

ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 23rd/24th September 2023

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25th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr A/1

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Psalm: 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

R./: The Lord is close.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

Saturday – 23rd September – St Pius of Pietrelcina (*memoria*)

10.00am – Holy Mass

Ints: For Francesca McClellan, ill (*T McClellan*)

(Please note the change of time of the morning's Mass for this week only)

Saturday – 23rd September – TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

Ints: *Pro populo*

(2nd Collection for Fr Hudson's Charity)

Sunday – 24th September – TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , Yr A

10.30am – Holy Mass

Ints: For Gerald McClellan, death anniversary(*T McClellan*)

(2nd Collection for Fr Hudson's Charity)

Monday – 25th September - *Feria*

10.00am – Holy Mass

Ints: For Rose Welsh, seriously ill (*T McClellan*)

Tuesday – 26th September – No Mass

Wednesday – 27th September – No Mass

Thursday - 28th September – *Feria*

10.00am – Holy Mass

Ints: For the Holy Souls

Friday - 29th September– Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

6.00pm – Holy Mass

Ints: For the Belmont Monastic community & Oblates

Saturday – 30th September – St Jerome, Priest & Doctor (memoria)

10.00am – Holy Mass

Ints: For the sick and housebound of the parish

Saturday – 30th September – TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

Ints: Special Intention for our Confirmands

(The Rite of Confirmation to be conferred on Theodore, Florentine and Ellen by Bishop David at this Mass...all welcome to attend)

Sunday – 1st October – TWENTY- SIXTH 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, 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.

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.

2ND COLLECTION - SATURDAY 23RD/SUNDAY 24TH FOR FR HUDSON'S SOCIETY

On 23-24 September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic Social Care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people in need

in communities near you. As inflation rises the challenges faced by those with the least are multiplied. Please give generously to support those with nowhere else to turn.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

As it's the month of the Rosary, the Holy Rosary will be recited each weekday after the morning Mass (starting, Monday, 2nd October) and prior to the commencement of Mass on Friday evenings (5.15pm, Mass at 6pm) and during Holy hour on Saturday mornings commencing 10.00am. I encourage our parishioners to pray the Rosary at this precious time as we prepare for the season of Advent. Also to pray: for peace in the world, the Church and for unity in our families.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION-30TH SEPTEMBER

Bishop David will be confirming three 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 followed by a get-together in the Parish Meeting room. We would also welcome contributions of fizz and cake and snacks to share. I do hope that many of our parishioners will be present to support these three Confirmands in building the Church. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any newsletter announcements for the next week (30th) please send to June at: june@junestallard.plus.com

BAPTISM OF WILLIAM GILLOTT & EDITH GILLOTT – 16TH SEPTEMBER

We pray for William and Edith Gillott, who were Christened in St. Wulstan's church on the 16th September. We wish them every grace that they may grow in faith and charity.

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.

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.

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.

“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 a 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.

To join YouCAN, attend "Monastery Days" and other YouCAN events and pilgrimages, contact: rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk

PARISH BOOK EXCHANGE

A book exchange has been started in the parish room (there was an empty bookshelf waiting to be used). Anyone is welcome to donate books they think might interest other parishioners. If you borrow a book, please return it when you have finished with it. The parish room is open every first and third Sunday after Mass for coffee (check the newsletter)

FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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

Email: birminghamdiocese.org.uk ...

Online Academic Forum Registering Now: Dr Robert McNamara, on *St Edith Stein: Doctor of the Church?*

Wednesday 18th October 2023, 6.00pm (London time). Check out our website to attend see www.maryvale.ac.uk

Free to Attend

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN

THE WELLSRING (Ledbury) are hosting a self-led Quiet Day on Wednesday 27th September, called "Draw Near to God". To find out more, or to book your place, visit www.thewellspring.uk. or phone 01531 635727. Space on the day is limited to 10

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.

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!

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.

ADVENT CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

This will be on Friday 15th December at 7pm. It will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Bring your families, friends and neighbours. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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



Welland Parish Hall is a thriving venue, at the heart of our village, in an exceptionally good state of repair, having recently undergone complete interior refurbishment, with a fully-equipped kitchen, two air-conditioned rooms, solar panels, free internet access and a superb Library, with its own website and on-line booking service.

Due to the untimely resignation of its Treasurer due to ill health, the Committee urgently seeks someone to take over this essential role.

It's a voluntary post, ideally suited to anybody who enjoys bookkeeping, with some basic technical knowledge, able to learn how to use 'Skedda' - our automated on-line booking system.

Invoicing regular hirers and reconciling incoming bank payments are part of the job spec, which should only take a few hours a week.

If you are interested, and would like to know more, please contact our Chairman, Bill Carver, on 01684 592179 – carvers@bidderscroft.com, or our Secretary, Jo Horrabin, on 01684 310256 – glenbeck23@btinternet.com

THANK YOU!