

## ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

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Scripture Readings for Solemnity of Saint Wulstan

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10

Psalm: 89

R./: I will sing forever of your love, O Lord

Second Reading: The Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 9: 35-38

**Details for services for next week**

**Friday - 14th January 2022 – Feria (1st week in Ordinary time)**

10.00am- Holy 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 – Holy Mass

Ints: For Baby Archie Benjamin (Grand-nephew, Sean and Dorothy Devlin)

**Saturday - 15th January 2022 – Feast of St Wulstan (Patron)**

5.00pm – Vigil Mass of the Feast - Ints: Pro populo

**Sunday - 16th January 2022 - Feast of St Wulstan (Patron)**

10.30am - Feastday Mass

Ints: Jack Stallard (Grandson, Bill & June Stallard)

**(Please note: there will be only one Mass on Sunday, 16th Jan.)**

**Sunday, 2nd Collection**

The Second Collection on Sunday, 16th will be for Pax Christi, which is an international Catholic peace movement which sets out 'to transform a world shaken by violence, terrorism, deepening inequalities and global insecurity'.

**Apologies for my absence**

I shall be away from the Parish from Monday, 17th Jan. – Friday, 21st Jan. incl. There will be no weekday Masses next week. Services will resume on Saturday, 22nd Jan 2022

**Saturday 22nd January 2022 – BVM (2nd week, Ordinary time )**

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

10.50 – 11.00am - Benediction

11.00am – Mass - Ints: Mr & Mrs John Leahy (61st Wedding Anniversary)

**Thank You & Happy New Year 2022**

Thank you for your generosity to your Parish priest at Christmas and the Belmont Community and to our parish throughout the year.

We wish you a very Holy, Joyful and Peaceful New Year.

Fr Patrick

**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.

### Coffee Morning

This Sunday (16 January) we will be celebrating the Feast of St Wulstan. (It is the nearest Sunday to his actual feast day of 19 Jan.)

After Sunday Mass, as well as coffee, a glass of sherry will also be on offer in the Parish Room. We hope there will be good support to celebrate the Feast Day of our church's patron Saint.

### Synodal Pathway

There will be a Parish General Meeting on the Synodal Pathways done jointly with St Joseph's (Malvern) and Our Lady and St Alphonsus (Blackmore Park), which will take place at St Joseph's on Sunday, 23rd January at 3.00pm.

Any members of our parish who would like to attend, would be more than welcome. We need to get moving on this initiative which the Holy Father has started, moving into the 21st Century aimed at all the baptised members of the Church, both faithful and those who have become lukewarm in their faith.

The three aspects our common journey will be addressing are:

Communion

Participation

Mission

There will be at least two meetings at parish level before the end of February 2022 so that we at St Wulstan's can discuss and submit to the Archdiocese our own evaluations on ways forward for this journey of faith.

### 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.

### Malvern Foodbank

Hello all; Our shortages for this week are: Tinned Soup, tinned vegetable pies, tinned fruit, custard, tinned rice pudding, instant coffee, squash, fruit juice, tinned fish, jars of curry sauce, tinned sausages, tinned carrots, tinned potatoes or smash, cereal, washing up liquid, men's shower gel, men's razors, children's toothpaste and brushes, men's deodorant, jam, ketchup, UHT milk, sugar, laundry detergent, washing up liquid and surface cleaner.

Thank you all, for your continued support.

Very best wishes for 2022.

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 and congregation when singing, readers, those leading services and those who are medically exempt. Please adhere to this rule to protect others. While the wearing of masks when singing is not now a government requirement, it is suggested that we keep our masks on when singing as a preventative measure. Singing without masks in a relatively confined space with people around you is a sure way to spread covid germs. 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](mailto: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.

