



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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28 APRIL 2024 – FIFTH 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 27	Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter
5.30pm	Sr. Mary Fitzpatrick fmm (Intentions)
Sunday 28	Fifth Sunday of Easter
10.00am	Mass
Monday 29	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, V. D. Patron of Europe</i>
9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 30	Easter Feria
	Private Mass
Wednesday 01	Easter Feria
10.30am	Eucharistic Adoration
11.00am	Mass
Thursday 02	<i>St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>
9.30am	Mass in School (Yrs N, R & 3)
Friday 03	<i>Ss Philip & James, Apostle</i>
9.30am	Mass
Saturday 04	<i>English Martyrs</i>
	Private Mass
5.30pm	Vigil Mass: Sixth Sunday of Easter
	Mary Hughes RIP (Birthday)
Sunday 05	Sixth Sunday of Easter
10.00am	Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday 10.30am – 11.00am.
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 May – For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Mass in School: On Thursday 2 May, the Mass at 9.30am will be in St. Mary's Primary School. Years N/R/3 will be attending. All are welcome.

Two New Auxiliary Bishops for our Archdiocese: Pope Francis has appointed Mgr. Timothy Menezes (St. Chad's Cathedral Dean now) and Canon Richard Walker (Vicar now) as Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese. Congratulations to them! We wish them well and pray for fruitful ministry in their new roles.

CAFOD's emergency appeal for Sudan: CAFOD have asked parishes to hold an emergency appeal. The situation in Sudan is deteriorating rapidly and with 25 million people needing immediate humanitarian assistance up to seven million people will now be at risk of famine-like conditions by June. Sorry for the short notice. Your generosity will be much appreciated.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST, 5 MAY 2024: The annual International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians will take place on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (5 May 2024), with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, India and Ukraine.

For further detailed information/resources about its observance, including a Bidding Prayer and a general prayer composed by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-fitzgerald-give-thanks-to-god-for-eastern-christians/>

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

Month of May is traditionally observed as 'Month of Mary'. There will be a formal beginning of May devotions on Wednesday 1st May with Adoration at 10.30am and Mass at 11.00am 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.

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

Margaret Webster RIP: Margaret aged 88years died on 19th April. May she rest in peace. The Funeral Mass for Margaret will be on Friday 17th May at 10.30am in our church.

Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for Patrick Ryan RIP. Please pray for the repose of his soul. Dates available from 25th May.

BINGO – MONDAY 24TH MAY: To give more publicity and time to prepare for this event, we are postponing it to Monday 24th May. Apologies for any inconvenience. Thank you to those who generously donated various items so far for prizes. We could do well with few more of them! If you can help, we shall be very grateful.

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.

Offertory Collections – 21 April 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £125.20. Candles £41.60 Vocations Sunday: £95.60
Refreshments: £25.10

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 28 Sunday 49 Total:77

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, a Mass incorporating prayers or readings other languages is celebrated on or around Pentecost. 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 would be willing to try, we need volunteers to take responsibility for the various aspects of the celebration. Anyone interested / willing to help, please speak to Fr. Arul.