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**21<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Yr A/1**

**First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23**

I place the key of the House of David on my servant's shoulder.

**Psalm: 137(138):1-3,6,8**

**R.:** Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.

**Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36**

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and from him.

**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.

**Saturday – 26th August – Bl Dominic Barberi, priest & religious (*memoria*)**

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

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

**Saturday – 26th August – 21st Sunday in Ordinary time, Yr A**

**5.00pm – Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) Ints: For victims of war in Ukraine & Sudan**

**Sunday – 27th August – 21st Sunday in Ordinary time, Yr A**

**10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: *Pro populo***

**Monday – 28th August – St Augustine of Hippo, priest & doctor (*memoria*)**

**10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Jacinta Lobo, recovery**

**Tuesday – 29th August – No Mass**

**Wednesday – 30th August – No Mass**

**Thursday - 31st August – St Aidan, bishop (*memoria*)**

**10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Monks of the EBC**

**Friday - 1st September– *Feria***

**(World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)**

**6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For the Holy Souls**

**Saturday – 2nd September – Blessed Virgin Mary (*Saturday memoria*)**

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

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

**Saturday – 2nd September – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A**

**5.00pm – Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) Ints: For all the Benefactors of St Wulstan’s, living & dead**

**Sunday – 3rd September – TWENTY-SECOND 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 Pat Higgins, Patrick Hare, Pauline Mills ...*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, Rosemarie Kay, Peter Onions, Mike Harriss, Raymond Turner, Lea Maloney, Fr Christopher Calascione, Pat Sweetman and all who are unwell or housebound.

**THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

**For people living on the margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions, may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**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

**2ND COLLECTION - SATURDAY 26TH/SUNDAY 27TH – PLAN INTERNATIONAL**

There will be a second collection this week for our chosen charity to support the work of 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.” See poster at the back of the church.

**APF RED BOXES**

Reminder from Mary Wilson that it is time to bring your red Missio box into church to be emptied. If you can leave it at the back of the church or give it to her on a Sunday it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like a box to start contributing to Missio then please speak to Mary.

Missio is proud to be the Pope’s charity for world mission

Missio ignites God’s love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together; vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN**

**Organ Recital of interest \_ Monday 28 August at 12 noon.**

Greetings from Malvern Priory. The next organ recital at the Priory may be of interest to some of our Parishioners. The recital will be given by the German organist Kai Krakenberg, who will play a piece written by Andrew Moore who was a priest at St Wulstan’s from 1993 to 2003 and a composer. The recital is on **Monday 28 August at 12 noon.**

Contact Geoff Fearnough (Priory Recital Organiser): **01684 214028**

## **LITURGICAL READERS**

Additional Liturgical Readers are needed to help with reading at Masses on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. If you feel that you would like to participate in this ministry please speak to Fr. Patrick or David Rank. Thanks.

## **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers especially 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.**

## **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS IN ST WULSTAN'S**

Those members of the congregation attending the weekend Masses who are unable to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice, for any reason, health or personal, may refrain from doing so. We still require a few more Extra-Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion especially for the Saturday evening Mass. Please see Fr Patrick if you feel called to join the team of Eucharistic ministers in this very special ministry.

## **PAT SWEETMAN**

James reports that he and Pat are back here in the house in Malvern. Let us keep Pat in our prayers and for her smooth recovery from the operation for a broken hip after a fall last month.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Do you have a birthday you would like to celebrate for a friend? Sympathy for the loss of a loved one? You can have a Mass said and offered for a person on these special occasions or for any other special intention. Grab a Mass Intention envelope and enter the name and date of the Mass required. Envelopes are available at the rear of the church. You can call or email the parish office at the Priest's House. This is a beautiful and special way to pay tribute to loved ones.

## **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

[chrisgriffin1@btinternet.com](mailto:chrisgriffin1@btinternet.com)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

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**Join in the Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> September** for a special Centenary and rescue from ruin by Ellen Ferris, who gifted the Hall to the Archdiocese of Birmingham. To mark this milestone in our history we are pleased to announce that His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the principal celebrant of this year's Pilgrimage Mass.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:marypillon121@btinternet.com).

Thank you. Fr Patrick

## ST WULSTAN'S SUMMER PARTY

You are invited to

the Summer 'Bring & Share Finger Buffet' party

which will take place on

Sunday 10th September from 12.00 onwards

at Kilima Lodge, Evendine Lane, Colwall, WR13 6DT

Tel: 10684 540357

For those attending, which we hope is you, from 19th August there will be a list at the back of the church on which to put your name, numbers attending and specifying the 'plate', or contact June Stallard on 01684 540357 or [june@junestallard.plus.com](mailto:june@junestallard.plus.com)

Please do not feel, if you are unable to provide 'a plate', that this precludes you from attending. Your company is the most important ingredient!

If you require transport to and from Kilima Lodge or need directions please contact June

### 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

