



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No 234216



18 MAY 2025 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Saturday 17	Fourth Sunday of Easter
5.30pm	Sharon, Sam & Stacy Sawaya RIP
Sunday 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter
10.00am	Anne Varney (Intentions)
Monday 19	Easter Feria (St. Dunstan, Bishop)
9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 20	Easter Feria (St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest)
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Wednesday 21	Easter Feria (Ss Christopher Megallanes & Co)
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Mass
Thursday 22	Easter Feria (St. Rita of Cascia, Religious)
9.30am	Mass
Friday 23	Easter Feria
9.30am	Mass
Saturday 24	Easter Feria
5.30pm	Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter
	Mass
Sunday 25	Sixth Sunday of Easter
10.00am	Mass

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. Christ at this season puts fresh heart in us to spread his kingdom. He gives us his new commandment of love and encouraged us with the promise of the new Jerusalem. We are called to be the new creation. Let us listen to Christ and through our love and loyalty to the Lord, become the messengers of God's new creation.

**“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.

**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 Sean, Celia, Helen, Kirsty McClusky & Jane Mullen. Let us pray for them. Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 12th July 2025 at £4.00 per week.

**May Devotions:** On Saturday 31 May, the members of the Tamil Chaplaincy in our diocese will carry out their May Devotions with a procession to our church before the vigil Mass and will take part in the vigil Mass. A warm welcome to them to our church!

**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

### Day for Life

Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it will be celebrated on 15th June, Trinity Sunday. Ahead of the Day for Life, we invite the faithful in all three conferences to join in prayer through the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between the 23rd and the 31st of May. Prayers for each day can be found on the Day for Life page of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website. On the website you can also find a special message from the bishops and more prayers and resources.

On 15th June we also ask parishes to hold a second collection for the Day for Life Fund. Every year the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants to organisations which promote respect for life in various ways. Donations can be also made online via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website, where you will find out more information about Day for Life.

**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 25th 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 – 11.05.2025

Non-Gift Aided: £119.76 Clergy Training Fund: £99.65 Candles: £14.20  
 Refreshments: £29.90

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 34 Sunday 88 Total: 122

**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 18th 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.

**A couple of important pointers regarding Holy Communion:** If you are not a Roman Catholic, a member of a church in full communion with it, or an Orthodox unable to attend an Orthodox Liturgy, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. (Holy Communion cannot be given to all, as it is for us the sign of **unity in the faith**. Communion is not bread and wine, but the **Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son**. Let us pray for unity among all Christians, as God wills). Please place your right hand on your left shoulder or just ask for a blessing.

By virtue of their ordination only priests and deacons are able to give a blessing during the liturgy, so if you wish to receive a blessing, please make sure you are in a line leading to a priest or deacon, and if not-just cross sides.

For those receiving Holy Communion in the hand, please consume the host immediately in front of the minister. Please do not walk away with the host in your hands. We must always give the utmost honour and respect to the Holy Sacrament – for it is the Lord himself!