

ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 15th/16th JULY 2023

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15th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr A/1

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty.

Psalm: 64(65):10-14

R.: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.

Gospel: Matthew 13 :1-23

A sower went out to sow.

Saturday – 15th July – St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor (*memoria*)

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

11.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For the sick and housebound of the parish

Saturday – 15th July – 15th Sunday in Ordinary time, Yr A

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Vigil Mass of the Sunday) Ints: For all our deceased relatives.

Sunday – 16th July – 15th Sunday in Ordinary time, Yr A

10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: Pro populo

Monday – 17th July – Feria

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Mary Smith *R.I.P-100th Birthday (Isabel Vaughan-Spruce)*

Tuesday – 18th July – No Mass

Wednesday – 19th July – No Mass

Thursday - 20th July – Feria

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: The Holy Souls

Friday -21st July – St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor (*memoria*)

6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For Vocations

Saturday – 22nd July – St Mary Magdalene (Feast)

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

11.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For all our deceased relatives and friends.

Saturday – 22nd July – 16th Sunday in Ordinary time, Yr A

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) Ints: For the sick and housebound of our parish.

Sunday – 23rd July – 16th Sunday in Ordinary time, Yr A

10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: *Pro populo*

PRAYING FOR OUR SICK AND LOVED ONES

We pray for the repose of the souls of Patrick Hare, Pauline Mills and Bill Lynch ...*May their souls rest in peace.*

Please pray for all the sick including John Bilsborough, Andy Cooper, John Crowe, Pat Higgins, Rosemarie Kay, Jacinta Lobo, Peter Onions, Mike Harriss, Raymond Turner, Lea Maloney, Anna Foggo, Fr Christopher Calascione and all who are unwell or housebound.

WILLIAM BYRD'S MASS - NONSUCH SINGERS, SUNDAY MASS

We thank the Nonsuch singers who travelled from London to provide a truly beautiful rendition of Byrd's Mass for four voices to accompany our Solemn Mass last Sunday. Although there was no applauding as such, the positive feedback received afterwards echoed everyone's appreciation. Our thanks also go to Mary Verdult for inviting the choir to St Wulstans.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY 20TH JULY (6.30pm - Parish Room)

The St Wulstan's Finance Committee will be meeting on Thursday, 20th July at 6.30pm to discuss any issues put forward by the PAC and any others matters regarding parish finances for the benefit of our parish community of St Wulstan's.

ST WULSTAN'S - DONATION BY CARD

If you would like to make a donation to St Wulstan's church by card, please ask a member of the Welcome team to activate the Card reader and proceed from there. It is really quite simple once you get the hang of it. It is in giving that we receive God's abundant blessings. Thank you.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

FUNERAL OF PATRICK HARE - 25th July at 2.00pm

The Funeral Mass followed by interment of the late Patrick Hare will take place at St Wulstan's as indicated. Patrick Hare was a long-standing parishioner of St Wulstan's; a very quiet and humble person, who never missed his Mass here up to the very end. He will be greatly missed. I would ask that as many members of our parish who are able, to please attend his Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 25th July.

BAPTISM OF BABY ELIZABETH – 6TH AUGUST

We pray for Baby Elizabeth, grandchild of Philip Mills (son of the late Pauline Mills) who will be Christened in St Wulstans church on the 6th August at 1.00pm. We pray that Elizabeth be bathed with the Light of Christ in the joys of Holy Baptism.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for the people of Ukraine and Sudan. Lord we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

CAFOD APPEAL

Please add your voice to the call for small farmers to have control over their seeds. CAFOD is working with farmers across the world as they lead the way in creating a sustainable food system.

