



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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02 MARCH 2025 – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Psalter Week 4

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: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sr. Sharon pcj (Intentions)
Sunday 02 10.00am	<i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Chris Johnson (Intentions)
Monday 03 9.30am	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Sr. Sharon Marie pcj (Birthday)
Tuesday 04	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> Private Mass

--- THE SEASON OF LENT ---

Wednesday 05 9.30am	<i>Ash Wednesday (Day of Abstinence and Fasting)</i> People of the Parish
2.00pm	<i>In the School. - Service of the Word & Distribution of ashes.</i>
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Julia & Frank Vials RIP
Thursday 06 9.30am	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i> Sr. Sharon pcj (Intentions)
Friday 07 9.30am	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i> Montague Pendleton RIP
11.00am	<i>World Day of Prayer – in the Parish Hall</i>
7.00am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 08 5.30pm	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Vigil: First Sunday of Lent</i> Peter Simmons RIP (Anniversary), Brian & Teresa Woodward RIP
Sunday 09 10.00am	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i> Salvador Garcia RIP

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday 6pm – 7pm, Evening Prayer at 6.30pm
Confession: Saturday 4.45pm – 5.25pm
Rosary: Monday - 9.10am. 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 March – For Families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Sick: Please pray for Fr. Michael White, Janet Pittam, Nathan 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 Deacon Patrick Flanagan, Victor Goodwin, Olive Belcher 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 Maggie and Dan. Let us pray for them. Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 29th March 2025 at £4.00 per week.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Include this QR code to take supporters straight to CAFOD's virtual envelope where they can make their donation.



CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day is on **Friday 14 March 2025** and we shall have a speaker from CAFOD in our parish on **8th/9th March**

Lent begins on 5th March with Ash Wednesday. It is a season of grace, calling us to reparation renewal, and growth in our spiritual lives. As a time to remember God's goodness and return to his love, all are invited to renew our lives through our participation in the sacraments, prayer, fasting and acts of charity.

Try to attend Mass regularly, at least once a week! And perhaps during the weekdays! Do encourage others in the family / household to do so. You may not get swift response to it, but at least you would have reminded them of their privilege & obligation.

Participate in the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession in Lent. Penitential Services will be organized as we approach the Holy Week!

Take part in or organize Lenten devotions, especially the **Stations of the Cross** or meditations on the passion of the Lord, on your own or with family or friends.

As prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the essentials of the Lenten season, do think about restarting your prayer-life, if it is absent at the moment. Individual and family prayers are encouraged. 'A family that prays together, stays together'.

Fast & Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

LIFE TO THE FULL – Bringing the Bible Alive: A five session DVD course for parishes will take place on Mondays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7. All are welcome.

Lenten Lunches will be on Tuesdays March 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8, in our Parish Hall between 1.00pm and 2.30pm. All are welcome!

Bring and Share Pancake: This Sunday after 10.00am Mass, there will be an opportunity for parishioners to have pancakes in our Parish Hall. Parishioners are encouraged to donate them with various fillings to go with it, if possible. All are welcome.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Deanery Day Pilgrimage to Littlemore - **Saturday 22nd March.**

To assist Sisters, please confirm attendance as soon as you know or by 17 March latest to peter.rand@btinternet.com Thank you. No charge but a collection will be taken for the sisters and the Parish.

In addition to this, a mini coach has been organized to go on pilgrimage to Hednesford on Sunday 6th July and to Harvington Hall on 7th September 2025. Parishioners who are interested in these pilgrimages, please give your names to Pat Woolstan.

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.



Offertory Collections – 16.02 2025

Non-Gift Aided: £80.70 Candles £20.99 Refreshments £10.00

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 21 Sunday 49 Total: 70

Cathedral Maintenance: This weekend there will be a **Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance.**

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers' Rota: We are very grateful to our parishioners who organized the Rota for the Readers & Eucharistic Minister till now. As we need more readers the Rota needs updating. Those who are able and are willing, please help. Until the new Rota is ready, the current one will be followed.