



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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09.08.2020 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to guests visitors and parishioners.

His Voice That Speaks of Peace

In time of great anguish, such as St. Paul himself experienced, Christ is always with us, calming the storm and bringing peace.

Masses & Intentions

Sunday 09	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.30am	Amalorpava Mary (Birthday)
Monday 10	<i>St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr</i>
	People of the Parish
Tuesday 11	<i>St. Clare, Virgin</i>
	John Clifford RIP & The Clifford Family
Wednesday 12	<i>St. Jane de Chantal</i>
6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Individual Prayers
7.00pm	Ancilla Rayappan (Birthday)
Thursday 13	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
	Soosai Arockiam (Birthday)
Friday 14	<i>St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</i>
	Varsha Sandiago (Birthday)
Saturday 15	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
	Thanksgiving (T&MC & All families)
Sunday 16	<i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM</i>
	Elsie Standbridge RIP

RIP: Please pray for **Jenny Scull, Janine Curry, John Clifford** and all those who died recently and for all the faithful departed. *May they all, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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.

LORETO LITANIES: THREE NEW INVOCATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY DESIRED BY THE POPE: Pope Francis decided to insert three new invocations to the Virgin Mary in the "Litanies of Loreto" dedicated to Her: "Mother of Mercy" (*Mater Misericordiae*), "Mother of Hope" (*Mater Spei*) and "Comfort of Migrants" (*Solacium Migrantium*).

In a letter to the Presidents of the Episcopal Conference, published on June 20, 2020, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stressed that prayer to the Virgin Mary is a "privileged and sure way of encounter with Christ."

PETER'S PENCE – MOVED TO 4 OCTOBER 2020: Please note that the 'Peter's Pence' collection for this year has been moved from June 28 to October 4.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) has created a Hardship Fund for those suffering through the pandemic. If you are aware of any individuals or families in need, please refer them to their local SVP conference who could offer support and funding and, if necessary, apply to the Hardship Fund. The process for applying and for receiving a grant is very fast and simple. It requires the SVP to have either previous contact with the beneficiary or to agree that there would be SVP contact following the grant.

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF MISSIO: "The last few months have been especially tough for missionaries overseas and the Catholic communities they serve. Churches in areas of poverty and oppression have been particularly hard hit by Covid and the lockdown.

The Holy Father's Covid Emergency Appeal, coordinated by Missio, has raised over £250,000 in England & Wales and has provided immediate and effective relief to those in need in Kenya, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Malawi, Ethiopia, and through the Mill Hill Missionaries in Cameroon, India, Philippines, South Sudan and Pakistan.

During this difficult time for us all, we have made every effort to keep in touch with our 2,500 parish volunteers. Many have been concerned about not being able to collect and empty the Red Boxes. To help them we have put in place some alternative ways to give including through a dedicated donation page at www.missio.org.uk/redbox

Jesus and Peter on the Water (Matthew 14:22-33): The Christian people are often depicted as a boat, with Peter at the helm. As in a boat, everyone has their part to play: kids to bring the excitement and the challenge, parents to take the responsibility, grandparents just to be there to comfort and reassure. Without Jesus the disciples were getting exhausted, frustrated and probably bad-tempered and quarrelling. When Jesus appears everything changes: first, terror and awed amazement, then Peter rushes to meet him – and loses confidence, only to be swiftly rescued. How does Jesus come to me? In the joys of family? In the unwelcome criticism of an angry neighbour who tells me the truth about myself? In the worries of a job or the agonies of a failed relationship? In the staggering beauty of creation? In physical pain? In all these situations we may discover God's presence, and without that presence we cannot expect to cope. Jesus does not force himself upon us. He just jogs us, and says, 'Here I am if you want me.' He may disappear into the sea-mist again for a time, and we may sink into the water like mistrustful Peter. But it all ends with a welcome and a recognition that Jesus can help, even in a life-threatening situation.

Why is Peter such a good role-model for us?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Pope's Prayer Intention for August - (The Maritime World): We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Sick: Please pray for all those who are unwell at this time, especially all those who are affected by Covid-19, those who are in isolation and all who help / take care of them as well as all those who serve our communities in frontline jobs.

To learn more about the difference Missio is making through prayer and charity please see our Impact Report, available on-line missio.org.uk/mission-today or ringing 020 7821 9755.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement.

- Fr Anthony Chantry

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – (change to the initiative): Due to COVID-19 many of the events of the 2020 'God Who Speaks' project had to and continue to be cancelled, much to the disappointment of the many, especially as the initiative has generated great enthusiasm across the dioceses of England and Wales. The initiative has always been thought of as being more than a 'year of the word' inspired by the significant anniversaries of St. Jerome's death and the gift of *Verbum Domini*. The art work of Pete Codling too is to be seen across our countries.

