

ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 22nd Week in Ordinary time, Yr B, 29 August 2021

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-5; James 1:17-18 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see [Isaiah 29:13](#)). In observing the law, the Pharisees honour God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external rituals.

The gift of the law, which God gives to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see [Matthew 5:17](#)). The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, i.e. eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in his Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. We must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts. The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add or subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honour.

"Listen to me" says Jesus in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law. Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only merely paying lip service?

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 28th Aug: St Augustine of Hippo (*Memoria*)

10.00 - 10.50am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions

10.50 - 11.00am: Benediction

11.00am: Holy Mass....Ints: *For the Holy Souls*

Saturday, 28th Aug: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

5.00pm: Holy Mass...Ints: *For Paul Garrett*

Sunday, 29th Aug: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time, Yr B

8.30am: Holy Mass....Ints: *Deceased of the Parish*

10.30am: Holy Mass....Ints: *Pro Populo*

Please note: there will no Masses on Monday to Friday of next week.

Saturday, 4th Sep.: St Cuthbert (*Memoria*)

10.00 - 10.50am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions

10.50 - 11.00am: Benediction

11.00am: Holy Mass....Ints: *For Andy McGowan RIP*

Saturday, 4th Sep.: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

5.00pm: Holy Mass...Ints: *For the Holy Souls*

THE SUMMER 'BRING ANS SHARE' PARTY

It will be an excellent opportunity for us all to get together again, meet new parishioners and reconnect with old friends. It will take place on:

Sunday 29th August at 12.00 noon at:

Kilima Lodge,
Evendine Lane,
Colwall,
WR13 6DT.

By kind permission of Bill and June Stallard.

Tel: 01684 540357

Please do not feel, if you are unable to provide 'a plate', that this precludes you from attending. Your company is the most important ingredient!

Church Open Days

St Wulstan's will be open on Saturday 11th and Wednesday 15th of September during Malvern's Heritage Week which runs from the 10th to the 19th September.

Also St Wulstan's will be welcoming those taking part in the Worcestershire & Dudley Ride & Stride on the 11th September.

VOLUNTEERS are therefore needed to give up at least an hour of their time to man the church and to dispense refreshments in the Parish Room between 10.00am to 4.00pm on both days. A list to sign for those who are good enough to help out will be at the back of the church from Saturday evening.

If you are unable to get to church but would still like to help please contact Helen Coleman on byanyothername@live.com or 01684 833382.

It is also hoped that those responsible for the presentation of the church and grounds make a special effort for that week. Thank you.

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Weekly Collection Information

We plan to publish 'Plate' and Standing Order collection information on a monthly basis, after the Standing Orders have been added from the Bank Statement.

Due to the mix of weekly, monthly and quarterly payments the totals will be presented as weekly averages for the month.

June - Total average weekly Parish collections £609. In Church collections £295, Standing Orders £314.

July - Total average weekly Parish collections £582. In Church collections £258, Standing Orders £324.

Thank You

We can't exist without the generosity of our parishioners for the upkeep and maintenance of the church and grounds of St. Wulstan's church. When we give generously we share in the true nature of God's abundant love. If you haven't already done so, you may consider making your donations to St Wulstan's either through the planned giving scheme or by standing order.

Zoom Social meeting.

This will be starting on Friday 3rd September and then every two weeks from Tuesday 14th September. Always at 4:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like to request a Mass Intention, please fill in a Mass Intention Request Envelope at the back of the church and hand the envelope to Fr Patrick or one of the stewards at the Sunday Mass. Spare envelopes are available in the Sacristy.

Priest's number in case of emergency: 07922 323603

Prayer intention for August: Pope Francis invites us to pray that we, as the Church, may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to be reformed in the light of the Gospel. He says, "The Holy Spirit makes us take flight, opens up the wonderful destiny for which we were born, and nourishes us with living hope."

Ordination to the Diaconate, Br John George

Please pray for Brother John of Downside Abbey, who is to be ordained a Deacon on Tuesday 31st August @ 11:00 am; all welcome...

Brother John was Jack George when he attended St Wulstans a few years ago.

PLEASE PRAY for Anthony Kilroy and Andy McGowan, who have died recently. Also for John Bilsborough, Andy Cooper, John Crowe, Pat Higgins, Rosemarie Kay, Pauline Mills, Peter Onions, Nicholas Ratcliff, Raymond Turner, & James Sweetman who are unwell or housebound.

Coffee after Parish Mass: This will resume on 5 September 2021.

Funeral of Andy McGowan

The wife and family of the late Andy McGowan, whose funeral took place on Thursday, 26th August at St Wulstans, express their sincere thanks for all your prayers and letters of condolence and to all who made the Requiem Mass for Andy a beautiful celebration.

March4Life - London - Saturday 4th September

Transport to this year's March has been arranged and a 53-seater coach has been booked. We are planning to leave St George's at 7.30am and return at approx. 8pm. Parishioners from across the Deanery are invited so please ensure you book your place early. We aim to keep the cost below £25 – half price for children under 12. Places should be reserved as soon as possible by emailing the Parish office (stgeorge.worcester@rcaob.org.uk) and making a deposit of £5 per person in the first instance, either by using the on-line payment facility

<https://investmycommunity.com/parishofstgeorgeworcesterarchdioceseofbirmingham2141> or the Special Collection option on the Donation Station in St George's Church. Cheques made payable to St George's RC Church will also be accepted. Let Mary, the parish secretary, know the number of seats you need, the amount of the deposit you have paid and the method of payment you used when you email. Many thanks.

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Foodbank are in need of the following items

Bar Soap

Men's Shower Gel, razors, shampoo

Women's Shower Gel, deodorant, shampoo

Adult Toothpaste, toothbrushes

Surface Cleaner

Baby Wipes

Nappies size 7 and pull ups

Kitchen Rolls

And please keep donating from our shopping list

Tinned Meat, Fish, Vegetables, Tomatoes, Fruit, Potatoes

Cereals (Medium)

Jam

Tea

Biscuits

Squash

Longlife Fruit Juice

Instant mash

Sauces for pasta and rice

Toilet Rolls

Household goods – washing up liquid, washing powder, surface cleaner

Nappies particularly Size 5, 5+ and 6

We currently have plenty of:

Tins of Beans

Pasta

Sugar