

ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 2nd/3rd September 2023

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22nd Week in Ordinary Time, Yr A/1

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.

Psalm: 62(63):2-6,8-9

R.: For you my soul is thirsting.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21_27

'Get behind me, Satan!'

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 of Sunday) Ints: Mary Fernandez, Intentions

Sunday – 3rd September – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: *Pro Populo*

Monday – 4th September – Dedication of the Abbey church (*Feast*)

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Monks of Belmont Abbey

Tuesday – 5th September – No Mass

Wednesday – 6th September – No Mass

Thursday - 7th September – *Feria*

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Brenda McClellan (*T McClellan*)

Friday - 8th September– Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Feast*)

12.30pm – Wedding Service: Samantha Malone & Michael Steward

6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For Jacinta Lobo, recovery

Saturday – 9th September – St Peter Claver, priest (*memoria*)

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

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

Saturday – 9th September – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Vigil Mass of Sunday) Ints: For all the Benefactors of St Wulstan's

Sunday – 10th September – TWENTY-THIRD 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...*May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed...rest in peace.*

Please pray for all the sick including John Bilborough, 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.

FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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

Email: birminghamdiocese.org.uk ...

Join in the Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall on 3rd September in Worcestershire 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...**Confessions:** 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm; **Mass:** 3.00 pm. FREE PARKING.

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

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 9TH/SUNDAY 10TH – for CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

There will be a second collection next week for the Archdiocese's Catholic Education Service which assists in the support of Catholic education in the Diocese.

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.

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: 01684 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

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

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.

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN

Lyttelton Well Quiz Night - Saturday 9th September 2023

The next Lyttelton Well Quiz will be on Saturday 9th September when teams of four will be competing for almost fabulous prizes. The Main Hall door will be open from 6.45pm. If you are not part of a team but would like to come along, please do. The quiz will get going at about 7.30 once we have helped people arriving in ones and twos to join or form teams. 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**.

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.

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

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.

“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.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Bishop David will be confirming two of our parishioners at St Wulstan's on **Saturday evening 30th September**. There will be a celebration and refreshments afterwards in the parish hall and so, I encourage as many of you as possible to join us for the Confirmation Mass and afterwards. We would also welcome contributions of fizz and cake to share. Thankyou. Fr Patrick.

A DAY FOR CATECHISTS SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

Being a catechist is the responsibility of every Christian. A Catechist is someone who 'echoes' what they have heard about Jesus Christ. St Joseph's Parish in Malvern is holding a day for all Catechists and anyone else who would like to find out more about passing on the Good News of salvation in Christ, on **Saturday 23rd September**.

I am going and if you know of anyone else interested, I am happy to give them a lift. Bernadette Eakin.

A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

On the four Tuesday evenings during Advent, starting on **28th November**, everyone in St Wulstan's is warmly invited to get together to share some refreshments and to grow together as a community of faith. We will meet at 7pm in the parish room to watch and discuss the excellent "Catholicism" series by Bishop Robert Barron. This will be one way that we can respond, as a parish, to Pope Francis' call for us to be a synodal church. Keep the dates free in your diaries!

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