



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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02 FEBRUARY 2025 – FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – Psalter Week 4 World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

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

Saturday 01 5.30pm	<i>Vigil: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i> John King (Intentions)
Sunday 02 10.00am	<i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i> Antonio Blanco RIP
Monday 03 9.30am	<i>St Werberg, Abbess, Ss Blaise, Ansgar, Bishops</i> Mass
Tuesday 04	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Private Mass
Wednesday 05 6.00pm	<i>St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</i> Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Mo Whelan RIP
Thursday 06 9.30am	<i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i> Mass`
Friday 07 11.30am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Requiem: Olive Belcher RIP
Saturday 08 5.30pm	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Vigil: <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mass
Sunday 09 10.00am	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Lourdes Blanco RIP

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday 6pm – 7pm, Evening Prayer at 6.30pm
Confession: Saturday 4.45pm – 5.25pm
Rosary: Monday - 9.20am. **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Thursdays 9.10am
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 February – For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day): Welcome to Mass. Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It marks the close of the Christmas festival of light. In the past, today was always seen as the last day of Christmas and so after today the Crib would be removed.

Candles will be blessed in both the Masses, and we shall carry them in procession to welcome Christ, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people!

Feast of St Blaise: Monday is the feast of St Blaise and there will be the traditional blessing of throats.

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 Phillip James RIP Let us pray for the repose of his soul.

Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 1st March 2025 at £4.00 per week.

Lent 2025 - Walk with Me prayer books: This is the last weekend to order your Walk with Me Book please enquire at Piety Stall after weekend Masses £1 each. *Ash Wednesday is 5th March.*

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: Since 1997 across the world the weekend closest to Candlemas has been a day of celebration and prayer for our religious and those living a consecrated life. Religious from across our diocese will gather at our cathedral this weekend, rejoicing in the faithfulness of those celebrating jubilees. “Religious communities play an important part in the life of the local Church”, says our Archbishop. Let us remember them with gratitude in our prayers and pray for vocations to consecrated life from our parishes and deaneries.

The feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place on February 8. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as “blood money” and a “crime against humanity”. We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to santamartagroup.org/resources.

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.



CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day this year is on **Friday 14 March 2025**. Cafod written to thank our parishioners for their ongoing and generous support and prayer for their work!

In this Jubilee Year, Cafod would like to offer our parish community the opportunity to hear from a CAFOD speaker prior to Lent Family Fast Day and we shall have the speaker in our parish on **8th/9th March**

Offertory Collections – 26.01 2025

Non-Gift Aided: £101.10 Candles £20.29 Refreshments £38.85

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 25 Sunday 72 Total: 97

LIFE: This weekend there will be a second collection for pro-life charity LIFE.

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

World Day for the Sick: Tuesday 11th 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 10th 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.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage - Register Now: Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. To be held on Saturday 3 May, 12noon, at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/event/thanksgivingmass-for-marriage Please register by Sunday 13 April.

Plainchant Day: On Saturday, March 8th from 10.45am until 4.00pm workshop on plainchant will take place at St. John's Banbury. To cover expenses the cost will be £10 per participant. If you are interested, please contact St. John's on tel. no. 01295 262073 and do as advised.