



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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20 APRIL 2025 – SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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

Saturday 19	Holy Saturday
8.15pm	Easter Vigil - Pope's Intentions
Sunday 20	Easter Sunday
	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 21	Easter Monday, Solemnity (Bank Holiday)
10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 22	Easter Tuesday, Solemnity
9.30am	Mass
Wednesday 23	Easter Wednesday, Solemnity
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Mass
Thursday 24	Easter Thursday, Solemnity
9.30am	Mass
Friday 25	Easter Friday, Solemnity
9.30am	Mass
Saturday 26	Easter Saturday, Solemnity
5.30pm	Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday 27	Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday
10.00am	Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday 6pm – 7pm, **Evening Prayer** at 6.30pm
Confession: Saturday 4.45pm – 5.25pm
Rosary: Monday - 9.10am.
Morning Prayer: 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, 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 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 Frank McDonough RIP. Let us pray for the repose of his soul. Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 12th July 2025 at £4.00 per week.

Praying for Pope Francis: As the Holy Father is still recovering, let us continue to pray for him and for the universal church that he is called to shepherd.

Easter Offering Envelopes are available at the back of church to use for the customary Easter offerings, one of the main ways of financially supporting the priests in the parish ministry during the year. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Bring & Share Lunch - Divine Mercy Sunday: On Sunday 27th April there will be a 'Bring & Share Lunch' in the Parish Hall after Mass. All are welcome.

Thank you for the Easter Cards, prayers, and blessings. – Fr. Arul

Blessing Houses: The Custom of blessing houses in celebration of the Resurrection is observed in many cultures and countries. If anyone is interested and wishes to have their house blessed, please speak to Fr. Arul

Retreat: I shall be away on retreat in Stonyhurst between April 28 and May 2. – Fr. Arul

The Easter Season - The Great Fifty Days

Welcome to Easter celebrations. Easter Sunday is the first day of the new season of 'The Great Fifty Days' (Easter Season). It begins on Easter Sunday and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. These fifty days, "are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one 'great Sunday' (St. Athanasius). The first eight days of the Easter season make up the Easter octave which are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. The Masses and Offices of the Easter Octave take precedence over all other celebrations. The double alleluia is added to the dismissal during the Octave. The Paschal candle remains on the Sanctuary and is lit at all liturgical celebrations from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday inclusive.

Believing Christ died – that's history.

Believing Christ died for me – that's salvation.

Wish You All a Very Happy Easter!

May the Graces and Blessings of the Risen Lord be With You Always

Thank you to everyone who prepared, organized, and ensured that everything went smoothly and well in celebrating the Easter Triduum this year. Appreciate your help and cooperation in celebrating the Triduum prayerfully. God bless you all.

Our diocesan Ordo mentions as part of the guidelines for 'The Sacred Paschal Triduum': **"It is recommended that there be a communal celebration of the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer on Good Friday and Holy Saturday"**. This is something that our parish could contemplate organizing in the years to come, together with **'Stations of the Cross' for children and their families!**

Regina Caeli: During Easter season, 'Regina Caeli' will be prayed in place of the 'Angelus'. Let us offer them for vocations, as reminded and requested by our Archdiocesan Vocations office.

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April: On behalf of Warwick Deanery, you are invited to Divine Mercy devotions at St Peter Apostle Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AE. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions are from 2.30pm with devotions from 3pm to 4pm.



Month of May is traditionally observed as 'Month of Mary'. In many parishes, Rosary is prayed communally before Masses, particularly during the month of May and October. Anyone willing to help, please let Fr. Arul know. Volunteers are welcome to lead the Rosary.

May Procession and Crowning of Our Lady's Statue are devotions specific and traditional in the month of Mary. It would greatly help if families with children could support. Anyone interested, please speak to one of our Children's Liturgy helpers.

Offertory Collections – 13.04 2025

Non-Gift Aided: £161.78 Candles: £61.39 Refreshments £24.01

Lenten Lunches: £186.00

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 63 Sunday 80 Total: 143

Cafod Myanmar Earthquake Appeal: Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal, you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence. (Pope Francis)