



# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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## 11 MAY 2025 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

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

Saturday 10	Fourth Sunday of Easter
5.30pm	Valerie Berridge (Intentions)
Sunday 11	Fourth Sunday of Easter
10.00am	Pat & Ian Woolstan (In Thanksgiving)
Monday 12	Easter Feria (Ss Nereus, Achilles, Pancras MM)
9.30am	For the recovery of Margaret McClure
Tuesday 13	Easter Feria (Our Lady of Fatima)
	~~~ No Mass ~~~
Wednesday 14	Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Alanna, Mark, Killian & Oran O'Hare (Intentions)
Thursday 15	Easter Feria
9.30am	Reine-Marie Bates (Birthday)
Friday 16	Easter Feria
9.30am	For Peace in the World
Saturday 17	Easter Feria
5.30pm	Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter
	Sharon, Sam & Stacy Sawaya RIP
Sunday 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter
10.00am	Anne Varney (Intentions)

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday 6.00pm. Evening Prayer Wed. 6.30pm

Confession: Saturday 4.45pm – 5.25pm

Rosary: Monday - 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 May – For working conditions:** Let us pray that, through work, each person may find fulfilment, families may be sustained in dignity, and that society may be humanised.

Welcome to our Eucharistic celebrations. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as The Vocations Sunday when we hear about Christ our Good Shepherd promising eternal life to all who listen to His voice, leading us to springs of living water.

Today is the day to thank God for providing us with shepherds and praying for them that they might constantly model themselves after the 'Heart of Jesus', the Eternal Good Shepherd.

Today is also a day of earnest prayer remembering our Lord's call: **“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest”** (Mt 9:37-38). Let us pray for vocations while endeavouring to cultivate a culture of vocations.

**CTE:** There will be a second collection this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund.

**APF Red Boxes:** Thank you to all who help the Missions through your prayers and practical support. We kindly request those who use the Red Boxes to bring them as soon as possible to the church for the coordinators to forward your donations to the Mission office.

**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 Fr. Ronald Cosslett, Rev. Tony Wood, Deacon Tony Rigby, Tony Woolstan, Biran Hallam 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 Irene Perowne RIP. May she rest in peace. Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at £4.00 per week.

**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 bless, please speak to Fr. Arul

**Habemus Papam: We have a Pope!** We welcome our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV - the first American Pope!

Archbishop Bernard has issued the following beautiful statement:

"I welcome the wonderful news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As he prepared to give us his first blessing as Pope in St Peter's Square he also gave us a message of joyful encouragement, calling us to be bridge-builders who are the light of Christ in the world. As the first Pope from the United States of America he also remembered the people of Chiclayo in Peru where he had served as bishop until 2023.

I have just spent the last few days at Buckfast Abbey with all the Bishops of England and Wales as we prayed for the Cardinals in Conclave and as we waited to hear whom the Holy Spirit would identify as the Successor of Peter. It will be a great joy to serve the Church's mission inspired by the guidance of Pope Leo. All the lay faithful, the Religious and clergy of our Archdiocese are praying for our new Holy Father that he may serve the Church for many years and be richly blessed in his apostolate.

Let us pray for our new Holy Father.

**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 and this year it will take place on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at the end of 10.00am Mass**. It would greatly help if families with children could support. Anyone interested, please speak to one of our Children's Liturgy helpers.

### Offertory Collections – 04.05 2025

Non-Gift Aided: £168.90 Candles: £5.89 Piety: £80.00 Donation: £25.00

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 34 Sunday 76 Total: 110

**Offerings:** Parishioners are requested to consider setting up Standing Order for regularly supporting the parish using the following details. You might also use them for one-off donations.

A/c Name: RCAB Parish of Our Lady & St. Wulstan, Southam

A/c No: 01015796

Sort Code: 60-12-35

Gift Aid forms are available at the back of the church. Please inform the parish office once the Standing Order is set up.

**Children's Liturgy** meets each Sunday during the 10.00am Mass. Children below first Holy Communion age are invited to come with a parent and join in the singing, catechesis, and prayer in the Parish Hall. Your regular attendance is very much appreciated and encouraged.

**We need volunteers too, to prepare and lead these lessons. Anyone interested and willing to help, please speak to one of the organizers.**

**Silver Jubilee:** Deacon Terry Hum will be completing 25 years of his ministry as Deacon. It is important that the parish remembers and rejoices with a celebration on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June with a Mass at 11.00am and followed by a buffet lunch in Our Parish Hall.

We need volunteers to help in the kitchen on the morning of the Jubilee. If anyone is able and willing to help, please let Fr. Arul know.

**Vocations Weekend for Women** (20s and 30s) - **Discerning God's Call in your life: 23rd - 25th May, Liverpool.**

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

**Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.**

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

**For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ**

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