



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No 234216



06 OCTOBER 2024 – TWENTY-SEVENTH 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".

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| Saturday 05 5.30pm | <i>Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> John & Jane Wilson |
| Sunday 06 10.00am | <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Matthew Stewart RIP |
| Monday 07 9.30am | <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i> ~~~ No Mass ~~~ |
| Tuesday 08 | <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> ~~~ No Mass ~~~ |
| Wednesday 09 6.00pm 7.00pm | <i>Feast of St. John Henry Newman, Priest</i> ~~~ No Eucharistic Adoration ~~~ ~~~ No Mass ~~~ |
| Thursday 10 9.30am | <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> ~~~ No Mass ~~~ |
| Friday 11 9.30am | <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> ~~~ No Mass ~~~ |
| Saturday 12 5.30pm | <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mass |
| Sunday 13 10.00am | <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mass |

Eucharistic Adoration: None this week.
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 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.

The Family of God: We celebrate today our belonging together as the family of God. Christ has made us his brothers and sisters, and children of our heavenly Father. The love and respect we show for each other in this celebration will be largely dependent on the love and respect that exist in our own human families.

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, all the faithful departed 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 Ian Woolston. Let us pray for him. Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 6th Dedember at £4.00 per week.

World Mission Sunday 'Bring & Buy Cake Sale': Please support World Missions on Sunday 20 October 2024. We will have a Bring & Buy Cake Sale. So please make a cake for us to sell. All monies raised will go to the World Missions. Your Support will be greatly appreciated

Book of Remembrance: There is a sheet of paper at back of the church for you to add names of this year's deceased for the Book of Remembrance. Please respond as soon as possible.

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 two preparation sessions before the baptism can take place. **Coming to Mass regularly will be an additional help you could do!**

'Bring & Share' lunch: We intend to have a 'Bring & Share' lunch on Sunday 3rd November in honour of 'All Saints' / 'All Hallows' (Nov. 1). Parents with children are very welcome! Children are encouraged to come dressed as a saint of their choice, and they could share some information about the saints they have chosen, if they so wish / encouraged.

Volunteers are welcome to organize this event! Anyone interested and willing to help, please speak to Fr. Arul. A list will be at the back of the Church for you to indicate what you can bring.

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.

Prisoners' Sunday: Next Sunday is Prisoners' Sunday when the Catholic Church encourages everyone to reflect on and pray for prisoners and their families at Mass. **Pact, (Prison Advice and Care Trust)** is the national Catholic prison charity. **There will be a second collection to support Pact's important work in the year ahead.**

Prisons Week 13 - 19 October: Prisoners' Sunday marks the first day of the ecumenical Prisons Week, a dedicated week of prayer across our Christian communities.

Pact – a leading Catholic charity for 125 years: As the leading Catholic charity in prisons, we have been helping people in need for 125 years. We support prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. Our work at Pact draws on the values of our faith: dignity, solidarity, subsidiarity. We believe that everyone can make a fresh start whatever they may have done.

Last year, our dedicated staff and volunteers supported 100,000 prison visits, took more than 40,000 calls on our helpline and helped over 300 people with emergency grants. Our work is a lifeline for many thousands of people struggling to stay afloat or to make a fresh start.

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 3 December – 9.30 and 1.30

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

Offertory Collections – 29.09 2024

Non-Gift Aided: £76.15 Candles £23.20

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 20 Sunday 59 Total:79

Youth and age

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind.
 Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years;
 people grow old only by deserting their ideals.
 Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair,
 these are the long, long years that bow the head
 and turn the growing spirit back to dust.
 You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt;
 as young as your hope, as old as your despair.
 So long as your heart receives messages of beauty,
 cheer, courage, grandeur and power
 from the earth, from man, from the infinite,
 so long are you young.
 When the heart is covered with the snow of pessimism
 and the ice of cynicism,
 then I am grown old indeed,
 and may you, Lord, have mercy on my soul.

General Douglas MacArthur