



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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29.09. 2024 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - World Day of Migrants & Refugees

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

Saturday 28 5.30pm	<i>Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sr. Maire Morris pcj RIP (RP)
Sunday 29 10.00am	<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mass
Monday 30 9.30am	<i>St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i> Mass
Tuesday 01	<i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor</i> Private Mass - In Thanksgiving: Ordination Anniversary
Wednesday 02 6.00pm	<i>Memorial of Holy Guardian Angels</i> Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Lesley Colclough
Thursday 03 9.30am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Mass in School
Friday 04 9.30am	<i>St. Francis of Assisi (First Friday & Family Fast Day)</i> Mass
Saturday 05 5.30pm	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mass
Sunday 06 10.00am	<i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mass

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October – For a shared mission: We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

God's Spirit in the World: We praise God for all his prophets: men and women of every nation and creed who have resisted evil and manifested the Spirit in their lives.

The chosen co-workers / assistants of Moses were endowed with the spirit of leadership and prophecy which was given to Moses. God's choice is not a personal privilege to be guarded jealously, but a call to serve his people!

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 Gerner, 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 Florence & Frank. Let us pray for them. Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 9th November at £4.00 per week.

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. Coming to Mass regularly will be an additional help you could do!

Thank You - Memorial Mass for Sr. Máire Morris pcj RIP: Thank you very much to all who joined in the celebration to remember and give thanks to God for Sr. Máire. A big thank you to all who helped in organizing this event and for the generous contribution for the 'Bring & Share' reception that followed the Mass in the parish hall!

We intend to have a similar event on Sunday 3rd November in honour of 'All Saints' / 'All Hallows' (Nov. 1). Parents with children will be very welcome! Children will be encouraged to come dressed as a saint of their choice. Volunteers are welcome to organize this event! Anyone interested and willing to help, please speak to Fr. Arul.

Leave of Absence: Between 7th and 25th October, I shall be away visiting my family in India. Frs. Teddy O'Brien MSM and Moses Pitya AJ will be covering the weekend Masses during my absence.

St Mary's Catholic Primary & Nursery School - Open Tours
 We are running open tours throughout the autumn for parents looking for Reception 2025 places – and parents of rising 3s looking for a Nursery place.

- Thursday 17th October – 9.30 and 1.30
- Wednesday 20th November – 9.30 and 1.30
- Tuesday 3rd December – 9.30 and 1.30

Tours can be booked by contacting the school office: admin3505@welearn365.com or 01926 812512

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 – 22.09 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £93.25 Fr. Hudson's Care £170.10 Candles £12.60
 Refreshments: £14.00

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 20 Sunday 59 Total:79

CAFOD Harvest Fast: Friday October 4 is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Next weekend there will be a second collection for CAFOD.

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. This must be considered frankly from health and safety & safeguarding point of view too.

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.

Readers for weekdays: On weekdays, when Mass is celebrated at 9.30am, if participants could gather around 9.10am, devotions such as Rosary, Lauds (Morning Prayer of the Church), Divine Mercy Chaplet could be prayed communally.

It would also be much appreciated if on weekdays those who attend Mass could do the Readings taking turns regularly or form a rota if it is practical, giving opportunity to as many as possible. As we are in need of more readers, this could be a good preparation!

ALFA COURSE in our parish: Having successfully completed an Alfa Course in Whitnash early this year, our parishioners who had been involved in it, would like to do it again, this time in our parish. Hope many will be interested and will come along to take part in this course. More details to follow.