



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!"

Masses & Intentions - April 26 – May 03, 2020

Sunday 26	Third Sunday of Easter People of the Parish
Monday 27	Easter feria The McDade Family (Intentions)
Tuesday 28	Easter feria Covid – 19 Frontline Staff & their Families
Wednesday 29	Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, V. D. Pof E Covid – 19 All the Faithful Departed (RIP)
Thursday 30	Easter feria Covid – 19 All Grieving Families
Friday 01	Easter feria Fr. Siluvai's Ministry & Parish
Saturday 02	St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Families in our parish
Sunday 03	Fourth Sunday of Easter People of the Parish

Christ With Us On The Way of Life

Christ has made known to us the true way of life and ransomed us from the useless way of life handed down to us. He is with us today in the breaking of bread.

Believing Christ died – that's history.

Believing Christ died for me – that's salvation.

Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday. Please pray for Vocations and also for all our Deacons, Consecrated Women & Men, Religious, Priests and Bishops in our country and around the world.

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

Priests continue to celebrate Mass on a daily basis, for your intentions and for some other specific intentions.

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 May - (For Deacons): We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

RIP: Please pray for **Bishop Leo McCartie, Fr. Bernard O'Connor OSA, Fr. Antony Conlon, Lucy Barwell, Mary Adams** and all who died in recent times and for all the faithful departed. *May they all, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Anniversary: 3rd of May is the Second Anniversary of the late Maurice Griffin RIP. Please remember Maurice and the Griffin family in your prayers.

100 Club: The Winner for April 2020 is Peter James. Amount won: 25.00 Congratulations! Thank you for your support and 'Thank you' to the organisers!

St. Catherine of Siena (25 March 1347 – 29 April 1380), a laywoman associated with the Dominican Order, was a mystic, activist, and author who had a great influence on Italian literature and the Catholic Church.

She was canonized in 1461, declared patron saint of Rome in 1866, and of Italy (together with Francis of Assisi) in 1939. She was the first woman (along with Teresa of Ávila) to be declared a "doctor of the Church," on 4 October 1970 by Pope Paul VI. She was also proclaimed patron saint of Europe in 1999 by Pope John Paul II.

Catherine of Siena is one of the outstanding figures of medieval Catholicism, by the strong influence she has had in the history of the papacy and her extensive authorship. She was behind the return of the Pope from Avignon to Rome, and then carried out many missions entrusted by the pope, something quite rare for a woman in the Middle Ages. Her *Dialogue*, hundreds of letters, and dozens of prayers, also give her a prominent place in the history of Italian literature.

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: For children's and families to stay engaged with their faith at home, the following sites might be helpful.

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

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

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/>

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 Journey to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): *This attractive and delicate narrative is the story of the journey to faith in the Risen Christ: it occurs in any Christian instruction, and especially in the Eucharist, which begins with the teaching of the scriptures, and then is brought to its fulfilment in the Sacrament. The two disciples (are they man and woman, as so often in Luke, perhaps Cleopas and his wife?) start off deep in depression and disappointment. But they are open-minded and willing to learn as the Stranger explains to them from scripture the meaning of events. Their hearts burn within them at the Stranger's words, but their eyes remain closed. It is only in the sacramental meal that they recognise the Risen Christ. This is the story of any Christian instruction, culminating in the Eucharist, for the Eucharist is a sacrament of initiation, bringing us to the intimate, personal encounter with Christ. Once they have been enlightened and have learnt the profound meaning of the events, the truth of the scriptures and the resurrection, then the disciples return to the Holy City and carry on their own Christian apostolate by spreading the news of the resurrection. This is the shape of the Christian vocation which we all receive, to assimilate and pass on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. **How can we learn the meaning of Christ's resurrection? How can we spread the message of Jesus?***

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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).

Prayer for Vocations

Come Holy Spirit...

- Give me the *Understanding* to hear your Voice,
- Give me the *Awe and Wonder* to see GOD in others,
- Give me the *Right Judgement* to accept your Call,
- Give me the *Knowledge* of when to Act
- Give me the *Courage* that I may Tell others of my calling,
- Give me the *Reverence* to Invite you into my life,
- Give me the *Wisdom* to FOLLOW where you lead and I ask that your presence will inspire me Now and for ever... Amen.

(The Diocese of Nottingham Vocations Prayer)