



## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. WULSTAN

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### 17.10.2021 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Christ the Suffering Servant of God

Today we celebrate the Christ who gives meaning to all human suffering. By taking on himself the role of a servant and redeeming us by his sufferings, he has turned all our human values upside down. It is the weak who have become strong.

#### Masses & Intentions

Saturday 16 5.30pm	<b>Vigil -Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 17</b> 10.00am	<b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Beryl O'Brien RIP
Monday 18 9.15am	<b>Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist</b> Marie Allen (Birthday)
Tuesday 19 9.15am	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> ( <i>St. Paul of the Cross</i> ) In Thanksgiving (T&MC Family)
Wednesday 20 6.00pm	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> Abhishek (Birthday)
Thursday 21 <b>9.30am</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> John, Paul & Family's Intentions
Friday 22 9.15am	<b>Memorial of St. John Paul II, Pope</b> Vocations to Priesthood, Religious & Married Life
Saturday 23 5.30pm	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 24</b> 10.00am 11.00am	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Missionaries & their Mission communities. Baptism: Huxley Wesley Wolf

**A Life of Service (shorter version) (Mark 10:35-45):** Three times in Mark's gospel Jesus formally tells his disciples about his coming Passion, and each time they seem entirely deaf to it. So each time Jesus counters their misunderstanding by repeating the need for a disciple to follow him in suffering. Today's reading begins just after the third prophecy, and – true to form – the sons of Zebedee reply with a request for the best seats at the banquet of the Kingdom! Matthew in his gospel spares the two disciples by putting the request in their poor mother's mouth; only in a second exchange with Jesus do they woodenly accept to share Jesus' 'cup' and 'baptism'. Do they really know what they are accepting, or do they just blithely agree and answer 'Yes' to Jesus' question about sharing the same 'cup' as their 'Master'? The indignation of the other disciples prompts Jesus to deliver his clearest statement in words that authority in the Church should be regarded as service. His clearest statement in action about service is the smelly business of washing the travel-garbled feet of his disciples at his last meal with them.

**How does Jesus envisage leadership in the Church? How may we all live better lives of service?** Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

**World Mission Sunday:** Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. There will be retiring collection for APF (**Association for the Propagation of Faith**).

**"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!"** insisted St. Jerome (*whose feast was celebrated on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September*) – a strong exhortation indeed from a Father and Doctor of the Catholic Church to Christians urging all Christians to recognize that serious Bible study is a necessity, not an optional luxury.

Parishioners are encouraged to take part the **free, online BIBLE TIMELINE course** at [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

**In November we Remember:** As the month of the Holy Souls is fast approaching, we need to update the 'November List of the Faithful Departed' (so as to be ready for All Souls' Day). Please add the names of your loved ones to the list made available in the porch.

**All Souls' Day:** Tuesday November 2 is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. Our Faith and Tradition teach and encourage us to pray for the dead. At every Mass, they are remembered. As all priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses on this day, parishioners are informed in advance that there will be Masses at 9.15am and 7.00pm with the second Mass to be arranged around noon, either in the church or in the school, enabling our Primary school children to participate in it.

**Mass for those who died during the Pandemic and for all Healthcare & Frontline Workers:** Cardinal Vincent has asked the Bishops of England and Wales to celebrate a Mass in their cathedrals on Sunday 7 November for those who have died during the pandemic and for all healthcare and frontline workers who have supported our local communities during the last eighteen months. Our Archbishop will be offering this Mass in St Chad's Cathedral on that Sunday at 11.30am. (which as you might know, is livestreamed).

The archbishop encourages priests across the diocese to share in this commemoration at the Masses celebrated with their own parish communities on Sunday 7 November. Accordingly, the 10.00am Mass on that day in our parish too will be offered for the above intention.

He hopes this will be an opportunity to unite ourselves in prayer for all those who continue to be impacted by the effects of this pandemic, not only in this country but throughout the world.

**Welcome to guests, visitors and parishioners. Let us gather in prayerful silence, and be encouraged "to speak to God before Mass and speak to our neighbour/s after Mass.**

**Thank You** to all who were able to take part in our Parish Day of Prayer for Vocation on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. As the Lord has taught us, let us not cease **"to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest"** (Lk 10:2).



**The Assisted Dying Bill 2021** is due to receive its Second Reading, with full debate, on Friday 22 October 2021.

There will be a **national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II**, on whose feast the Second Reading falls. **It will run from 13th-22nd October**. Parishioners are encouraged to use the following novena prayer.

#### The Novena Prayer

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim

boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be....*

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/> offers more digital resources.

Bishop John Sherrington (the bishop responsible for the Day for Life) has said of the Novena:

‘Jesus told his disciples to pray at all times and not lose heart. Providentially the discussion of Baroness Meacher’s Bill in the House of Lords falls on the feast of St John Paul II on 22nd October. The novena, asking the intercession of St. John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated. St. John Paul II, pray for us.’

**Right to Life: Call for Stories:** Our friends at Right to Life are encouraging their supporters to submit compelling personal stories of the powerful benefits of palliative and end-of-life care, and of the dangers of assisted suicide. These will then be shared with peers as they consider the Bill this month. Any story, no matter how big or small it might seem, could be critical to the fight against assisted suicide in the Lord. These experiences will be very helpful to shaping the views of peers on this bill and convincing them to reject this extreme and dangerous proposal. You can submit your story at <https://righttolife.org.uk/mystory>

#### **Pope’s Prayer Intention for October**

**Missionary Disciples:** We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**RIP:** Please pray for **Sheila Woolstan** and all those who died recently and for all the faithful departed. *May the Lord bring them in His peace to that knowledge which fulfils faith, answers hope, and receive the fullness of His love.* May the grieving families be strengthened and supported by our thoughts and prayers.

#### **Offertory Collection**

Gift Aid £43.00 Non-Gift Aid £59.00 Total: £104.10

Prison Advice & Care Trust (PACT): 57.40, Refreshments: 11.00  
(NB: The above figure **does not include** those paid online or by Direct Debit)

*Thank you very much for your generosity.*

**Baptism Preparation:** The rescheduled dates for the next meetings for the Sacrament of Baptism are Tuesdays 19 & 26 October at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Attendance at this meeting is essential before the celebration of Baptism.

**Table Top sale!** Are you needing extra space? Ready for a clear out before Christmas? Looking to make a little spare cash?

Then book a table at our Table Top sale! £5 per table, keep all your profits!

Refreshments available and raffle.

When - Saturday 30th October. Time - 10:00 till 12:00

Place - church Hall

Contact Angela – 07847611013 Wendy – 07436113887

**Used Cartridges:** Our primary school is collecting used ink cartridges for environmentally recycling them. Please support this initiative.

**Inviting All Christians in the district to Gather, Pray and Socialise the ‘New Normal’:** The Catholic Parish of Kenilworth and Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) together invite us for a social gathering of our congregations preceded by a short ecumenical Service of Prayer at St. Francis of Assisi Church & Parish Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November between 7pm and 9pm. (See letter in porch for more details). A light buffet and a cash bar available.

There is no ticket, but for catering purposes, informing the organisers the number of persons intending to take part is necessary. Please put your names to the list in the porch.

**Advent Carol Service:** Very soon Christmas will be upon us. We all know too well the Season of Advent can be easily dwarfed or side lined by various other considerations.

To emphasize and celebrate it, the parish intends to have an ‘Advent Carol Service’ consisting of Readings, Hymns & Advent Carols, and lasting 30-40 minutes. Refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall. Hope many parishioners would come along & support!

**Christmas Carol Service:** This will take place at the end of the Advent Season. Date & Time to be confirmed.

**St. Luke, the Evangelist:** On October 18, Catholics and other Christians around the world will celebrate the feast of St. Luke, the physician and companion of St. Paul whose gospel preserved the most extensive biography of Jesus Christ.



St. Luke wrote a greater volume of the New Testament than any other single author, including the earliest history of the Church. Ancient traditions also acknowledge Luke as the founder of Christian iconography, making him a patron of artists as well as doctors and other medical caregivers.

Luke came from the large metropolitan city of Antioch, a part of modern-day Turkey. In Luke's lifetime, his native city emerged as an important centre of early Christianity. During the future saint's early years, the city's port had already become a cultural centre, renowned for arts and sciences. Historians do not know whether Luke came to Christianity from Judaism or paganism, although there are strong suggestions that Luke was a gentile convert.

Educated as a physician in the Greek-speaking city, Luke was among the most cultured and cosmopolitan members of the early Church. Scholars of archaeology and ancient literature have ranked him among the top historians of his time period, besides noting the outstanding Greek prose style and technical accuracy of his accounts of Christ's life and the apostles' missionary journeys.

Other students of biblical history adduce from Luke's writings that he was the only evangelist to incorporate the personal testimony of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose role in Christ's life emerges most clearly in his gospel. Tradition credits him with painting several icons of Christ's mother, and one of the sacred portraits ascribed to him – known by the title “Salvation of the Roman People”- survives to this day in the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

Some traditions hold that Luke became a direct disciple of Jesus before his ascension, while others hold that he became a believer only afterward. After St. Paul's conversion, Luke accompanied him as his personal physician-- and, in effect, as a kind of biographer, since the journeys of Paul on which Luke accompanied him occupy a large portion of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke probably wrote this text, the final narrative portion of the New Testament, in the city of Rome where the account ends.

Luke was also among the only companions of Paul who did not abandon him during his final imprisonment and death in Rome. After the martyrdom of St. Paul in the year 67, St. Luke is said to have preached elsewhere throughout the Mediterranean, and possibly died as a martyr. However, even tradition is unclear on this point. Fittingly, the evangelist whose travels and erudition could have filled volumes, wrote just enough to proclaim the gospel and apostolic preaching to the world.