

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST WUL(F)STAN (19 January)

St Wulfstan, also known as Wulstan, Wolstan, and Ulfstan, was born in Warwickshire, around 1008. His uncle was Archbishop of York, and the young Wulfstan studied at Evesham and Peterborough, before joining the Benedictine monastery at Worcester, of which he was to become Prior. On 8 September 1062, he was consecrated Bishop of Worcester, and, after the Norman conquest in 1066, Wulfstan was the only English-born bishop to retain his position for any significant time—most of his peers had either died or been otherwise replaced by Normans by the year 1075. He founded Great Malvern Priory, and did much work on the fabric of the cathedrals at Worcester and Hereford, as well as at Tewkesbury Abbey and numerous other churches. Wulfstan died in 1095, and his tomb soon became the object of veneration. In 1158, the king and queen (Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine) placed their crowns on his shrine and vowed not to wear them again. He was formally canonised in 1203 by Pope Innocent III. The following is an extract from the *Life of St Wulfstan* written or collected by William of Malmesbury:

Wulfstan immediately on his elevation as bishop put his mind to works of piety. There was no delay: the day after his ordination he dedicated a church to the blessed Bede, an excellent choice for his first dedication, for Bede had been the prince of English letters. That day Wulfstan's flow of preaching so watered the people that it was not in doubt that he owed to the Holy Spirit his command of an eloquence that had once moved the tongue of Bede. And indeed all his life long, not just on this occasion, the people were so seduced by the report of his preaching that you might have seen them flocking in droves whenever it was reported that he was to dedicate a church.

His life held to so fine a balance that he held to both professions without losing either: he was the bishop without abjuring the monk in his religious practice, and the monk while preserving a bishop's authority. He was far removed indeed from the ways of the men produced in our century. If he was asked for his advice, he was excellent at giving it; if he was begged for something, he was ready to listen.

In his lightness of heart and cheerfulness of countenance he had a foretaste of the joys above, and his hope allowed him to draw in advance on the fountain of heavenly pleasure which he now in very fact drains without stint. Though he was constantly concerned with inner things, men did not find him dilatory or sluggish when it came to outer things. Many were the churches throughout the diocese that he began with vigour and completed to an excellent standard, not least his own cathedral which he started from the foundations and put the finishing touches to, increasing the number of monks and making them behave in accordance with the Rule.

Readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A)

Isaiah 8: 23-9: 3; Psalm 26; I Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17; Matthew 4: 12-23



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SUNDAY 15 January	SUNDAY 2 PER ANNUM YEAR A <i>Divine Office Week 2</i> Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Sunday Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Peace of the world</i> Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 16 January	<i>Feria (Monday of Week 2 per annum)</i> Mass 6.30pm Good Shepherd
Tuesday 17 January	St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot Mass 9.30am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>M. McAvoy's Ints.</i> Adoration 8.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary Finance Meeting 7.30pm Holy Rood Lodge
Wednesday 18 January	<i>Feria (Beginning of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity)</i> Mass 9am Holy Rood <i>Christian Unity</i>
Thursday 19 January	<i>St Wulstan, Bishop</i> Mass 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) <i>Christian Unity</i> Adoration & Confessions 7-8pm
Friday 20 January	<i>St Sebastian, Martyr</i> Mass 8.30am St Thomas More Mass 12.30pm Holy Rood (Latin, 1962)
Saturday 21 January	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr 9am Mass Holy Rood 9.30-10am Confessions
SUNDAY 22 January	SUNDAY 3 PER ANNUM YEAR A <i>Divine Office Week 3</i> Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm Holy Rood (<i>Divine Worship</i>) Confessions 6.10pm Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 6.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary Sunday Mass 9.15am Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Christian Unity</i> Mass 11.15am Holy Rood <i>Pro populo</i> First Holy Communion Getting-to-Know-You Session 3pm Rosary Room

Our Lady of the Rosary, Yarnells Hill, Botley, OX2 9BD
Holy Rood, Abingdon Road, OX1 4LD
Good Shepherd, Bagley Wood Road, Kennington, OX1 5LY
St. Thomas More, Foxcombe Road, Boars Hill, OX1 5HD

