



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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12 JANUARY 2025 – FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Psalter Week 1

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

Saturday 11 *Vigil: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

5.30pm Mass

Sunday 12 *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

10.00am Mass

Monday 13 *Feria in Ordinary Time*

9.30am ~~~ No Mass ~~~

Tuesday 14 *Feria in Ordinary Time*

~~~ No Mass ~~~

**Wednesday 15** *Feria in Ordinary Time*

6.00pm ~~~ No Eucharistic Adoration ~~~

7.00pm ~~~ No Mass ~~~

**Thursday 16** *Feria in Ordinary Time*

9.30am ~~~ No Mass ~~~

**Friday 17** *Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot*

9.30am ~~~ No Mass ~~~

**Saturday 18** *Feria in Ordinary Time*

5.30pm *Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass

**Sunday 19** *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10.00am Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration:** None this week.

**Confession:** None this week.

**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 January – For the right to an education:**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.

**Greatness of Baptism:** There are many offices that people can hold in the Church. But all of them pale when compared to the basic gift of all: baptism. When we stand before the throne of God, these other offices will be of no importance. Our dignity will depend on one thing only – the extent to which we have lived out our baptismal calling.

**Sick:** Please pray for Fr. Michael White, 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 Fr. Brian Boyle SCJ, Fr Frederick Sheldon, Fr Jacob Lewis, Margaret Collis, Mark Hancock, Maureen Goulden, Mgr. Graham Wilkinson, Theresa Woodward RIP and all those recently deceased, all the faithful departed and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at £4.00 per week.

**The QR code for today's readings:** As we are using the new translations of the Readings at Mass (English Standard Version or ESV), we can get the new version of the Readings using the following QR code. Simply scan it on your smart phone to get them.



**Thank you very much** for all your Christmas greetings, gifts and for your generous Christmas offerings. Appreciate each and every one of your cards and gifts, blessings and prayers. Thank you.

**Leave of Absence:** Between 5<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January, I shall be away visiting my family in India. Frs. Teddy O'Brien MSM will be covering the Saturday evening Masses, while Moses Pitya AJ and Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ will be covering the Sunday Masses respectively during my absence.

### **Second Collections in January**

January 12: Fr. Hudson's Caritas

January 19: Pax Christi

**Feast of our patron, St. Wulstan** will be celebrated next Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> January). Following the 10.00am Mass that day, there will be a 'Bring & Share' Lunch organized in our Parish Hall. All are welcome. Parishioners are kindly requested to donate various items needed for the 'Bring & Share' Lunch. A list is made available in the church foyer for you to fill in. Thank you very much in anticipation for your generous response.

### **Lent 2025 - Walk with Me prayer books and Calendars:**

Parishioners are requested to preorder booklets and calendars in time for Lent, (by 2<sup>nd</sup> of February). Please do so at our Piety Stall after the weekend Masses. Booklet £1.00, Calendar £0.30p. Ash Wednesday is 5<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Offertory Collections & Mass attendance**

for this and next weekends in January will be made available later this month or in February. In the meantime, *thank you very much and keep up your generosity!*

**Digital Giving:** "Over the next few weeks, we are introducing the ability to take card payments for offertory, second collection and other beneficiaries. Before Christmas, we will have a terminal installed in the porch, but if you scan this code with your smartphone, you will be able to see how it works and even donate!



We hope it will be simple for you to use, but please let us know any feedback.

Thank you for your much needed and appreciated support of our church"

### **The Ceremonies of (Infant) Baptism**

Six times during the Rite of Baptism something is **DONE** to the baby; the essential ceremony is the third, the sacrament itself, while the other five are sacramentals by which we worship and are instructed:

1. **THE SIGN OF THE CROSS** by which the priest, parents and godparents claim the child for Christ our Saviour, tracing a small cross with their thumbs on the baby's forehead.
2. **THE OIL OF CATECHUMENS** as a prayer for salvation. The priest dips his thumb in the olive oil blessed by the bishop and makes a cross on the baby's breast; the word "catechumen" is a reminder of "catechism", which in the case of infants will be taught to them after baptism.
3. **THE ACTUAL SACRAMENT WITH WATER AND WORDS.** Forever afterwards the use of holy water at the church door, at home and sometimes at the beginning of Mass, will be a reminder of Baptism and a prayer for a renewal of its grace.
4. **THE CHRISM** as a reminder of the permanent character of Christ given to the baptised child. The priest dips his thumb in the chrism and traces a cross on the crown of the child's head.
5. **THE WHITE GARMENT** as an outward sign of the Christian dignity and a reminder to preserve one's baptismal innocences put on the child.
6. **THE LIGHTED CANDLE** lit by the father from the Easter Candle to show that the flame of faith must be kept alive in the child's heart especially by the efforts of parents and godparents.

**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!