



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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"My house shall be called a house of prayer"

Welcome to guests, visitors and parishioners. Please be sensitive to those who want to pray in silence before Mass.

Before Mass Talk to God. During Mass Listen to God. After Mass Talk to each other. "Reverence speaks louder than words!"



Easter Octave

Easter Octave Masses & Intentions - April 12 - 19, 2020

Sunday 12	<i>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 13	<i>Easter Monday, Solemnity</i>
	Mrs. Betty Lucas (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday 14	<i>Easter Tuesday, Solemnity</i>
	Mary Hughes & Family
Wednesday 15	<i>Easter Wednesday, Solemnity</i>
	Lilly McLoughlin RIP
Thursday 16	<i>Easter Thursday, Solemnity</i>
	Joanne & Danny Stewart & Family
Friday 17	<i>Easter Friday, Solemnity</i>
	Mary Hughes & Family
Saturday 18	<i>Easter Saturday, Solemnity</i>
	Dolores Blanco RIP
Sunday 19	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>
	People of the Parish

In response to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, we have been asked by the Bishops' Conference **NOT** to have any **PUBLIC MASS** Or **CELEBRATION** and in compliance with the Government regulation the churches will remain **CLOSED** until further notice.

In these extraordinary circumstances, the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is removed, until further notice.

So also is our Easter Duties to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion is removed. Instead, we are asked to make an Act of Perfect Contrition to express our deep sorrow at our sins against the goodness of God.

Please be assured that the priests continue to celebrate Mass (without the faithful) on a daily basis, for your intentions and for the specific intentions already accepted.

Parishioners are also encouraged to take part in Mass online if possible and have 'Spiritual Communion'.

List of a few 'Live Streaming' Churches within Archdiocese of Birmingham and beyond, are available on our parish website. An extended list is also available at:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>

Those who wish to celebrate the *Liturgy of the Hours*, or have access to the Readings at Mass, please visit: <https://universalis.com> for assistance.

www.wednesdayword.org offers reflections (Lectio Divina) as well as reflections / activities for children & family.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April - (Freedom from Addiction): We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

RIP: Please pray for Canon Peter Taylor, Fr. Bob Wright, Fr. Tim Burke, Lilly McLoughlin, Sr. Anne Robson pcj, Dr. Amged El-Hawrani, Steve Chawner and all who died in recent times and for all the faithful departed. *May she and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

The Easter Season

Wish you all a Very Happy Easter!

Easter Sunday is the first day of the new season of 'The Great Fifty Days'.

The Easter Season 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'" (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 the graces and blessings of Easter Season!

Cardinal's Easter broadcasting: Cardinal Nichols has recorded a special radio programme for the BBC on Easter Sunday. This will be broadcast at 0800 on all 39 BBC local radio stations. It will not be broadcast on BBC Radio 4, which will be broadcasting its usual Sunday Worship Service at that time.

The local radio service is a unique programme and the BBC are promoting it heavily, including in the Daily Telegraph and with a video recorded by the Cardinal.

Also, on Easter Sunday, the Cardinal will be giving the following interviews on Easter Sunday:

0710 BBC Radio 4 Sunday Programme

0730 BBC Radio 2

0930 BBC Radio London

1300 BBC Radio 4 The World This Weekend.

Additionally, the Daily Telegraph has published a reflection by the Cardinal on Good Friday. And the BBC will be covering Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi on Easter Sunday on its news bulletins.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show! Amen.

For online prayer sources and related articles, please visit: www.sacredspace.ie dominican-jubilee-rosary-meditations.pdf <https://pray-as-you-go.org/retreat/pray-as-you-stay> <https://www.godzdogz.op.org/godzdogz/do-you-think-this-means-that-everything-will-change>

Children's Liturgy: Some useful links for children's liturgy and stations of the cross to encourage families to stay engaged with their faith at home.

<https://www.facebook.com/familyministrybrum>

Or <https://twitter.com/FamilyMinistry>

Thank You very much for all your Easter Cards, prayers, blessings and for your generous Easter offerings. Appreciate them very much. – Fr. Arul

Offertory Collection

Thank you very much for your on-going generosity and help for the upkeep of the Parish. During these difficult days of restricted movement, please take good care of yourselves. Thanks to all those who make your weekly / monthly offerings through direct debit. Hope these will continue unhindered. Those who use weekly gift aid / non-gift aid envelopes can still do so either by switching over to direct debit / bank transfer system or by keeping the envelopes safely with you until such time when restrictions are lifted. You may also drop them at the presbytery if it is safe and convenient for you to do so!

On line donations: Parishioners will be pleased to know that ‘on line donations’ are possible now: There is a donate button (top right) on the home page of the diocesan website – www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

From these donations which can also be gift aided can be made to any parish via credit or debit card.

Funds will initially be passed to the diocese but will be passed on to each parish as soon as possible.

There are transaction charges levied by the card processing company which amount to 20p + 1.9% of the value of the donation – so for a £10 donation this will amount to £0.39 which will be deducted from the amount we receive.

Please do note therefore that standing order remains the most cost effective way for our parishioners to donate.

Telephone support: Some of our parishioners are supporting each other by telephone. Please phone 811703 (Shirley) or email (shirley@shirleyrush8.plus.com) if you want a chat or to receive calls or if you would like to join those who are calling others.

Rosary: The Parish Rosary group are continuing to pray the Rosary at 10am on Thursdays in their own homes, but connected spiritually. Please join if you can and would like to.

It is said that “worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change. Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change”. With this in mind, the following prayers / reflections are given as help, especially during these days.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR RENEWAL IN OUR PARISH

Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come: Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinitarian Prayer

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.

(In August 1916, the Angel taught this prayer, to the three children at Fatima making them repeat it three times)

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you have already come and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. — St. Alphonsus Liguori

A Prayer during Corona-virus Pandemic

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global

spread of the corona virus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

(St. Thomas Aquinas)

The Regina Caeli

O Queen of heaven, rejoice! **Alleluia.**
For he whom you did merit to bear, **alleluia.**
Has risen as he said, **alleluia.**
Pray for us to God, **alleluia.**
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we may obtain, through his Virgin Mother, Mary, the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

(N.B. From Easter to Pentecost the ‘Regina Caeli’ is said in place of the Angelus)

The Empty Tomb (John 20:1-9): There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each ‘performance’ is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings emphasise two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which brings him to faith.

What aspects of the gospel accounts of the resurrection help to strengthen your own faith? Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB