

ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th/9th JANUARY 2022

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Scripture Readings for The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it.

Psalm:

R./: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

He saved us by means of the cleansing water of rebirth.

Gospel: Luke3:15-16,21-22

Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Details for services for next week

Friday –7th January 2022 –Weekday after the Epiphany

10.00am- Mass - Ints: For the Holy Souls

Saturday, 8th January 2022 –Weekday after the Epiphany

10.00 – 11.00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary & Benediction

11.00am – Mass – Ints: For the deceased of the parish

5.00pm – Vigil Mass (The Baptism of Our Lord - Ints: Pro Populo

Sunday 9th January 2022 - The Baptism of Our Lord

10.30am – Mass – Ints: Elizabeth Lowes RIP (100th Birthday remembrance)

(Please note: there will be only one Mass on Sunday, 9th Jan.)

Christmas Season ends, Week 1 of Ordinary time begins, Yr II (Sundays, Yr C)

Monday 10th January 2022 – St Gregory of Nyssa, bishop.

10.00am – Mass - Ints: for Jacinta Lobo (ill)

Tuesday, 11th January 2022 - St Aelred, abbot.

10.00am – Mass – Ints: For Vocations

Friday 14th January 2022 – Feria

10.00am- Mass - Ints: For the Holy Souls

Saturday 15th January 2022 – BVM

10.00 – 10.50am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary & Confessions

10.50 – 11.00am - Benediction

11.00am – Mass – Ints: For the deceased of the parish

Thank You & Blessings for the New Year 2022

I feel sure, you'll agree that our Christmas services were deeply moving, full of beauty and wonder. I wish to thank all our parishioners and volunteers; the Choir, flower arrangers, Readers, stewards, cleaners and all others who worked tirelessly over Advent and Christmas to make St Wulstan's a special place for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord. Thank you and May God bless you. Fr Patrick. A Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

May the New Year, 2022 be filled with joy, an abundance of blessings and peace.

PLEASE PRAY for Andy McGowan, Anthony Kilroy and Mark Ranasinghe who have died recently; for John Bilsborough, Andy Cooper, John Crowe, Pat Higgins, Rosemarie Kay, Pauline Mills, Jacinta Lobo, Peter Onions, Nicholas Ratcliff and Raymond Turner who are unwell or housebound.

Confirmation Course

For all the younger and not so young members of St Wulstan's who would wish to be confirmed in the New Year, 2022, please see Fr Patrick. It is anticipated that the Confirmation course for those candidates will commence in Feb-March 2022 for the sacrament of Confirmation to be held in June of 2022.

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.

Church Flowers

The Flower Group wish to thank everyone for their generosity over the Christmas period and also for their kind praise. It is very rewarding to have your support in both of these and we thank you most sincerely. Mary Pillon, June Stallard, Sue Griffin, Claire Bailey.

Christmas Cards

Huge thanks to everyone who bought our Annunciation and Nativity Christmas cards. With your help and that of many other supporters and friends of St Wulstan's, the project has raised £1,033.30 for the restoration fund.

Incidentally, cards - and framed cards - are always available via the dedicated website www.christmascardsinaidofstwulstanschurch.com

Synodal Pathway

We still need two members of our parish to join and represent the Synodal pathways process for St Wulstan's parish. Please speak to Fr. Patrick if you are interested. These meetings will be held at St Joseph's Church as part of a Malvern cluster comprising St Joseph's, St Wulstan's and Our Lady & St Alphonsus (Blackmore Park) which will help to kickstart our own parish meetings on the way forward for the Church. Please place your completed Synodal Questionnaire in any box at the back of the Church on the collections table.

Altar Servers

An appeal for some younger members of our parish to come forward and serve at the altar or to return to serving at the altar at Sunday Mass. Training will be given. This, of course, is a special appeal to parents/grandparents to encourage the younger members of your families to attend Holy Mass on Sundays, especially as we approach Advent and Christmas.

Malvern Foodbank

Hello all,

Our shortages for this week are: Tinned Soup, tinned vegetable pies, tinned fruit, custard, tinned rice pudding, instant coffee, tinned fish, jars curry sauce, tinned sausages, tinned carrots, tinned potatoes or smash, washing up liquid, men's shower gel, men's deodorant, jam, ketchup and sugar.

Thank you all, for your continued support.

Happy New Year.

Sandie and the Foodbank Team

Malvern Hills Foodbank

Covid restrictions in church

It is a statutory requirement that all members of a congregation attending a place of worship must wear a face mask unless medically exempt. There are certain exceptions such as choir members when singing, readers, those leading services and those who are medically exempt. Please adhere to this rule to protect others. Masks must continue to be worn while singing. All other measures remain in place such as sanitizing hands and maintaining social distance in the church. People who are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person. Thank you.

Diocesan directive relating to COVID19

Anyone who has come to Mass/Church Service and falls into either of the categories below would they please inform Claire Bailey (clairebailey001@aol.com or 07831 864599) been in contact with someone who has now tested positive for COVID19. have themselves tested positive for COVID19.

Covid Update from the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Further to my recent email giving the latest COVID update, I have received an additional communication from the Bishops' Conference asking priests, over the next few weeks, to emphasise to their congregations the importance of receiving the booster vaccine where this is possible.

There is overwhelming evidence showing the effectiveness of vaccination in preventing serious illness, the further spread of the virus and ultimately death. The vaccination programme, therefore, serves the common good by protecting the population, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis has spoken of the 'moral obligation to be vaccinated' and referred to vaccination as an 'act of love'. Given that, at the present time, the numbers of people being infected is rising quickly, a collective effort is needed to combat this virus.

As you might have heard the UK Government have amended the self-isolation regulations for those who have tested positive for Covid to self-isolate for seven days instead of 10, in most cases.

Two lateral flow tests are needed - the first no earlier than day six of isolation and a second 24 hours later. If the first tests are positive, further tests can be taken on other days.

If both tests are negative, you can stop self-isolating. People are asked to register their lateral flow results but do not have to do so.

The guidance applies whatever your vaccination status and can now be followed. It applies whether you have tested positive for Omicron or another variant.

However, anyone leaving self-isolation after seven days is "strongly advised to limit close contact with other people in crowded or poorly-ventilated spaces".

They should work from home and minimise contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness.

If you are fully vaccinated (two doses) and come into contact with someone who tested positive for Covid, you do not have to self-isolate but should do daily lateral flow tests (LFTs) for seven days.

If one of the lateral flow tests is positive, you'll need to self-isolate and take a PCR test to verify the result.

However, those who are not double-jabbed will still have to isolate for the full 10 days if they are a close contact of a positive case.