ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 12th/13th March 2022

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Second Sunday of Lent Readings

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12.17-18
God enters into a Covenant with Abraham.
Psalm: 26(27):1,7-9,13-14
R./: The Lord is my light and my help.
Second Readings:Philippians 3:17-4:1
Our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes Christ to transfigure us.
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36
Jesus is transfigured before them.

Details for services for next week
Second Week of Lent, Yr C

Saturday – 12th March 2022 – 1st Wk of Lent (Feria)
(Week of prayer for Dementia sufferers)
10.00am – 10.50am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary & Confessions
10.50am – 11.00am - Benediction
11.00am - Holy Mass - Ints: For the sick and housebound of the parish
Saturday – 12th March 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Lent, Yr C
5.00pm – Vigil Mass of Sunday - Ints: Pro populo
Sunday - 13th March 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Lent, Yr C
08.30am – Holy Mass - Ints: Mrs Janet Lodge R.I.P. (P Wilkinson)
10.30am – Parish Mass - Ints: For the People of Ukraine
Monday –14th March 2022 – 2nd Wk of Lent (Feria)
10.00am- Holy Mass - Ints: For the Holy Souls
Thursday - 17th March 2022 – St Patrick, Patron of Ireland (Feast Day)
10.00am- Holy Mass - Ints: Private Intention
Friday – 18th March 2022 – 2nd Week of Lent (Feria) (Lent fast day)
5.00pm – Stations of the Cross in church
5.30pm – Holy Mass -Ints: For Fr David Lloyd R.I.P. (P Wilkinson)
(Please note there will no morning Mass)

Saturday –19th March 2022 – Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of BVM
(Dementia Prayer week ends)
10.00am – 10.50am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary & Confessions
10.50am – 11.00am - Benediction
11.00am - Holy Mass - Ints: For Joseph Lobo (ill)

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

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for the world
in this moment of crisis,
and that peace and justice become
a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.

UKRAINE

As we continue to pray for the people of the Ukraine, His Holiness Pope Francis encourages us "to ask for the intercession of St Joseph precisely at the most difficult times in the life of you and your communities."
Please support those in need by donating at: https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal. By donating to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, you'll help DEC charities provide food, water, shelter and healthcare to refugees and displaced families.
Thank you to all who have donated to the Ukraine appeal in church and online.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day was on Friday 11 March, a day when we ate simply to be able to give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/Lent

Sunday 2nd Collection

This collection on 13th March is for CAFOD Family Fast Day.

Ukraine Humanitarian Relief fund?

There will be a second collection on 20th March for DEC for Ukraine.

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.

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Altar Servers

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

Worcester Deanery Pilgrimage

Expressions of interest for the pilgrimage to Walsingham at the end of October is very low. Please email Richard Lee-Heung at richielh101@yahoo.co.uk by 15th March 2022 if you are interested or want more information. You do not need to make a firm booking as yet but as it is first come, first served, later applicants might miss out. Please do not hesitate and get in touch with Richard by next week.

Benedictine Yearbook 2022

Copies of the yearbook are available at the back of the church. Reasonably priced at £3.75 each, the yearbook gives a very good insight into the various Benedictine and Cistercian Monasteries and Convents all over the UK and Ireland including parts of USA. - with some interesting articles within; well worth a read.

Foodbank

Please provide for the Foodbank ketchup, tinned fish, tinned carrots, tinned mushrooms, tinned vegetable pies, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, jam, cereal, sugar, tea, UHT milk, squash, fruit juice, rice, washing up liquid, men's razors, laundry detergent and baby wipes. There are many struggling families in our local community. Thanks.

Parish Social Event

Join us to celebrate St Patrick's Day on Saturday 19th March 7-11pm at the Main Hall, Welland. The evening will consist of a Ceilidh (with live band and caller) and Cheese and Wine (non-alcoholic wine available by request). Tickets £15.
For more information or to reserve tickets please contact Helen Coleman on 07805055974 or email byanyothername@live.com or June Stallard on 01684 540357 or email june@junestallard.plus.net.
Tickets can be purchased after the 10.30am mass each Sunday.
Please note that this is being offered to St Joseph's (Malvern) and Our Lady and St Alphonsus (Blackmore Park) so tickets are likely to go quickly. Get yours now to avoid disappointment.

Covid restrictions in church

It is no longer a statutory requirement that members of a congregation attending a place of worship must wear a mask. We ask that you continue the practice to wear a mask for now, as we have a vulnerable group of parishioners attending St Wulstan's, many of whom are elderly in their seventies and eighties. It will also protect all around us especially at this time of the year when colds and flu are rife and covid reinfection could occur. You can never tell. Please wear a mask to increase protection of others. We will continue to supply hand sanitizer for general use.

People who are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 are asked stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.

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