In the light of this and with the continued support and encouragement of Bible Society the question arose as to what the future of the project should be? More a matter of postponement of events than a cancellation with the project possibly morphing into an ongoing work of Bible promotion; the next significant anniversary being the sixtieth of the promulgation of *Dei Verbum* in November 2025. The online aspect of the project has continued to develop with more and more resources being prepared as well as an ever increasing call from schools for more materials. The Bishops' Conference believes that the coronavirus had created a real loss and that the enthusiasm that had been generated thus far should be built on, giving the project at least another year, *viz.* taking it to Sunday of the Word 2022.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2020: The 2020 World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) will be celebrated on **Sunday 27 September** and the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is '**Forced like Jesus Christ to flee**' to focus on the pastoral care of internally displaced people (IDPs). A copy of the Holy Father's Message can be found via the following link on the Vatican website: <http://www.vatican.va>

CAFOD'S SUMMER OF HOPE: CAFOD have just launched their Summer of Hope to encourage support to CAFOD and their coronavirus emergency appeal from parishes and schools over the summer months by raising money from things that they would have been doing if life was normal, such as attending the school summer fair, sports days, summer holidays etc. CAFOD are trying to encourage people to think about what activities they would usually participate in during this time and consider raising some money out of it for CAFOD. For information, please visit the CAFOD website.

CAFOD - DEC CORONAVIRUS APPEAL: The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) launched a nationwide Coronavirus appeal on Tuesday 14 July. CAFOD is an active member of the Committee and are currently giving support to communities in 26 countries with the £1.6 million they have raised so far, to help prevent the spread of the virus and limit the impact of hunger that lockdowns have caused.

The need is immense, particularly in countries where there is conflict and displacement of whole communities.

CAFOD supports the South Sudan Council of Churches and they recently received word from Fr. James Oyet Lantansio, General Secretary: *"I am humble and grateful to God that He has kept us alive up to date, as the world battles the COVID 19 pandemic. This year 2020, is a tough year for the whole world, but even tougher for us as South Sudanese, as we struggle to fight the COVID-19 pandemic with a health system that is very poor (almost non-existent), coupled with the lack of capacity and the political and economic fragility of the country."*

The Catholic Community of England and Wales does not abandon those in need at home or overseas and this is indeed a time when our global family is suffering.

Through their network of volunteers, young CAFOD leaders and amongst their staff, they are keen to support in whatever way possible, the opening up of churches. Please do not hesitate to contact your local CAFOD representative if you think they can support in any way to sustain your parish and church communities.

If you would like to know more about the response to coronavirus that they are making globally on behalf of the Catholic community please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

CAFOD also have inspiring resources to help your parishioners and schools to pray and to engage. Their children's liturgy is very popular <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> and they have a programme of online talks for supporters and volunteers <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks>.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VIDEOS: A primary teacher, children's liturgy catechist and mother of four children from the Dunkeld Diocese has, since the lockdown started, been creating children's liturgy videos so that children can still have access to some form of children's liturgy sessions.

The Facebook page she has created to share resources on is called 'Children's Liturgy during Lockdown' and has weekly videos for each Sunday as well as craft ideas for children to have a go at which link to that Sunday's Gospel. The videos are just 10 minutes long, with a children's version of the Gospel, short explanation as well as little song, prayer and something for the children to make to help remind them of each week's Gospel message. She will carry on creating these videos for sometime after the re-opening of churches.

YouTube link <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gMpS4smCUrg>

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

St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr, (third century) was a Roman Deacon. He died four days after Pope Sixtus II, during the persecution of Valerian. Arrested by the prefect and called on to deliver up the property of the church, his answer was to point to a crowd of poor people. "Here are the true treasures of the Church," he said. He was roasted to death on the gridiron.

St. Care, Virgin (1193-1253) imitated St. Francis of Assisi in the virtue of poverty and was remarkable for her penitent life. She founded the Order of Poor Clares.

St. Jane de Chantal (1572-1641) was born in Dijon, France. She was happily married and had four children. Her husband was killed in a hunting accident. Nine years later with the help of her spiritual director, St. Francis de Sales, she founded the Order of the Visitation, which was dedicated to the works of charity among the sick and the poor.

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest Martyr (1894-1941) was born in Poland. He consecrated himself to the Lord in the Franciscan Order. Filled with the love for the Virgin Mary, he founded the Militia of the Immaculate Mary, and with preaching and writing, undertook an immense apostolic mission in Europe and Asia. Interned in Auschwitz during the Second World War, he offered himself in exchange for the father of a large family who was to be executed. He died of hunger in the concentration camp. St. John Paul proclaimed him the patron of Our Suffering Century. His life reminds us of the many problems of our time: hunger, peace, reconciliation among people, and the need to give meaning to life.