



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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06 APRIL 2025 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 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 05	<i>Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
5.30pm	Brian & Teresa Woodward RIP
Sunday 06	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
10.00am	Dolores Blanco RIP
Monday 07	<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30am	Jeanette Matossian RIP
Tuesday 08	<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30am	Thomas Russell (Wellbeing)
2.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross (at St. Mary's School)</i>
Wednesday 09	<i>Lent Feria</i>
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Celia Sweeney RIP
Thursday 10	<i>Lent Feria (Whole School Mass in the church)</i>
9.30am	Liam Fahy RIP
Friday 11	<i>Lent Feria</i>
9.30am	Celia Sweeney RIP
7.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 12	<i>Lent Feria</i>
5.30pm	<i>Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>
	Mass
Sunday 13	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>
10.00am	Celia Sweeney 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
Morning Prayer: Friday – 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 April – For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the persons, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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 Liam Fahy, Celia Sweeney and 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 Victor Goodwin R.I.P. Let us pray for the repose of his soul.

Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 3rd May 2025 at £4.00 per week.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2025: An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on **Saturday 3rd May at 12 Noon**, followed by light refreshments.

Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass or scan the QR code to confirm your attendance by 13th April.



Praying for Pope Francis: As the Holy Father still recovering, we keep him close in prayer.

*Almighty and Eternal God,
you are the everlasting health of
those who believe in you.
Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis
for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, pray for him.

Passiontide: The last two weeks in the season of Lent are called Passiontide which begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This is when the Church shifts her focus from Christ in the desert (the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent) to Christ during His Passion.

During Passiontide, the crucifix and other statues and images around the church are veiled with a purple cloth.

In the *Roman Missal* we find the instruction: The practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed, (if the *Conference of Bishops* so decides). Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

This practice alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. Hence the use of veils: -

- Alert us of the special time that we are in.
- Help focus our attention on the words being said at Mass.
- Create a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday.

LIFE TO THE FULL – Bringing the Bible Alive: The last of a five session DVD course for parishes, will take place on Monday April 7 at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Lenten Lunches will be on Tuesday April 8, in our Parish Hall between 12.30pm and 2.00pm. All proceeds go to Parish funds and Myton Hospice. All are welcome!

JUBILEE YEAR 2025: In addition to the recent Deanery Pilgrimage to Littlemore, a mini coach has been organized from our parish to go to Hednesford on Sunday 6th July (two seats are still available, at £10.00 per seat).

Holy Thursday – Washing of Feet: (Ideally) twelve volunteers, representing the variety and unity of the People of God in our parish are needed. Please add your names to the list in the foyer.

Holy Communion to Galanos House: Holy Communion has been taken to the Catholic residents of Galanos House & Poppy Lodge every week. Over the past three years, collective Communion Service has been conducted at Galanos House on Thursdays at 11.30am. From now, there will also be a service at Poppy Lodge at 11.00am on Thursdays.

Children's Stations of the Cross: Parents / Grandparents / willing parishioners are welcome to organise a Stations of the Cross for children and their families at midday on Good Friday or at another convenient time. Anyone willing to help, please speak to Fr. Arul.

Offertory Collections – 23.02.2025

Non-Gift Aided: £214.37 CAFOD: £9.00 Candles: £28.06

Refreshments: £29.95

Towards Pilgrimage to Hednesford: £10.00 Lenten Lunches: £165.10

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 37 Sunday 56 Total: 91 Stations of the Cross: 5

Afternoon Tea: Southam St. James Church invites you for an Afternoon Tea with entertainment by the Bianco Barbershop quartet on Sunday 6th April from 3pm to 5pm in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. Tickets £10 (children £5) from St. James Church Office 01926-812413 / 07768090178. Special dietary requirements by request.

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.

London Marathan: Deacon Lionel Pelloquin from Bilton & Hillmorton parishes in Rugby, is running the 2025 London Marathan to raise funds for the British Red Cross and would be very grateful for your generous support. Please visit:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/lionel-pelloquin-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL