



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Welcome to guests visitors and parishioners.

God's Gift to us: His Son

Abraham was prepared to give God his only son, Isaac, in sacrifice on a mountain in the land of Moriah. God would do no less. "This is my Son, the Beloved," he says to us. "Listen to him." On mount Tabor, Peter, James and John get a glimpse of Jesus' glory as the Son of God. We too are given a glimpse of that glory in the Eucharist. Let us cherish it and celebrate it!

Masses & Intentions

Saturday 27	People of the Parish
Sunday 28	First Sunday of Lent Amelia Anthony Intentions (Birthday)
Monday 01	Feast of St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales Sr. Sharon (Intentions)
Tuesday 02	Feast of St. Chad, Bishop, Patron of our Archdiocese Shiela Wrenn RIP
Wednesday 03	Lent Feria Deacon Gerald Marsh RIP
Thursday 04	Lent Feria Those in Need
Friday 05	Lent Feria, First Friday, Women's World Day of Prayer The Grieving Families
Saturday 06	Lent Feria Canon Peter Taylor RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 07	Second Sunday of Lent People of the Parish

Weekend Masses via Internet

Having had the update from the government, efforts are being made to organize public Mass in our church as soon as possible. Stewards have been contacted about this. Parishioners will be notified as soon as it is possible.

Until then, we invite you to join in the Masses live streamed on Saturday at 5.30pm and Sunday at 10.00am by searching on the YouTube for "St Wulstan's, Southam". Thank you to all who access the live streamed Mass from our church.

Parishioners are encouraged to involve themselves whole-heartedly in the various possible Lenten devotions.

We are managed to reach the '**Walk with Me**' prayer books and calendar to as many parishioners as possible. However, if there are anyone who has not yet received them, please contact the parish office. We'll do the needful as soon as possible.

During this Lent, let us make an effort to start / restart the habit of personal prayer and scripture reading.

The following websites might be of help to you to nurture and sustain our spiritual life.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

www.sacredspace.ie

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com>

All true devotions and spiritual exercises are bound to lead us to encounter the Lord in the Eucharist. Wish you a happy lent!

Pope's Prayer Intention for February (Violence against Women):

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

RIP: Please pray for **Fr. Giles Goward, Fr. Patrick Joyce, George Derek Watson, Stacy Reed, Kay Griffin, Kathleen Healy** and all those who died recently and for all the faithful departed. *May they all, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

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.

CAFOD Lent Fast: The voluntary Second Collection this weekend is for Cafod Lent Fast.

Cathedral Maintenance: Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

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.

The Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-10): As the time of the



Passion approaches, the foreboding of the disciples grows. Jesus sustains them with this vivid manifestation of himself in glory. On the holy mountain of revelation they see him transformed. It was a real visual experience, though described in symbols familiar from the Bible - brilliant white clothes, and so on. Moses and Elijah are seen there because they also had experienced the vision of God on the holy mountain: Moses when

he had received the Law from God on Mount Sinai; Elijah when he encountered God in the cave on Mount Horeb. The disciples were frightened, confused and overcome at the awesome experience, and yet, at the same time, comforted in such a way that Peter wanted to prolong it. Their reaction to the presence of the Lord will later be reflected by that of Christian mystics – both a reassuring terror and a frightening homeliness, the awareness of a presence which is awesome yet comforting - an experience which cannot fully be put into words. The Voice from Heaven is an echo of the Voice heard at Jesus' Baptism. There, however, the Voice was addressed to Jesus, whereas here it is spoken to the disciples, proclaiming Jesus as authorized teacher, the one who speaks with the authority of the Beloved Son.

When and how do you meet Jesus? How do you respond to God? Are you frightened of God, or is God a comfort to you?

Miriam's Walk for Water: Inspired by a video in her school about Cafod's effort in providing drinking water to people in hot countries like Ethiopia, our parishioner Miriam Lambe is doing Cafod's 'Walk for Water Challenge' this Lent. Parishioners are encouraged to support Miriam's and Cafod's effort. The following is the sponsor link:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/miriams-lent-challenge>

Thank you in anticipation for your generous support.

Unleash the Gospel: The following is a lovely website with week by week activities for families, prayers and exploration of the Gospel. Hope you will find it helpful. (This week):

<https://www.52sundays.com/sundays/february-28-2021>

Weekly Rosary: Thanks to the Isaacs Family for their Rosary initiative. Parishioners could now join with other parishioners for praying the Rosary via zoom, on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm**. Many thanks to all who have joined this initiative.

