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THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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12 MAY 2024 – SEVENTH 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 11	Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter
5.30pm	The Rutherford Family (Intentions)
Sunday 12	Seventh Sunday of Easter
10.00am	Michael Harrison RIP
Monday 13	Easter Feria
9.30am	Teddy Kelly RIP (<i>aged 6 years</i>)
Tuesday 14	Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle
	Private Mass
Wednesday 15	Easter Feria
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Sr. Sharon pcj & Sr. Beate osb
Thursday 16	Easter Feria
9.30am	Phyllis Ind RIP
Friday 17	Easter Feria
10.30am	Requiem: Margaret (Peggy) Webster RIP
Saturday 18	Easter Feria
	Private Mass
5.30pm	Vigil Mass: Solemnity of Pentecost
	Sean, Celia, Helen, Kirsty McCluskey & Jayne Mullen RIP
Sunday 19	Solemnity of Pentecost
10.00am	Carmel Hannon (Intentions)

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 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.

Month of May is traditionally observed as 'Month of Mary'. Rosary is prayed before Masses, particularly during the month of May and October in many parishes. Volunteers are welcome to do so in our parish too.

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.

Margaret Webster RIP: Margaret aged 88years died on 19th April. May she rest in peace. Heartfelt condolences to her grieving family. Margaret's Requiem Mass is on Friday 17th May at 10.30am in our church.

SPRING BINGO: We have this fundraising event for the parish on Monday 20th May. Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Refreshments available. There will be Raffles too!

'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 are very grateful.

The New Lectionary: The Bishops' Conferences of England & Wales and Scotland have authorised the mandatory use of new Lectionary in our parishes from Advent 2024. The New Lectionary is now divided into four volumes and will cost £695.00 (£173.75 per volume). Donations / Sponsorship towards this by parishioners will be very helpful and welcome!

The New Sunday Missal - EARLY BIRD OFFER: Please hurry up and place your order directly from the Redemptorist Publications or through our parish piety stall.

Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the intentions of Sr. Sharon pcj. Please pray for her. Dates available from 8th June.

Come, O Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill my heart with Your gifts. Let my love be true and my charity be generous. Help me in all my needs and grant me knowledge to do what is right. Advise me in my doubts, strengthen me in my weakness, protect me when I am tempted and console me when I am afraid. Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit, and pour Your light into my heart, mind, and soul. Help me to live a holy life and grow in goodness and grace. AMEN.

Silver Medal of Merit: Natalie Braun has been an altar server for well over 20 years. We congratulate and thank her for her dedication and generous service to the parish. The Silver Medal of Merit will be awarded to Natalie next Sunday at 10.00am Mass!

International/Intercultural Mass: In recent years in parishes where its members represent various nationalities / cultural / language background, a Mass incorporating prayers / readings / singing in 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 / able to help, please contact Fr. Arul.

Sacramental Celebrations 2024: With view of the forthcoming celebrations of First Holy Communions (on Sunday 9th June) and Confirmation (Thursday 20th June), a couple of new hymns / parts of Masses will need to be practised. your support and cooperation will be much appreciated.

Updated Guidelines for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers are available in the church foyer. All are encouraged to make good use of them. Thank you for your dedicated help and support!

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.

Offertory Collections – 5 May 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £120.03 Candles £7.18 Refreshments: £3.40

CAFOD's emergency appeal for Sudan: £175.47

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 30 Sunday 53 Total:83

APF Red Boxes: Could those who use the APF Red Boxes please return them to the coordinators as soon as possible for counting forwarding your offerings to the Mission Office? Thank you.

Catholic Communications: This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications.

Thank You: The night of 4th May was bright and clear as I achieved a personal best on Ride the Night, setting out at 9:15 and completing at 3:00 in the morning. Everything ached but I was one of the top fund raisers with £1450 raised thanks to your generosity! If I mention EVER doing it again, please lock me up! – Angela Scull

Sup a Cup and cake: The next Sup a Cup and cake is on 15th May at 2:00-3:30

Good Luck to Wendy, Tracey, Donna and Angela who are walking 25 miles of the Shakespeare's Way raising funds for The Shakespear Hospice in memory of Maurice on Sunday 12th May.