



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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22 SEPTEMBER 2024 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest

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

Saturday 21 5.30pm	<i>Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sr. Sharon pcj (Intentions)
Sunday 22 10.00am	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sr. Máire Morris pcj RIP
Monday 23 9.30am	<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i> Mass
Tuesday 24	<i>Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</i> Private Mass
Wednesday 25 9.00am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Eucharistic Adoration
9.30am	Mass
7.00pm	<i>Golden Jubilee Mass at Sacred Heart, Bilton.</i>
Thursday 26 9.00am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Mass
Friday 27 9.30am	<i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> Mass
Saturday 28 5.30pm	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mass
Sunday 29 10.00am	<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday 9.00am – 9.30am.
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 September – For the cry of the earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

The Suffering Just One: The First Reading talks about the just one who serves the cause of righteousness and suffers for it at the hands of the wicked. The 'righteous' are those who hold on to their faith in God and obey his commandments. This passage has been seen in Christian tradition as anticipating the hostility suffered by Jesus, the suffering just one par excellence.

The Gospel is the second prediction of the Passion: once again the disciples do not understand. Instead, motivated by selfish ambition, they get involved in an argument as to which of them is the greatest. This kind of ambition is condemned in the Gospel and the Second Reading.

It is not ambition itself that is condemned, but false ambition, for it involves a desire to rule others. It creates conflict and division and is very damaging to the unity of the community. True ambition, on the other hand, is the desire to serve others. The best and purest kind of service is that which is rendered to the little ones, that is, the most insignificant persons in the community.

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.

RIP: Please pray for the recently deceased, especially Fr Terence McGuckin, Fr Peter Blundell, Roy Hedges, Mark Hallam, Paul Gorner, John Fitzpatrick, Kay Webster and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

Sanctuary Lamp: The sanctuary lamp is burning this week for the intentions of the Sweeney Family. Let us pray for them. Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 26th October at £4.00 per week.

Adoremus in Our Parish: 'Thank you' to all who took part in the Eucharistic Adoration last weekend. May the Eucharist continue to sustain our faith, nourish our hope and renew of life.

Memorial Mass Sr. Máire Morris pcj RIP: Welcome to this Memorial Mass for Sr. Máire Morris pcj. As we give thanks to God for her life and dedicated ministry in the church to the people of God, we shall also pray for the repose of her soul.

After Mass there will a 'Bring & Share' lunch in Parish Hall. All are welcome. Many thanks to the organizers and the generous donors of various items needed for the 'Bring & Share' lunch.

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.

Father Hudson's Care Annual Parish Collection: As you are aware we receive an Annual Parish collection each year, for which we are truly grateful. **This year our collection takes place over the weekend of the 21st & 22nd of September.** This is a major fundraising event for our charity as the money raised goes to support our five themes, Homelessness, Older People, Disability, Children & Family and Refugees and Migrants.

We have asked staff, volunteers & supporters to speak to their local priest, seeking permission to deliver a short presentation in church the week before, to act as a reminder. Could it also be possible to include this in your weekly newsletter please?

It would be really appreciated if you could display the poster and perhaps ensure that the leaflets and envelopes are available on the 21st & 22nd. Thank you for your support.

Offertory Collections – 15.09 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £87.91 Catholic Mission £88.30 Candles £12.10

Donations (Healing Mass): £12.90

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 29 Sunday 62 Total:91

Volunteers for Children's Liturgy: At the moment, we have just two members of the Children's Liturgy on the rota. We need more volunteers to help initiating the children in the essentials of Catholic life. Otherwise, there is danger of 'Children's Liturgy' in our parish sadly coming to an end. Children are indeed welcome in the church! Parents with children are welcome to attend Mass regularly! Just for safety and practical considerations, they are asked to be seated in the main body of the church.

Parents and grandparents are requested to encourage their children / grandchildren to take part in the Sunday Mass regularly.

Arranging a Baptism: Congratulations on the birth of your baby! First, parents must begin the process by seeing Fr Arul in person at a Sunday Mass. He can then check a few simple facts and give out a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through other members of the family, but face to face. Parents need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

Why do we make the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and chests before listening to the Gospel at Mass?

... (Our listening) of the Gospel must change our minds, it must be proclaimed by our lips, and it must affect our hearts. By our hearts, we especially mean our wills, affections, emotions, and passions.

**God be in my head and in my thinking,
 God be in my lips and in my speaking,
 God be in my heart and in my loving.**

The next time you sign yourself with the Cross before the Gospel, make sure that it's more than just an external gesture; make sure it is also a prayer and an invitation to Christ.