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FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
18th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr A/1

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

His robe was white as snow.

Psalm: 96(97):1-2,5-6,9

R./: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second Reading: Romans 2 Peter 1:16-19

We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

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*

Monday – 7th August – Feria

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Patricia Higgins, *lately died*

Tuesday – 8th August – St Dominic, Priest (*memoria*)

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For Vocations to the Monastic & religious life

Wednesday – 9th August – No Mass

Thursday - 10th August – FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE, *Deacon & martyr*

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For all Deacons in the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Friday - 11th August – St Clare of Assisi, virgin & religious (*memoria*)

6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For the Community of the Poor Clares, Much Birch.

Saturday – 12th August – Blessed Virgin Mary (*memoria*)

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

11.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For the Holy Souls

Saturday – 12th August – 19th Sunday in Ordinary time, Yr A

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Vigil Mass of Sunday) Ints: Private Intention

Sunday – 13th August – 19th 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 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, Pat Sweetman 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 AUGUST – FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

We pray that the World Youth Day in Lisbon, which will close on Sunday, 6th August, 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."

SUNDAY COFFEE

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

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 Wulstan's 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.

BAPTISM OF BABY KIERAN O'CONNOR – 13TH AUGUST

We pray for Baby Kieran, youngest child of Lee & Michelle O'Connor who will be Christened on the 13th August at St Wulstan's church. We pray that Baby Kieran may be filled 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.

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.

PAT SWEETMAN

James reports that his daughter is keeping an eye on Mum while she is in Hospital as she lives down there now. James is dealing with the garden and house here in Malvern for a couple of days. He aims to return to Wales on Friday morning. Pat has broken her hip after a fall.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN - Saturday 12th August, 6.45pm

Lyttelton Well Quiz Night - Saturday 12th August 2023 when teams of four will be competing for almost fabulous prizes. The Main Hall door will be open from 6.45pm. Please do come along even if you are not part of a team. The quiz will get going at about 7.30pm.

Our aim is to provide an entertaining and sociable evening that just happens to have a quiz element, rather than a typical pub quiz.

The cost is £2.50 plus any donation you might wish to make for teas, coffees, biscuits etc. All proceeds are used to support The Well Counselling Service.

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Masses are celebrated on your behalf, however, there are barely any Mass requests being put forward. Please support your Parish priest who celebrates the Mass and Sacraments, for your needs and intentions. 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 when possible. 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. 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

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,

St Wulstan's Treasurer 07748781433

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PARISH MAGAZINE

I am in the process of gathering material for a Parish Magazine, hopefully to be completed by the end of the summer. A Parish Magazine is one vehicle through which we can get to know each other better and strengthen the community of St Wulstan's. Several parishioners have already kindly offered to contribute, but more material would be welcomed. You might like to share your thoughts on a topic such as the synod, tell us of your favourite saint, or expound on the joys of cruising the Mediterranean. The choice is your own. Please don't worry if you consider your written English to be a bit rough-hewn. I know a decent editor. I hope that a good number of parishioners will feel moved to contribute. I am happy to discuss the possibilities over coffee, or you can e-mail me at michaelseales@hotmail.com

"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.

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.

FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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

Email: birminghamdiocese.org.uk

WORCESTERSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS 19-28 AUGUST 2023

Meet artists in their creative spaces, see how they make their work and be inspired!

Founded in 2015, this is the largest free art event in the county: 128 artists, 97 venues, 10 days.

Each artist has a venue number so you can see where they are located on the maps online.

Full details here - <https://www.worcestershireopenstudios.org/for-visitors>

PS For you and your friends, do come and visit us - attached to this newsletter is a little map to help you find us in Welland. See map at end of newsletter.

Charlotte Carver

THE DIOCESAN VISION: Unfolding God's Plan

Our Diocesan Vision is the Archbishop's dream for every parish in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and he invites us to be a part of it. The plans that we make as deaneries and parishes should be united to that vision, so that they will help us to make that future a reality. 6 Sessions are planned to help parishes respond to the Archbishop's Invitation to unfold God's plan. Paul at the Office for Mission can help you with further information & support: paul.northam@rcaob.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

I'm taking part in  **Worcestershire Open Studios**
19-28 August 2023

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<p>Venue 71 Charlotte Carver (studio BC) Bidders Croft, Drake Street, Welland WR13 6LN what3words address: w3w.co/buckling-command.finger</p>	<p>Venue 73 Louise Pilditch Over Darwen, Gloucester Road, Welland WR13 6LD what3words address: w3w.co/motel.javelin.passports</p>
<p>Venue 72 Jenifer Janes The Meadows, Drake Street, Welland WR13 6LN what3words address: w3w.co/waking.foiled.cutlets</p>	<p>Venue 74 Debbie Macklin Maribank Farmhouse, Maribank, Welland WR13 6NB what3words address: w3w.co/thrashing.presides.welcome</p>



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