



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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15.11.2020 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to guests visitors and parishioners.

Christ, The Head of His Household

Christ's family, the Church, today holds festival in honour of its Head, and brings to him the talents of a good wife, devoted sons, and faithful servants.

Masses & Intentions

Saturday 14	Luke Elwes (14 th Birthday)
Sunday 15	People of the Parish
Monday 16	<i>St. Edmund of Abingdon, St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude,</i> Shiela & Barry Matthews RIP
Tuesday 17	<i>St. Hilda, St. Hugh of Lincoln, St. Elizabeth of Hungary.</i> Burt & Burtie Neal RIP
Wednesday 18	<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul</i> Holy Souls
Thursday 19	Dec'd Clergy & Religious
Friday 20	Fr. Thomas Edward Williams RIP
Saturday 21	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 22	<i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> Stuart Cox (RIP) Anniversary

The Second Lockdown

In compliance with the government's current restrictions, our church will remain closed except for individual prayer on:

Saturday between 5.30pm and 6.00pm

Sunday between 10.00am and 10.30am

Wednesdays between 6.30pm and 7.00pm

Priests will be celebrating Masses regularly in private for the particular and general intentions. These will be updated weekly, and parishioners can access the parish newsletter through the parish website.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November – Artificial Intelligence: We pray that by the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

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.

RIP: Please pray for **Rev Fr Thomas Edward Williams** and all those who died recently and for all the faithful departed. *May they all, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Thank You: **Father Hudson's Care** and **Cafod** have written to thank our parish for the kind donations of £36.00 and £192.00 respectively. Thank you for your generosity during these difficult and challenging times.

Catholic Youth Services: Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for **the Catholic Youth Services**.

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.

Missio Calendar 2021: Thank you to all who help the Missions through your prayers and generous contributions. The calendar for the new year is available in our church. Please remember to take your copies.

Walk With Me (Advent 2020): The Season of Advent begins in two week's time. To help us prepare and spend prayerfully for this holy season leading to Christmas, our diocese has produced prayer books and Advent Calendars. Please take your copies. .

VIGIL OF PRAYER, SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2020: The International Eucharistic Congress for 2020 has been postponed until next year. Cardinal Peter Erdo of Budapest-Estergom has asked that all parishes have a **Holy Hour on Saturday 21 November – the Vigil of the Solemnity of Christ the King**. He has asked that "in the current epidemiological situation...we can also join in from our homes with our personal prayers. Let us take part in this common

A Story about Talents (Matthew 25:14-15,19-21): It is encouraging to think of all the talents which friends and neighbours have and which I don't have. It is all part of the gifts of the Spirit, which Paul sees as making up the whole Body of Christ. Everyone has a special contribution to make. As for me, it is extraordinary that God created me with all my twists, defects, fears and failures and it is precisely because of those boils, sores, abscesses that God loves me, helps me and guides me to work out my salvation. And it is just possible that there may be friends who can think that God has given me talents which make a tiny contribution to the happiness and goodness of the world. In the longer version of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus mentions a man with just one talent who hides it in the ground: the master calls him "wicked and lazy" and has him thrown out. Why is he so severely treated? This is surely someone who resolutely turns his (or her) back on the goodness she (or he) has received and refuses to work with it for the Lord's purposes or for anyone else's. Such a talent goes to waste and merely rusts and corrupts. If I know anyone like that, it is just worth asking whether, with infinite and patient kindness, I can help that person to release their talent and bring it to blossom.

Just think for a moment: what is your best talent? Is it a gift, skill or humour which brings joy and happiness to those around you? Are you like the man who buried his talent in the ground, or do you use this skill or gift or wisdom to bring joy to others? Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Christmas Cards Sales: Sale of Christmas cards remind suspended until further notice.

adoration, join with your parish, your community and your family. Let this worldwide adoration be the next station of our preparation for the 52nd IEC in Budapest, and let us relive the regenerating love of God.”

Cardinal Nichols has asked that this be disseminated across our dioceses as a moment for the Church to pray for all those affected by the current pandemic in England and Wales.

All parishes and dioceses are asked to set aside some time on this date to have Adoration, to pray for the worldwide situation with Covid-19, and to enter into this preparation for the Eucharistic Congress next year.