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | 18-25 January is, as ever, the Octave of Prayer for Unity. One of the Sunday Masses on 22 January will be offered for the Unity of Christian. On **25 January**, end of the Week and the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, there is Midday Prayer at **11.30** followed by lunch at Our Lady of the Rosary. Please make every effort, if you are available, to attend this act of prayer; and, if you can assist with lunch, please let Fr Daniel or the Office know.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL | The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be holding his annual appeal **this weekend**. Since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act, over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion. Since then, SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until death. Please be as generous as you can today. Thank you!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS | The planned Getting to Know You session is on **Sunday 22 January**, 3pm in the Rosary Room. All children need to be present at Mass that morning, as they will be given the first part of their FHC Toolkit. As of Saturday 21 January, no new applications for this year will be accepted.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING | There will be A diocesan safeguarding training for all volunteers working with children and young people at St Edmund's in Abingdon from **10am-12:30pm** on **Saturday 28th January**. Please register your intention to attend with Soraya Ciccarone at soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH COLLECTION TOTALS
Week ending 8 January 2017
Main collection plate: £417.02
Standing orders: £533.75

CHILDREN'S DIARY
Children's activities take place during the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.
29th January - Children's Mass. No Children liturgy
Children's liturgy runs every Sunday unless stated otherwise. Contact Blanka at : mccarthybb22@hotmail.com

BOWLING AT KASSAM STADIUM
All pastoral area youth groups are going bowling on **Friday 27th January from 7-9:30pm** at the Kassam Stadium Bowlplex. Andy Robins, the Youth Coordinator for the Didcot and Wallingford area is organising the event, so please call him on **07952 145851** or email at a.robins@talktalk.net.

HINKSEY YOUTH GROUP | Calling all young people! The Youth Group at Hinksey will be launched on **Sunday 5 February** at Our Lady of the Rosary parish hall. 10-12 & 13-14 year olds will meet from 2:30-4pm. There will be a Youth Mass for all the young people of the parish from 4:15-5pm followed by light refreshments in the parish hall. Finally the session for the 15+ group will be from 5-6:30pm including a talk on 'Christianity and Science'. If you're interested in coming along to the Youth Group or would like more information, please ask your parents to **sign up** on the form at the back of church. Alternatively, please contact Melanie at leader.tipa@gmail.com

ROTAS THIS WEEK
Counting Tuesday 17 January
Gerald and Jo

NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to the **Parish Office** by **Thursday 10 am** email hinksey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

IN OUR PRAYERS
THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED |
Andres Barranco, Anderson Barranco, Jim & Joan Chatting, Sean Hodgkins, Vanessa Clark, John Finch, Michelle Roche, Maurice McAvoy, Peggy Duhig, Harold Crapper, Anne Lansberry, Ted Renshaw, Catherine Harker, Norman Coles, Brian Hodgkins, Clifford Broome, Lesley Simpson

THANK YOU! A MAGNIFICENT RESULT! Last year, on the Feast of Christ the King, an appeal was made to help fund work with young people in the Pastoral Area, and specifically to work towards ensuring that Melanie Parris-Dollar's post as our Youth Worker will be able to keep going beyond 2018 when the grant from 'Living Our Faith' (£25,000 per annum) comes to an end. The appeal raised the magnificent total of £2,083.39. (Abingdon £956.57, Didcot and Wallingford £325.56, Hinksey £441.22, East Hendred £360.04). This sum will be put into a ring-fenced 'sustainability' account, and the more we can raise from our local resources for this, the more we can hope to attract matching contributions from charitable trusts etc. But a big thank you to all who worked for and contributed to this; let's keep up the momentum!
Fr Paul King and Youth Worker Support Group

MEN'S GROUP As part of a number of new initiatives planned by the Pastoral Council, we are pleased to announce the creation of a Men's Group. It will be an opportunity for men of the Parish to meet socially but also for prayer and reflection, with meetings set to take place on the last Tuesday evening of every month beginning **31st January**. More information is to follow with announcements at Masses this week-end, alternatively contact Chris White on 07747467729.

ORDINARIATE | Said Mass, Saturdays at 5pm (for the Sunday obligation); 6.30pm on Thursdays, both at Holy Rood. The choir returns on Saturday 21 January, with a sung mass for the beginning of the Third Sunday after Epiphany.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS | Each month the Holy Father asks us to pray for a particular intention. January's is: **Christian Unity:** *That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION | Is God calling you to: become a Catholic? To Marriage? To Ordination? To have your child baptised, or to take the plunge yourself? All those interested in preparation for the Sacraments of the Church are invited to take a moment quietly to consider and pray about this in advance of an informal meeting to be held next month (date and time TBC).

PILGRIMAGES | ✠ LOURDES ✠
Why not consider joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip in August 2017? It will be from **Friday 18th - Friday 25th August**. If you would like more information, please contact Fr John Cooke or Mrs Clare Ryan on 01489 572797 or parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
✠ IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST JOHN PAUL II ✠ Poland from the **19-24 April**, led by Fr John Lee. The Pilgrimage takes place over Divine Mercy Sunday and we will visit the shrine celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St Maria Faustina Kowalska. For information contact Pilgrimage People 0800 612 3423.