

# ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent Readings (Laetare Sunday)

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land.

Psalm: 33(34):2-7

R./: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

God reconciled himself to us through Christ.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The prodigal son.

## Details for services for next week

### Fourth Week of Lent, Yr C

Saturday – 26th March 2022 – 3rd Wk of Lent (Feria)

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 – 26th March 2022 – 4th Sunday of Lent, Yr C (Laetare)

5.00pm – Vigil Mass of Sunday - Ints: Pro populo

Sunday - 27th March 2022 - 4th Sunday of Lent, Yr C (Laetare) - Mothering Sunday

8.30am – Holy Mass - Ints: Private Intention

10.30am – Parish Mass - Ints: For all mothers and grandmothers of the parish

Monday – 28th March 2022 – 4th Wk of Lent (Feria)

10.00am - Holy Mass - Ints: For the Holy Souls

Thursday - 31st March 2022 – 4th Wk of Lent (Feria)

10.00am - Holy Mass - Ints: Jacinta Lobo (ill)

Friday – 1st April 2022 – 4th Wk of Lent (Feria) (First Friday)

5.00pm – Stations of the Cross in church

5.30pm – Holy Mass - Ints: For peace in Ukraine

Saturday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 – 4th Wk of Lent (Feria)

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

Sunday - 3rd April – Penance Service at 4.00pm

Lenten Penitential Service with Confessions at 4.00pm...There will be four priests available to hear confessions in St Wulstan's church. Please take this opportunity to prepare for Easter

**PLEASE PRAY** for Dom Alexander George, Bartholomew Kineneka, Andy McGowan, Anthony Kilroy Mark Ranasinghe and David Hemus 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.

## 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 world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.

Amen.

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

### British Summer Time

Remember the clocks go forward one hour this Sunday morning.

### Happy Mothers' Day



### 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.

### 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 Holy Week and beyond.. 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.

### Holy Saturday Preparations

Volunteers needed to help prepare the church on Saturday for Easter. Please come and help. Many hands make light work.

### Ukraine Appeal

This collection has now raised £497

### Weekly Collection Information

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

Jan - Total average weekly Parish collections £525. In Church collections £193, Standing Orders £332.

Feb. - Total average weekly Parish collections £546. In Church collections £211, Standing Orders £335.

### Recent Second Collections

Crib Offerings	£273
Pax Christie	£79
Afghan Appeal	£188
Pro Life	£87
Cathedral Maintenance	£50
Cafod (Family Fast)	£231

Many thanks to you all for your generosity - Chris Griffin.



### Music for Holy Week and Easter – new singers welcome to join us!

If you would like to help us with singing for the Easter liturgies, please come along and join us for any or all of the following practices:

Sunday 10th April straight after 10.30 Mass.

Monday 11th April 2pm

Tuesday 12th April 6.30pm

### ATTENTION all of you that are on a Church Rota or in the Choir.

Father Patrick and members of St Wulstan's congregation would like to thank you for the many, many hours you have devoted to the running of our Church by inviting you to a lunch on Sunday 1st May.

If you would like to participate further details and a list to sign will be at the back of the Church or you can contact June Stallard - 01684 540357 or [june@junestallard.plus.com](mailto:june@junestallard.plus.com)

### 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, longlife fruit juice, squash, instant coffee, tinned soup, tinned custard, tinned fish, tinned fruit in natural juice, washing up liquid, j cloths or similar, laundry detergent, and shampoo. Thanks.

## THE CRIB MONEY

Below is a photo of Gareth who received a cheque on behalf of Malvern Special Families. He asked for a heartfelt 'Thank you' to be passed on to all donors. Disabled children have been largely housebound due to their vulnerability to Covid so, as soon as it is safe to do so, it is planned to take them to Midland Safari Park as a special treat. Gareth said he'd send us photos of the outing.



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## **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](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