For further information please visit the official website: <https://corpusdomini.iec2020.hu/#/>

National Youth Sunday 2020 takes place on Sunday 22 November, the feast of Christ the King. National Youth Sunday represents an opportunity to explicitly recognise young people as a gift in the Church and affirm their contribution in the life of the local and universal Church. National Youth Sunday usually provides parishes with an opportunity to focus on the role of young people in the Sunday liturgy and in parish life. Whilst it is not possible to celebrate National Youth Sunday in the usual way, we are encouraged to pray for young people.

The theme is ‘Together’. In light of COVID-19, the theme recognises what it means to be ‘together’; with ourselves, with others and with God; and the significance of being together. Pope Francis expresses this beautifully. “To come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity” Pope Francis, September 2020.

There is a collection scheduled this weekend for the diocesan Youth Service to support their work in serving the young people of the Archdiocese. Please keep our young people in your prayers. For more information on National Youth Sunday, please visit www.nationalyouthsunday.com.

Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul (Nov 18)

This feast helps us move beyond our narrow geographical confines to a sense of the universal Church, its origins and missionary calling

Summary: *Dedication of the basilicas of Saint Peter in Rome, built in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and Saint Paul’s Basilica, built in the nineteenth century, both replaced older buildings erected by Constantine in the fourth century over the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul. The dedications of these churches have been commemorated together on this day since the twelfth century.*

Each of the four major basilicas in Rome has a feast of their dedication in the Liturgical Calendar, highlighting the link between Rome and the universal Church. *St Mary Major’s* (5th August) and *St John Lateran’s* (9th November.) The other two, *the Vatican’s St Peter’s Basilica* and *St Paul’s-outside-the-Walls*, celebrated today, (18th November) *Patrick Duffy* gives some facts about the two basilicas.

Basilica of St Peter: St Peter’s is built on the Vatican Hill, where Peter is thought to have been buried. The original building was built during the reign of Constantine. The popes only began to live there after the return of the papacy from Avignon to Rome. The present building of St Peter’s was begun by Pope Julius II in 1506 and for 120 years underwent many alterations under a succession of architects (Bramante, Raphael, Peuzzi and Sangallo). Its final form derives from Michelangelo who died (1564) before the erection of its great

dome. The Basilica was finally consecrated by Pope Urban VIII on November 18, 1626. Excavations begun in 1942 discovered that the basilica was built over a large Roman cemetery: Peter’s tomb is thought to be located at 100 metres under the main altar.



Basilica of St Peter

Basilica of St Paul’s-outside-the-Walls: St Paul’s-outside-the-Walls (image above) is located about seven miles from Rome near *Tre Fontane* on the Ostian Way, where Paul was said to have been martyred and the emperor Constantine began a basilica. This basilica was enlarged under Theodosius I and Pope St Leo the Great. It was burned to the ground in 1823. During reconstruction a fourth-century tomb was found, with the inscription PAULO APOST MART: “To Paul, apostle and martyr”. A new basilica, on the lines of the old one, was consecrated by Pope Blessed Pius IX on December 10, 1854. In the year of the Apostle Paul 2008-9 (the 2,000th anniversary of the apostle’s birth) it hosted the opening Mass for the Synod of Bishops on the Word of God.



St Paul’s Outside the Walls

Relevance of the feast: We are all members of our own local church, but we also are members of the mother-church in Rome, symbol of the universal Church. This feast helps us move beyond our narrow geographical confines to a sense of the universal Church. See also 9th November – the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of St John. www.catholicireland.net/

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Nov 21): This feast It highlights the holiness of Mary from the beginning of her life on earth that continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Summary of the Presentation of Mary. *This memorial originally marked the dedication of a sixth century church of the Virgin Mary near the Temple of Jerusalem.*

This feast is celebrated both in the Roman and the Eastern Orthodox rites. In the East it takes its origin from the dedication of the Church of Our Lady near the Temple area in Jerusalem which took place on 21st November 543. A church was built on the above site in honour of this mystery. *Patrick Duffy* recalls some of the themes of the feast.



The Eastern Church took it up as a celebration of Mary’s presentation to God in the Temple at the age of three, a non-biblical story from the apocryphal gospel of James. Established in the West late in the Middle Ages, the feast was universally observed by the sixteenth century. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception. www.catholicireland.net/