You can use the same link each week to join which is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84132920743?pwd=NXRoUVJQTQVVlanUwVzYxNk9kbGlrUT09>

Meeting ID: 841 3292 0743 Passcode: S0AQyb

Be encouraged to pray the Rosary regularly (even if a decade or two), especially for the deliverance from the pandemic. Your prayers are much appreciated.

Lent - Sycamore Course: For the last two weeks this zoom Lent course has been taking place on Thursdays at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to join in at:

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/lent-course/>

St Marys Catholic Primary School, Southam: Due to the impending retirement of our current head teacher, the Governors of St. Marys Catholic Primary school are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and visionary head teacher to lead our successful, happy and growing Catholic school community from September 2021. Closing date 1st March 2021. Interviews 9th & 11th March

If you are interested, please see the school website www.stmaryssoutham.org.uk or contact the school 01926812512 to arrange a visit after 4p.m.



St. Chad, Bishop, Patron of our Archdiocese (-672): Chad



was born in Northumbria, one of four brothers, all of whom became priests. He was educated partly at Lindisfarne under St Aidan and partly in Ireland. He succeeded his brother St Cedd as Abbot of Lastingham in Yorkshire in 664. He became Bishop of Mercia in 669 and Wulfhere, first Christian King of Mercia, gave him land to establish his see at Lichfield.

Chad was outstanding for his humility and simplicity of life. He died of the plague on 2 March 672. He was at once venerated as a saint and his shrine in the Cathedral of Lichfield was a place of pilgrimage throughout the Middle Ages. At the Reformation, some of his bones were preserved and handed down by recusant families in the Midlands: in 1841 they were enshrined in the new Cathedral consecrated in Birmingham in that year and dedicated to Saint Chad. - (*Birmingham Ordo*)

To visit online St. Chad's Cathedral at Birmingham, log on to:

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/cathedral/interesting-facts/>

Saint Chad, also called **Ceadda**, (died March 2, 672, Lichfield, Mercia, England; feast day, March 2), monastic founder, abbot, and first bishop of Lichfield, who is credited with the Christianization of the ancient English kingdom of Mercia.

With his brother St. Cedd, he was educated at the great abbey of Lindisfarne on Holy Island (off the coast of Northumbria) under its founder, Abbot St. Aidan, and later apparently studied with St. Egbert, a monk at the Irish monastery of Rathmelsigi. Cedd recalled Chad

to England to assist in establishing the monastery of Laestingaeu (now Lastingham, North Yorkshire). Upon Cedd's death in 664, Chad succeeded him to become the second abbot of Laestingaeu, and, probably late in the same year, at the request of King Oswiu (Oswy) of Northumbria, he was consecrated bishop of the Northumbrians (with his see at York).

An ecclesiastical dispute arose because St. Wilfrid had already been chosen bishop of York and had gone to Gaul for his consecration, a mix-up recorded in Venerable Bede's *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* (considered to be the best source for Chad's life). The issue remains confusing. When in 669 the new archbishop, St. Theodore of Canterbury, arrived in England, he charged Chad with improper ordination. On Wilfrid's return in the same year, Chad resigned York and retired to Laestingaeu. Theodore, however, was so impressed with Chad's humility that when the bishop of Mercia died he asked King Oswiu to appoint Chad as the bishop's successor. The king approved, and Chad, having been reconsecrated by Theodore in 669, chose Lichfield, where he built a church and monastery, as the new seat of his diocese.

During the last three years of his life, Chad founded a monastery in Lindsey, on land given him by King Wulfhere of Mercia. In the same area Chad supposedly founded another monastery, at Barrow-upon-Humber. He is noted as having conducted his apostolate zealously, traveling much on foot. He died of plague, and numerous miracles were reported as having taken place at his tomb. His relics, originally in the Cathedral of Lichfield, were saved by Roman Catholics during the Reformation and transferred to St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Chad>

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (St Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for Vocations to the Priesthood

Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, offered as a Sacrifice on the Cross to take away the sins of the world:

I unite myself with your sacrifice on the altar, with the Eucharist which I cannot receive. You have given to your Church the Sacrament of Baptism through which your people are made holy. You have given to your Church the Sacrament of the Priesthood by which the banquet of the Eucharist is set before us. I pray today for all priests, who through their consecration make present in your Church your real and abiding presence. I thank you for the gift of the Priesthood. I praise your wonderful presence in the Eucharist. Amen.