



# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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## 04 AUGUST 2024 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Saturday 03 5.30pm	<i>Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sr. Máire Morris pcj RIP
Sunday 04 10.00am	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mala Teeluck RIP
Monday 05	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> ~~~ No Mass ~~~
Tuesday 06 9.30am	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Montague Pendleton RIP
Wednesday 07 6.00pm	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Kevin Gill (Intentions)
Thursday 08 9.30am	<i>St. Dominic, Priest</i> Jane & John Wilson
Friday 09 11.00am	<i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross V. M. PoE</i> Amalorpava Mary (Birthday)
Saturday 10 5.30pm	<i>St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr</i> Private Mass <i>Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Frank & Julia Vials RIP
Sunday 11 10.00am	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ravin Teeluck 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.  
Children's Liturgy: At 10.00am Mass on Sundays during term time.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for July – For the pastoral care of the sick:** We pray that the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

**The Further Hunger:** Last Sunday we saw how Jesus gave bread to the people in the wilderness. But when they came back the next day for more, he said to them, 'Do not work for perishable food, but for the food that endures to eternal life.'

The First Reading this weekend tells how God fed his people in the desert with manna. This is regarded as the classic example of God's care for his people.

Jesus too fed the people who were hungry. But the Gospel makes it clear that the Son of Man did not come down from above merely to satisfy physical hunger. He came to give a heavenly bread that people will eat and never become hungry. The manna was only a foreshadowing of the spiritual food which was now being offered by Jesus to his followers. The manna nourished people physically and sustained life temporarily. The new bread will nourish people spiritually and sustain life eternally.

The 'bread' in question is primarily the teaching given by Jesus. Only at a secondary level does it refer to the Eucharist.

**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.

**Sanctuary Lamp:** The sanctuary lamp is burning this week for Margaret & William Mullen RIP. May God grant them eternal rest. Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 10 August at £4.00 per week.

**Sr. Máire Morris pcj RIP:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Máire Morris pcj who died on 17<sup>th</sup> July near to her family in Bradford. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 12.00noon at St. Walburga's Church, Shipley BD18 3LR followed by burial and reception in the afternoon.

**Adoremus in Our Parish- Sunday 15 September:** On Sunday 15 September, the Bishops of England and Wales invite all parishes across our countries to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

This can be a Holy Hour or a period of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **We shall have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration before the Masses over this weekend.**

**Sponsored windowpanes:** A few years ago, we raised money to repair the Stained-Glass window which is in the balcony by sponsoring a pane of glass.

There are still some unsponsored panes left, so once again to raise funds for the parish, we invite you to either sponsor a pane for yourselves or dedicate a pane to a loved one. Prices are £5 for small or £15 for larger. If interested, please see Pat Woolston.

**Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall:** The annual pilgrimage to Harvington Hall in memory of the English Martyrs takes place on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Parish has organised a minibus to go. All places have been taken. Many thanks to the organizers and all those who have reserved their places.

**Preparing for the Season of Creation:** Everyone in the Catholic family - parishes, schools, communities and individuals - is encouraged to join in prayer to mark the Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October.

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The "Celebration" begins 1 September, the Feast of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

### Offertory Collections – 28 July 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £100.51 Candles £15.50 Pilgrimage: £20.00

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 29 Sunday 41 Total:88

**Parish Finance:** Please consider setting up a standing order through your online banking to support our parish.

Bank: NatWest. Sort Code: 60-12-35. Account Number: 01015796.

Account Name: RCAOB Our Lady & St. Wulstan, Southam.

Please add the Reference: OFFERING. If you are a taxpayer, you could 'Gift Aid' your offering/s. Gift Aid Declaration (forms) are available at the back of the church.

**Patron Saints of Europe:** The Catholic Church honours and venerates six saints as **patron saints of Europe**. The main patron saint is Benedict of Nursia. Cyril and Methodius, Bridget of Sweden, Catherine of Siena and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross are co-patrons.

**Christian Prayer** is the simple act of addressing God as 'you'. 'We give you thanks, oh Lord...' is a common beginning to many Christian prayers. In the Lord's Prayer, we pray: 'Hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done.' While this archaic use of 'thy' meaning 'your' can put people off, nevertheless it preserves an important point: 'thou', an old form of 'you', can be compared to the French or Spanish use of **tu**, which indicates familiarity with the person addressed. In other words, in prayer, God is spoken to as somebody familiar, such as a parent or friend. To pray is to address God as a familiar friend – to speak to 'you' rather than to think about 'him'. *Abbot Christopher Jamison, Finding Sanctuary, p. 53)*

"The nation... doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are."  
(*St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*)

"God Himself teaches us to go forward with our hand in His by means of the Church's liturgy."  
(*St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*)