<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/fix-the-food-system>

BISHOP STEPHEN WRIGHT APPOINTED BISHOP OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE

We extend our hearty congratulations to Bishop Stephen Wright, who has been appointed Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle by the Holy Father. Let us pray for Bishop Stephen as he prepares to take up his new responsibilities. Bishop Stephen's Episcopal Installation will take place at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, at 1.00pm on Wednesday 19th July. The Mass will be livestreamed from St Mary's Cathedral. (See the Archdiocese of Birmingham website for details)

SUNDAY COFFEE

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS IN ST WULSTAN'S

Those members of the parish who are unable to receive the Precious Blood, for any reason, may refrain from doing so. We will require a number of Extra-Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion who will be appropriately rostered in to assist at either of the two weekend Masses. This is a very responsible and dedicated ministry in the Church and will entail some training.

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REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Masses are celebrated on your behalf, however, there are hardly any Mass requests being put forward. Your Mass offering goes towards the support and weekly maintenance of your Parish priest who celebrates the Mass and Sacrament, for your supplications. If you would like to request a Mass for a special Intention, please fill in a Mass Intention Request Envelope and hand it to Fr Patrick or one of the stewards at the Sunday Mass. Masses may be offered for any occasion, be it a special event or otherwise i.e. birthday celebrations, death anniversaries, success in examinations, job interviews, passing of a loved one, etc. The suggested Mass offering recommended by the diocese is £10. Envelopes are available at the rear of the church.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AT ST WULSTANS 2022-2023

The Confirmation course has already commenced. It is hoped that our three Confirmands Theodore, Florentine and Ellen will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 30th September, 2023 at the evening Mass. Bishop David Evans, Auxiliary bishop of Birmingham will preside at the solemn celebration. We wish them every blessing on their journey of faith in building up the Church

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN

The Wellspring Retreat & Events Centre, on the outskirts of Ledbury, are holding a Prophetic Arts Workshop on Saturday 15th July 10am- 4pm. For more information, details and booking form visit....www.thewellspring.uk

INVITE FROM PACT - ROADSHOW, SATURDAY, 15TH JULY

Pact is the national Catholic charity supporting prisoners and their families. They provide family services in 11 prisons across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. They also support people affected by imprisonment in local communities.

Pact is holding a roadshow on Saturday 15 July between 10am and 1.30pm in the Grimshaw Room on the St Chad's Cathedral site, Birmingham.

The event will be opened by Archbishop Bernard Longley and is organised in partnership with Caritas Birmingham. All welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023

World Youth Day Lisbon is less than 20 days away! Our last prep meeting is on Monday July 10th at 6.45pm - 9pm at Our of Lourdes, Yardley Wood. Please pray for our Diocese delegation of 82 pilgrims as we journey together to the Diocese of Porto and then gather with Pope Francis and the youth of the world in the centre of Lisbon. Our group are beyond excited as we finalise preparations and start packing our bags for the adventure of a lifetime! Some of our young pilgrims have some last bits of fundraising to do and a huge thank you to all those who bought cakes, sponsored events, bought tickets or donated money to encourage our young pilgrims.

DONORS GIVING BY STANDING ORDER

St Wulstan's old Barclays Bank account has been closed sooner than expected.

It is unclear whether these will be transferred to our new NatWest account automatically as hoped. I have been informed that some payments have bounced!

It would be helpful if those who can easily set up standing orders themselves either online or by contacting their bank, could do as soon as possible.

The account details are as follows

Full Name: Belmont Abbey CIO St Wulstans No 1

Sort Code 53-50-41

Account Number 62521675

There is no requirement for a new Gift Aid mandate as this has already been done for Belmont.

Chris Griffin - Parish Treasurer

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Email: birminghamdiocese.org.uk

BOOKING OF PARISH MEETING ROOM

It is indeed encouraging to see our Parish Hall being kept busy with the recent activities and forthcoming Film sessions. I would like to see it's continued use but to keep everything in order with maintenance, cleaning, other bookings and to comply with insurances and health & safety requirements, it will be necessary in future to make formal booking arrangements.

Mary Pillon has volunteered to record these, so please contact her to make any reservations required on 01684 576213, 07960732491 or marypillon121@btinternet.com.

Thank you. Fr Patrick Lobo