



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!"

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Masses & Intentions - April 19 - 26, 2020

Sunday 19	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> People of the Parish
Monday 20	<i>Easter feria</i> Sr. Anne Robson pcj (RIP)
Tuesday 21	<i>Easter feria</i> Brendan Shiels RIP
Wednesday 22	<i>Easter feria</i> John & Rita Clifford Family
Thursday 23	<i>Solemnity of St. George, M. Patron of England</i> Doctors, Nurses, Medical Staff & Family
Friday 24	<i>Easter feria</i> Tim, Mary & Family - Thanksgiving.
Saturday 25	<i>Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist</i> Victims of Covid-19 RIP
Sunday 26	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> People of the Parish

Our Easter Joy

Today as we hail Christ as our Lord and God we are filled with the joy of the disciples in seeing the risen Lord. In this season of renewal we are like those early Christians who were "filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described".

Believing Christ died – that's history.

Believing Christ died for me – that's salvation.

In response to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, and in compliance with the Government regulation the churches will remain **CLOSED** until further notice.

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.

Priests continue to celebrate Mass 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, Mary Adams 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.*

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

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>

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. If you would like to do so, please contact the parish office and we will send the parish bank details to you set up a new standing order the parish using your own on-line bank access. **Your gift-aid declaration held by the Parish will still be valid.**

If this is not possible, please keep 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!

New Gift Aid: If you would like to start a new Gift Aid donation, you can now complete an on-line declaration. Please email presbytery@stwulstan-southam.co.uk **stating you would like to start a gift aid donation**, and include your name and address. We will send you details of how to do this on-line.

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.

MESSAGE FROM SPUC: New Northern Ireland Abortion Regulations.

On 25th March the London Government published its new framework for legal abortion in Northern Ireland which sweeps

away even the few boundaries which the 1967 Act imposed. Some of the worst aspects of this new legislation include:

Abortion on demand for babies up to 12 weeks.

Abortion up to 24 weeks on unspecified "health" grounds – essentially abortion on demand.

Abortion up to and during birth on grounds of disability.

No limit for self-induced abortions. A woman who kills her child while giving birth will not commit a criminal offence.

Doctors who selectively kill a disabled twin or triplet just before or during delivery will not be prosecuted.

Please ask your MP to urge the Government to withdraw these new Northern Ireland regulations which were imposed and lack all legitimacy. Seventy-nine percent of people who took part in the consultation rejected Government Proposals. Abortion Law is a devolved issue. MPs should support the repeal of section 9 of the Northern Ireland Act and allow the Stormont Assembly to deal with this matter.

Please act now. Please 'phone, email or write (only if it is permitted for you under Corona Virus Regulations) to your MP, giving your full name and address and telephone number. Thank you.

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 Peace of the Risen Christ (John 20:19-31): This passage from John's Gospel has all the more significance because it brings the Gospel to a close. The story of the breakfast-party with the Risen Christ on the shore of the Lake of Galilee is a sort of appendix. The story-line of the main Gospel ends with Thomas blurting out 'My Lord and my God'. The Gospel therefore ends as it began, with the only two unmistakable declarations in the New Testament of the divinity of Jesus. 'The Word was God' and 'My Lord and my God' bracket the Gospel, indicating the purpose and angle of the whole Gospel which is to show that Jesus is God. John's Gospel complements the other Gospels: they show a man who is also God, whereas this Gospel shows God who is also a man. It is with the divine authority that Jesus confers on his Church the divine power to forgive. Real forgiveness is indeed Godlike. It is not simply 'forgive-and-forget', but forgiveness in the knowledge that a hurt has occurred. Just as a bone, broken and merged together again, can be stronger than it was before it was broken, so forgiveness can create a real link of love on both sides, a treasured secret of divine graciousness between forgiver and forgiven.

How have you experienced real forgiveness in your life?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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.

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)

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.

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

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)

PRAYER DURING CORONA-VIRUS PANDEMIC

God our Father,
we come to you in our need
to ask your protection against the Corona virus
that has claimed lives and has affected so many people.

We pray for your grace for the people tasked with
the studying the nature and cause of this virus
and of stemming the tide of its transmission.

Guide the hands and minds of doctors, nurses,
medical staff, experts
and all health care workers –
that they may minister to the sick with love,
compassion, and skill.

We pray for all those who have died with Covid - 19
and for their families and friends.
May the Lord bring them to the glory of heaven.

We pray for all who are ill from the virus
that the Lord may heal them soon
through the ministry of others.

We pray for all who work in any way at this time
to keep our society functioning –
those who are involved with producing, selling and
delivering food,
those who keep our transport system and utilities going
and all those in other frontline jobs.

We pray for all who are struggling with isolation, loneliness,
depression
and financial problems.

Give us all the grace to deepen our faith and trust in you O
Lord,
and so support each other in every way we can.

Our Lady, health of the sick. *Pray for us.*
St. Raphael the Archangel, *Pray for us.*
All holy men and women, *Pray for us.*

(With grateful acknowledgement to Corpus Christi Church, Headington, Oxford where this prayer is prayed daily during Mass at 10.00am and at the Eucharistic Adoration at 5.00pm)