



# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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## 26 JANUARY 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

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

Saturday 25	<i>Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
5.30pm	Mass
<b>Sunday 26</b>	<b>Third in Ordinary Time</b>
10.00am	Montague Pendleton
Monday 27	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 28	<b>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church</b> <i>Private Mass</i>
Wednesday 29	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Julia & Frank Vials RIP
Thursday 30	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
9.30am	Mass
Friday 31	<b>St. John Bosco, Priest</b>
9.30am	In Thanksgiving – L. Family
Saturday 01	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
5.30pm	<i>Vigil: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i> Mass
<b>Sunday 02</b>	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b>
10.00am	Antonio Blanco RIP

**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 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.

**Fulfilled in your hearing:** Jesus began his ministry by making his own the words of Isaiah: 'He send me to bring good news to the poor.' The good news is that God's mercy is freely available to all those who seek it. Let us not be afraid then to admit our sinfulness and poverty before God, for Jesus made himself the friend of sinners and the poor.

**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 Olive Belcher, 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:** The sanctuary lamp is burning this week for the Norman Conolly RIP. Let us pray for him. Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from March 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** to the coordinators and organizers for your help in celebrating the feast of our parish patron, St. Wulstan last weekend. Many thanks to all our parishioners for your generous response and support! God bless.

**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.*

**Sunday of the Word of God 2025:** *The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is the 'Sunday of the Word of God' - a day, instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of Saint Jerome in 2019, devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.*



"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world". (*Pope Francis, Aperuit illis*)

**Piety Stall:** If you wish to purchase Cards after Saturday Evening Mass, please see Margaret who will be able to help you.

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

**Offertory Collections – 05.01 2025**  
 Non-Gift Aided: £81.90 Candles £13.72 Friends of the Holy Land: £39.13  
 Refreshments: £32.66  
*Thank you very much for your generosity.*  
 Mass Attendance: Saturday: 33 Sunday 45 Total:78

**Offertory Collections – 12.01 2025**  
 Non-Gift Aided: £97.91 Candles £4.70 Refreshments: £9.25  
*Thank you very much for your generosity.*  
 Mass Attendance: Saturday: 35 Sunday 76 Total:111

**Offertory Collections – 19.01 2025**  
 Non-Gift Aided: £119.75 Pax Christi: £36.57 Candles £25.10  
 Piety: £40.00  
*Thank you very much for your generosity.*  
 Mass Attendance: Saturday: 32 Sunday 62 Total:94

**LIFE:** Next Sunday there will be a second collection for pro-life charity LIFE.

**Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ:** Next weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ. It also known as the the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Candlemas or the Feast of the Holy Encounter, is a Christian feast day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple by Joseph and Mary. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40.

According to the Old Testament rules in Leviticus 12, a woman was to be purified by presenting a lamb as a burnt offering, and either a young pigeon or dove as sin offering, 33 days after a boy's circumcision. The feast falls on 2 February, which is traditionally the 40th day of and the conclusion of the Christmas–Epiphany season.

While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve), those in other Christian countries historically remove them after Candlemas. On Candlemas, many Christians (especially Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, and some mainline Protestant denominations including Lutherans, Anglicans and Methodists) also take their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year; for Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who is referred to as the Light of the World. (Wikipedia).

**World Day for the Sick:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is also celebrated as World Day for the Sick. In view of this, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a special Mass at 11.00am in our church which will include the Sacrament of the Sick for anyone who wishes to receive this Sacrament, with refreshment to follow in the Parish Hall.