



# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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## 25 MAY 2025 – SIXTH 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 24	Sixth Sunday of Easter
5.30pm	Sr. Noreen Malone (Well-being)
<b>Sunday 25</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
10.00am	Ada Roust RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 26	<b>St. Philip Neri, Priest.</b>
9.30am	Nora Flynn (Birthday)
Tuesday 27	<b>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</b>
	~~~ No Mass ~~~
Wednesday 28	<b>Easter Feria</b>
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7.00pm	Maureen & Jim Stewart (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
Thursday 29	<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.</b>
	<b>(Holyday of Obligation)</b>
9.30am	In Thanksgiving for all Benefactors
7.00pm	People of the Parish
Friday 30	<b>Solemnity of Dedication (in consecrated Churches)</b>
9.30am	Frank McDonagh RIP
Saturday 31	<b>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	<b>Private Mass</b>
5.30pm	Raja Mary RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 01</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
10.00am	Patrick & Ellen Coady RIP

**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 Mass this weekend. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...", we hear in the gospel today. Peace is the primary gift of the Risen Christ! Only He can fill us with enduring and energising peace as we see that in action, as we learn about the early church calmly seeking solution to the challenges it faced.

While we shall experience and enjoy the ultimate peace only in the heavenly Jerusalem, nevertheless, we are called and empowered by the Lord, to be effective bearers of that peace, perhaps in small portions, in our troubled life. May the Risen Lord fill us with abiding peace. May our leaders always work for that true and lasting peace, and bring an end to all conflicts, armed or otherwise.

**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 Doreen Bartley, Bridget O'Connell, Fr. Ronald Cosslett, Rev. Tony Wood, Deacon Tony Rigby, Tony Woolstan, Brian 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 the Deceased of the Roust Family. Let us pray for them. Dates to book Sanctuary Lamp are available from 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

### 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 this **Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> May) as part 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 – 18.05 2025

Non-Gift Aided: £138.21 Candles: £10.58 Refreshments: £6.04

*Thank you very much for your generosity.*

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 29 Sunday 57 Total: 86

**Catholic Communications:** Next weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications.

**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 one more volunteer to help in the kitchen on the morning of the Jubilee. If anyone is able and willing to help, please let Fr. Arul know.

**1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Council of Nicaea:** Tuesday, May 20, was the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the first ecumenical council in Church history, convened in the year 325. In commemoration, numerous ecumenical celebrations are being held throughout 2025.

Pope Francis had planned a joint visit to Nicaea, in modern-day Turkey, with Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. (But sadly, Pope Francis died on Easter Monday, 21 April).

On May 19, the Patriarch was received in Rome by Pope Leo XIV, and it was announced that the new Pope intends to make the visit to Turkey by the end of the year.

Watch '**A Moment of Unity & Prayer For Peace**' organised by **Friends of the Holy Land** and listen to the address by **His Beatitude Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaball**, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCwQG1TPvJk>