

## St Wulstan's Parish

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**GAUDETE**

**SUNDAY**

**(Year A)**

**15 December 2019**

### **Today's Scripture Readings**

PMB pp. 88-90 Prf p.66 EP3 p.28

Isaiah 35: 1-10 The signs which Isaiah associates with the coming of God to rescue them from captivity are the very signs which Jesus tells John's messengers are being performed.

James 5: 7-10 James counsels patience to those who await the day of the Lord and recommends as examples the prophets "who spoke in the name of the Lord"

Matthew 11: 2-11 John is told of the signs of God's Kingdom which indicate that Jesus is the One they were awaiting. About John himself, Jesus affirms that he is a great prophet who, instead of being a "reed swaying in the breeze", speaks God's truth.

### **COFFEE AFTER 10.30 MASS**

Traditional Latin Mass at 3.15pm.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Sunday 15 December (TODAY) 3pm Blackmore Park.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday: no Mass Friday: Mass at 9.30am.

PAUL HOTHERSALL, long-standing parishioner and member of the choir died on Saturday 30 November. Funeral at St Wulstan's: Monday 30 December, 1pm.

BAPTISM On Friday 20 December at 2.30pm, Thomas, son of Peter Wijsman and his wife Victoria (nee Selway-Swift), will be baptised in St Wulstan's. Peter and Victoria were married here in the summer of 2015 and live in San Francisco. Their first child was baptised in Holland. Please pray for Thomas and the family. (note: this is the second baptism this year of a child born of a couple married here in 2015. The child of a third couple married in 2015 will be baptised in January.

THE SOWER: Free copies of the Birmingham Diocesan quarterly magazine available at back of church.

ADVENT CALENDARS AND COPIES OF WALK WITH ME available at back of church.

MEN'S GROUP Please see notice on stand at back of church and sign up if interested.

VOTIVE LIGHTS Apologies that the recent batch of votive lights at the statues of Our Lady, the Sacred Heart and St Anthony, have been substandard. Hayes and Finch have now replaced them. I am not sure that the replacements are much better. Please feel free to light two votives for the price of one!

Confessions every Saturday 4.15-4.45pm. (please come to Sacristy).

Centering prayer: third Saturday of month 11am (parish room).

Eucharistic Adoration: last Saturday of month: 11am in church.

Lectio Divina: first Thursday of month (time to be agreed).

COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: There is a box at the back of the church.

Pray for Paul Hotheresall and Les Miller, who have died, for Harry Bradbear who died recently, for John Bilsborough, Pat Higgins, Rosemarie Kay, Christopher Kouwen, Andy McGowan, Pauline Mills, Peter Onions, Nicholas Ratcliff, Raymond Turner and Ellen Verdult, who are unwell/housebound.