



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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08 SEPTEMBER 2024 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (EDUCATION SUNDAY)

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

Saturday 07 5.30pm	<i>Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> In Thanksgiving for all Benefactors
Sunday 08 10.00am	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Dolores Bianco-Domingues RIP
Monday 09 9.30am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Breda Mahar RIP (3rd Anniversary)
Tuesday 10	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Private Mass
Wednesday 11 6.00pm	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Angela Lyons (Intentions)
Thursday 12 9.30am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Jean O'Callaghan RIP
Friday 13 9.30am	<i>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor</i> Lesley Colclough (Intentions)
Saturday 14 11.00am	<i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross</i> Mass with Sacrament of the Sick
4.30pm	Holy Hour
5.30pm	<i>Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> The Bates Family
Sunday 15 9.00am	<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Holy Hour
10.00am	Matthew Stewart (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.
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 deaf hear and the dumb speak: In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus performs the miracle in Gentile territory. The faith-response of the Gentiles contrasts sharply with that of many of his own people. In Mark's mind Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah, 'The ears of the deaf will be unsealed, and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy'. In other words, Jesus is the one who brings salvation to Israel.

This miracle is the only cure in the Gospels that is described as taking place gradually. Mark saw it as an illustration of growth in faith. It is what happens to every Christian at Baptism. Christ touches our ears so that we can hear his word, and touches our tongues so that we can proclaim our faith. Hence, we too can say, 'He has done all things well; he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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 Leslie Perry. Let us pray for Leslie and the Perry family.
 Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 26th October at £4.00 per week.

Thank You: Our Parish Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall last Sunday went very well. 'Thank you' to all who were able to take part in it and a big 'thank you' to the organisers.

Memorial Mass Sr. Máire Morris pcj RIP: A Memorial Mass for Sr. Máire will be held on Sunday 22nd September 2024 at 10.00am. After Mass there will be a 'Bring & Share' lunch in Parish Hall. All are welcome. A list will be at the back of the Church for you to indicate what you can bring.

Celebrating Education Sunday, 8 September: An opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools and universities places of enlightenment as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

There are 245 schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham with almost 90,000 pupils.

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (8 September, in 2024) just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. This year's theme for Education Sunday is drawn from its Gospel reading of Mark 7:31-37: *He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Shroud of Turin: A full-size replica of the world famous Shroud of Turin is now on display at St Patrick's, Wood End in Coventry, until Saturday 14 September.

It is a striking 15-foot replica image, a photograph printed onto cotton by American photographer, Barrie Schwartz, who was the official photographer at the STuRP (Shroud of Turin Research Project) examination of the Shroud in 1978. Visitors can view Tuesdays to Fridays 5-7pm, Saturdays 12-5pm and Sundays from 11.30am to 1pm.

Mass for the Sick & Housebound with Sacrament of the Sick is taking place on Saturday 14th September at 11.00am. Those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the sick, please add your names to the list provided.

Adoremus in Our Parish- Next Sunday (15 Sept): As the Bishops of England and Wales have invited 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, there will be an hour of **Eucharistic Adoration before the Masses next weekend. Parishioners are asked to come a little earlier and take part in the adoration.**

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?

Shortly after the bank holiday you will receive leaflets, a poster and gift envelopes. 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 – 01.09 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £128.23 Candles £12.90 Baptism: £30.00

Donation towards Lectionaries: £100.00 (Ison Family)

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 23 Sunday 70 Total:93

Catholic Education Service: This weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

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

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham: The Vatican has granted a new Feast for Our Lady of Walsingham to be celebrated in the dioceses of England, starting this year on 24 September. Speaking of the new feast of Our Lady of Walsingham Cardinal Roche said: "May this yearly celebration be a source of renewed grace and evangelical endeavour for the Church in England and Wales, as, imitating Mary, the faithful may ever more become disciples of her Son, receive the message of the Gospel, treasure it in their hearts and reflect on it in their minds."