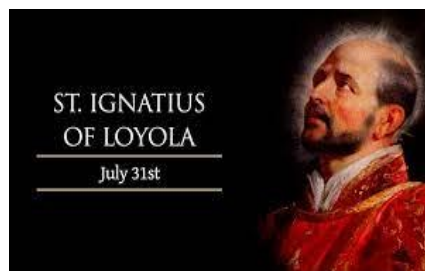


ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 29th/30th JULY 2023

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17th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr A/1

First Reading: 1 Kings

Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom.

Psalm: 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

R./: Lord how I love your law.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Those he called, he justified.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Saturday – 29th July – Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus (*memoria*)

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

11.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For Jacinta Lobo, *recovery*

Saturday – 29th July – 17th Sunday in Ordinary time, Yr A

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Vigil Mass of the Sunday) Ints: *Pro populo*

Sunday – 30th July – 17th Sunday in Ordinary time, Yr A

10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: Denise Soper RIP, *5th Anniversary (Patricia Soper)*

Monday – 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (*memoria*)

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Old boys, parents & staff, St Richard's School (*James*)

Tuesday – 1st August – No Mass

Wednesday – 2nd August – No Mass

Thursday - 3rd August – *Feria*

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Christopher Harrold *R.I.P, birthday (Carmel Dawson)*

Friday - 4th August – St John Mary Vianney, Priest (*memoria*)

6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For all clergy in the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Saturday – 5th August – *Feria*

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

11.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Private Intention.

Saturday – 5th August – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Vigil Mass of the Sunday) Ints: Special Intention (*Jacinta Lobo*)

Sunday – 6th August – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

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 and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God 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.

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST – FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

We pray that the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness to the Gospel in their own lives.

2ND COLLECTION - SATURDAY 5TH/SUNDAY 6TH – PLAN INTERNATIONAL

Plan International is an independent development and humanitarian organisation that advances children's rights and equality for girls: "We strive for a just world, working together with children, young people, our supporters and partners."

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.

FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

See Archdiocese of Birmingham: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

Email: birminghamdiocese.org.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN - Saturday 5th August, 10.30am - 11.00am

In Great Malvern Priory Churchyard: Vigil to remember all conflicts in the world today, on the occasion of the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima 78 years ago. Mary Wetherall (**Malvern Churches Justice & Peace Group**)

COMMISSIONING OF EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION- SAT/SUN

Now that the distribution of Holy Communion under both species is well under way at both of our Saturday (Vigil) and Sunday Masses, those who have volunteered to take on that responsibility will be duly commissioned for that ministry. We still require a few more Extra-Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion especially for the Saturday Mass and to assist at either of the two weekend Masses. We thank Eileen Spencer, Mary Wilson, Charlotte Carver, Richard Lee-Heung, Mike Seales, Peter Lutzier and Sean Devlin who are now Extra-Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion chosen to serve at St Wulstan's church. A half-day of prayer and instruction will be held after the summer holidays for those who are commissioned as "Eucharistic Ministers".

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.

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

ICON WORKSHOPS IN SEPTEMBER

Belmont Abbey is offering two 5 day Icon Workshops led by Fr Alex Echeandia Loro.

The 1st Icon Workshop (Beginners to Intermediate) is from **11th to 16th September 2023**, painting an icon of St Peter. **The 2nd Icon Workshop** (Intermediate to Advanced) is from **18th to 23rd September**, painting the tender icon of The Bridegroom. The cost for the teaching is £350 for each intensive workshop. For further details contact Fr Augustine, retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk or 01432 374750.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR STANDING ORDER DONORS (FROM THE PARISH TREASURER)

Due to the premature closing of St Wulstan's old Barclays Downside Bank account on June 23rd, all Standing Order mandates to St Wulstan's Parish are having to be set up again nominating our new Belmont Abbey Nat. West Bank Account.

Payments to the old account since its closure will have been returned to your bank.
Thank you, to those who have done this already.

New Account Details:

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 for existing Standing Order donors.

Those Using On-line or telephone Banking

Could I ask those using on-line banking to do this as soon as you can, preferably using a payment date between 1st and 26th of the month. Then let me know when this is completed.

Those not using on-line or telephone banking

There will be Standing Order Forms available in Church. Please complete one and send to your bank, or hand to me or Fr Patrick.

New Standing Orders Donors

For anyone wishing to start donating by Standing Order please use the account as above and let me know.

Chris Griffin,

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"MONASTERY DAYS" ORGANISED ACROSS THE UK

YouCAN, a religious group for practicing young Catholic adults, have been working closely with a number of monasteries in the UK to organise "Monastery Days".

This is an unique opportunity for young Catholics aged 18 to 45 to spend the day at several monasteries across England and Scotland, to pray together, bible study with a monk or nun, attend Mass and enjoy time together socially.

The first of the "Monastery Days" will be at Belmont Abbey near Hereford on **9 September 2023**.

To join YouCAN, attend "Monastery Days" and other YouCAN events and pilgrimages, contact:

rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk.

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023, 1ST AUG - 6TH AUG

World Youth Day Lisbon is a week away! Please pray for our Diocesan delegation of 82 pilgrims as they journey together to the Diocese of Porto and then gather with Pope Francis and the youth of the world in the centre of Lisbon.

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