



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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05 MAY 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

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

Saturday 04 5.30pm	Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter Sr. Sharon & Val Berridge (Intentions)
Sunday 05 10.00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Mary Hughes RIP (Birthday)
Monday 06 10.00am	Easter Feria Georgina Sweeney (Birthday) Intentions
Tuesday 07	Easter Feria Private Mass
Wednesday 08 6.00pm	Easter Feria Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	The Cashmore Family (Intentions)
Thursday 09 9.30am	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Julie & Terry Hum (Intentions)
7.00pm	People of the Parish
Friday 10 10.30am	Easter Feria Requiem: Patrick Ryan RIP
Saturday 11	Easter Feria Private Mass
5.30pm	Vigil Mass: Seventh Sunday of Easter The Rutherford Family (Intentions)
Sunday 12 10.00am	Seventh Sunday of Easter Michael Harrison 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 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.

Holyday of Obligation: Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a holyday of obligation.

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS is celebrated annually on the Sixth Sunday of Easter. It offers an opportunity for Eastern and Western Christians to come together to pray for peace in the world – especially in the Middle East. The charity Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) in partnership with the Dicastery for Oriental Churches helps organise this annual day of prayer, with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa India and Ukraine.

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 parishes too.

Mass on Thursday: On Thursday 9 May, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The Mass at 9.30am will be in the Church. The whole of St. Mary's Primary School will be attending. All are welcome.

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 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.

Heartfelt condolences to both the families.

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

BINGO – MONDAY 20TH MAY: To give more publicity and time to prepare for this event, we are postponing it to Monday 20th 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: Please hurry up and place your order directly from the Redemptorist Publications or through our parish piety stall.

Offertory Collections – 28 April 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £73.53. Candles £6.10 Refreshments: £8.30

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 26 Sunday 52 Total:78

CAFOD's emergency appeal for Sudan: As informed last weekend, there will be a second collection this weekend. This is in response to CAFOD's an emergency appeal for Sudan.

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

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.

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

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER & REFLECT

HOLY COMMUNION: If you are not a Roman Catholic, a member of a church in full communion with it, or an Orthodox unable to attend an Orthodox Liturgy, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Holy Communion cannot be given to all, as it is for us the sign of unity in the faith.

Communion is not bread and wine, but the **Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son**. Let us pray for true unity among all Christians, as God wills. As for Catholics, we need always to remember the truth of the Blessed Sacrament and receive Jesus with care, attention, and reverence, as well as offering the Mass with attention and without causing unnecessary distractions to others by moving about at the most sacred moments. (Courtesy: St. Peter's, Leamington Spa)