



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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19 JANUARY 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (PEACE DAY) – Psalter Week 2

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

Saturday 18	<i>Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
5.30pm	Mass
Sunday 19	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
10.00am	Mass
Monday 20	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
9.30am	~~~ No Mass ~~~
Tuesday 21	<i>Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</i>
	~~~ No Mass ~~~
Wednesday 22	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
6.00pm	~~~ No Eucharistic Adoration ~~~
7.00pm	~~~ No Mass ~~~
Thursday 23	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
9.30am	~~~ No Mass ~~~
Friday 24	<i>St. Frances de Sales, Bishop, Doctor.</i>
9.30am	~~~ No Mass ~~~
Saturday 25	<i>Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle</i>
5.30pm	<i>Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	Mass
Sunday 26	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
10.00am	Montague Pendleton RIP

**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.

**At a wedding at Cana** Jesus changed water into wine. There are many things in our spiritual lives that should be changed. Jesus' power is available to us too. Let us reflect on our need of his power in order to change the things in our lives that need to be changed.

**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 and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

**Sanctuary Lamp:**  
 This week the sanctuary lamp is for Timothy Clark.

**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 5th and 24th 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 19: Pax Christi

**Feast of our patron, St. Wulstan** is being celebrated this Sunday (19th 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 2nd of February). Please do so at our Piety Stall after the weekend Masses. Booklet £1.00, Calendar £0.30p. Ash Wednesday is 5th March.

**OLIVE BELCHER RIP.** We can now confirm the funeral arrangements for our dear friend Olive, who died recently. **FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 1130 – Service here in church followed by 1300 CREMATION AT OAKLEY WOOD.**  
**Please Remember Olive and her family in your prayers**

**Pax Christi** (*International Catholic Movement for Peace*)  
 Pax Christi is an international Christian peacemaking movement, based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace and without fear of violence, in all its forms. We believe in the power of prayer, reconciliation, forgiveness, justice and non-violence and of the right to live in a culture which promotes these values and treats the whole of God's creation in a respectful and just manner.

To achieve this, Pax Christi works within the Church and wider community to bring about a culture of peace by: being a prophetic witness to peace and standing against violence; promoting the option of non-violence as means of resolving conflict in our homes, communities, nations and between nations; providing peace-education materials and programmes; ensuring the message of peace is heard by the Church, by decision-makers and those working in our communities; providing networks, practical skills, resources and support, and working with other individuals and organisations to bring the Peace of Christ to all who long for a better world. (<http://www.paxchristi.org.uk>)

*"Do whatever he tells you ...". In these words Mary expressed, above all, the deepest secret of her own life. She is wholly present in these words. Her life has indeed been one great "yes" to the Lord. A "yes" full of joy and trust. Mary full of grace, the Immaculate Virgin, lived her whole life in complete openness to God, in perfect harmony with his will – even in the most difficult moments, which reached their culminating point on the summit of Mount Calvary, at the foot of the Cross. She never withdraws her "yes", because she has placed her whole life in the hands of God: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). In the Encyclical Redemptoris Mater I wrote in this regard: "Indeed, at the Annunciation Mary entrusted herself to God completely, with the 'full submission of intellect and will', manifesting 'the obedience of faith' to him who spoke to her through his messenger. She responded, therefore, with all her human and feminine 'I', and this response of faith included both perfect cooperation with 'the grace of God that precedes and assists' and perfect openness to the action of the Holy Spirit" (N. 13).*

*"Do whatever he tells you ..." This short sentence contains the whole life programme that Mary the Teacher carried out as the first disciple of the Lord and that she spells out for us today. It is a life project based on the solid and sure foundation called Jesus Christ.*

*The world in which we are living is shaken by crises of various kinds, among which one of the most dangerous is the loss of the meaning of life. Many of our contemporaries have lost the true meaning of life and they are looking for substitutes in reckless spending, in drugs, in alcohol and eroticism. They are looking for happiness, but the result is deep sadness, an empty heart and, not infrequently, despair.*

POPE JOHN PAUL II WORLD YOUTH DAY 1988