGO PRIZES: A Spring Bingo is being organized on Tuesday 30th April, starting at 1930hrs. We are appealing for the following prize items: CHOCOLATES, BOTTLES, plants. Vouchers too are welcome! Your support will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist & Readers 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 you places with Sr. Sharon or Val.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for Patricia Clarke. Please pray for her intentions. Dates available from 25th May.

Clergy Training Fund: This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Clergy Training Fund.

The Year of Prayer 2024 and The Jubilee Year 2025

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a **Year of Prayer** by Pope Francis.

There is a particular focus on the *Our Father*, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

As the Gospel is a message of Joy, we should be eager to share with others, and this can be done especially by inviting people to a deeper, prayerful encounter with Jesus Christ this year.

We are encouraged to reflect on our life of prayer: what we pray, how we pray, and why we pray, enabling us:

- To go deeper in their commitment to pray, and in their love of God",
- To think about how "we might accompany someone else to pray during the coming Year of Prayer".

A resource book 'WE DARE TO SAY' for faith-sharing groups on the Lord's Prayer is available in our piety stall for "£2.99.

Very shortly, there will be a few faith-sharing sessions in our parish. Volunteers to lead the sessions will be welcome.

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 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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Friends of the Holy Land are looking for an energetic, dedicated individual to join our fast-moving, growing charity making a difference to Christians in the Holy Land. The successful candidate must have office experience, excellent oral and written communication skills and be a 'people person'; social media experience is also desirable. Full details are available at <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/jobs>
Closing date for applications is 29th April. Please send your CV and covering letter to Jen Hill at office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Offertory Collections – 14 April 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £86.05. Votive Candles: £15.76

Refreshments: £10.55

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 30 Sunday 66 Total:96

APF Red Boxes: Thank you to all those who help the worldwide missionary endeavours of the church through your prayers and material help. Could those who use the APF Red Boxes please return them to the coordinators by 5th May for counting forwarding your offerings to the Mission Office? Thank you.

International/Intercultural Mass: In recent years in some parishes where its members represent various nationalities / cultural background, on or around Pentecost, a Mass incorporating prayers or readings other languages is celebrated. Those members might also be encouraged to come in their national dress, and it might also include bring and share refreshments / meal. If this is something our parish could try, we need volunteers to take responsibility for the various aspects of the celebration. Anyone interested / willing to help, please speak to Fr. Arul.

Bike Ride: After 5 years of undertaking Ride the Night, a fund raiser involving riding 100kms, overnight through London, with 1000 other pink ladies, to raise money for cancer research I vowed never to do it again.

But then last year my sister-in-law, Pauline, fell foul of this awful disease and died just 2 weeks after diagnosis. And so, for a final time I am riding in her memory on the night of 4th May whilst you are all tucked up in bed.

We have all known someone touched by this disease. Please if you can spare a little, do sponsor me either through following the link below, adding your name to my sponsor firm or coming along to Sup a Cup and Cake at 2:00 on April 24th and make a donation there. And even better, say a prayer on the night to keep me safe!

<https://join.dream-challenges.com/fundraisers/angelascull>