



# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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## 10 & 17 AUGUST 2025 – 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Psalter Weeks 3 & 4

Please gather in prayerful silence. Be encouraged "to speak to God before Mass and to speak to your neighbour after Mass".

Saturday 09 5.30pm	Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Brian & Teresa Woodward RIP
Sunday 10 10.00am	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ravin Teeluck RIP
Friday 15 9.30am	<b>Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM</b> ~~~ No Mass ~~~
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
Saturday 16 5.30pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass
Sunday 17 10.00am	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: None this week.

Evening Prayer: None this week

Confession: by appointment

Rosary: None this week

Morning Prayer: None this week

Refreshments: Sundays 11.00am to 11.45am - parish hall.

Children's Liturgy: At 10.00am Mass on Sundays during term time only.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for August – For mutual coexistence:** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult may not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Welcome to our Masses this weekend! Special welcome to visitors and guests!

**Watchful servants:** We are servants of God and of one another. But what kind of servants are we? Let us ask forgiveness for our sins of sloth and carelessness in our service of God and of one another.

The emphasis in the Gospel is on readiness for the return of the Lord. Even though we, as the disciples, are only a 'little flock' in a hostile world, we must not be discouraged but must look with confidence to the Father who has chosen us for his kingdom. We are like bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom (Jesus) to return from the wedding feast. Since we do not know the exact hour of his return, we must maintain a constant watchfulness and faithfulness.

**Something Greater.** Are you being called to be a catechist, or discerning another area of ministry? This is a new deanery initiative where those from the different parishes of the deanery can come together to equip themselves for these areas of ministry. There is an introductory session on Wednesday 10th September at 7.15pm. The venue will be St Mary Immaculate, Warwick CV34 6AB. To register please email [canon.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:canon.david.hartley@rcaob.org.uk)

**Sick:** Please pray for Fr. Michael White, Janet Pittam, Nora Brown, Bernie Grant, John Ison, Chris Ison and all those who are unwell currently and those who need our prayers.

**RIP:** Please pray for Fr. Paul Johnson, Fr. Tony Rohan, Deacon Bian Cox, Deacon Adrian Davies, the victims of various conflicts around the world, all the faithful departed and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

The QR code for daily readings: The daily Scripture Readings used at Mass can be accessed scanning the following QR code on your smart phone. It will be a great help if those who read at Mass could access them and prepare them in advance.



**Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, Harvington Hall** on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025: We have booked a coach to go to Harvington Hall once again. If you are interested in booking a seat, the cost is £10 per person. Bring a packed Lunch & Chair. Tea & Coffee etc. available on site. Tours of the Hall are free. There are 17 seats available on the coach. Early booking is advisable. If interested speak to P Woolston.

**No Sanctuary Lamp dedications** this week. All dates available £4 per week.

**Catholic Diaries 2026:** If you wish to order a Diary for 2026 please see Pat Woolston. Cost: £3.50 each.

**Thank you:** This weekend is my last weekend of ministry in Southam as parish priest. As I thank God for all his favours and blessings, I wish to thank all the parishioners, especially those through whom God has showered those favours and blessings. Your generosity, kindness and support are very much appreciated. THANK YOU VERY MUCH for all your help, support and encouragement. THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your prayers.

We welcome Fr. Desmond Devenney to Southam as our new parish priest. His priestly minister in Southam will begin on the first weekend of September. The weekends in between will be covered by the priests from our deanery.

After the Mass this Sunday, you are all welcome to the parish hall for the farewell refreshments.

**Warwick Martyrs Walk:** On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm walkers will set off from Whitnash, Leamington and Warwick Catholic Churches, to meet at the top of Gallows Hill at about 3.40pm and commemorate the local martyrs as close as possible to their site of execution with prayers at 3.45pm. All welcome

**Holyday of Obligation:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holyday of Obligation. **There will be Mass at 7.00pm only.**

**Weekend Masses in August:** We welcome Canon David Hartley form St. Joseph's, Whitnash and Fr. Aji Alphonse from St. Marie's, Rugby, who will be celebrating the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses respectively, until Fr. Desmond Devenney arrives in the parish in September.

### Offertory Collections – 03.08. 2025

Non-Gift Aided: £90.30 Candles: £10.35 Donations: £150.00

Mass Attendance: Saturday: 17 Sunday 63 Total: 80

*Thank you very much for your generosity.*

**Parish Ambassadors needed for Father Hudson's Caritas:** Could you act as a link between Father Hudson's and your parish? Individuals are needed to act as Parish Ambassadors for the charity, which is the social care agency of our Archdiocese. Voluntary duties will include ensuring literature, newsletters and information is up to date within the church and helping to promote the FHC Annual Parish Collection.

**Diocesan Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi:** Monday 18 August 2025 marks the beginning of the Diocesan Novena to pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi.

The Novena of Prayer lasts for nine days and concludes on his feast day on Tuesday 26 August. The annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi is a moment to pause and to appreciate the work of this holy Passionist in our Archdiocese and to pray for his Canonisation.

Blessed Dominic arrived in the Archdiocese in February 1842. He spent the next seven years based at Aston Hall in Staffordshire, from where he celebrated Mass, preached Missions, heard confessions, and received many people into the Catholic Church, the most famous being St John Henry Newman in October 1845.

Blessed Dominic had a well-known reputation for sanctity and holiness of life. He is also remembered for his love for the poor, and those in need of prayer and help. In our Archdiocese his memory is held in special regard and each year we pray a Novena of Prayer asking God to grant a miracle of healing through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, which could further his cause for Canonisation.

Please pray the Novena during the nine days from August 18 until August 26. It can be prayed in the parish or at home.

### Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi

*O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.*

*We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for Us.  
Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for Us.  
Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for Us.*