## ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 30th September/1st October 2023

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# 26th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr A/1

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

Psalm: 24(25):4-9

R./: Remember your mercy, Lord

Second Reading: Philippians 21-11

Be united in your love.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

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

10.00am - Holy Mass

Ints: Claire Bailey (Special Intention)

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 will conferred on candidates Theodore, Florentine and Ellen by Bishop David Evans at this Mass...all welcome to attend)

Sunday - 1st October - TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

10.30am - Holy Mass

Ints: Bernadette Eakin (Wedding Anniversary)

Monday - 2nd October - No Mass

Tuesday – 3rd October – No Mass

Wednesday – 4th October – St Francis of Assisi (memoria)

10.00am - Holy Mass

Ints: Rose Welsh (seriously ill)(T McClellan)

Thursday - 5th October - St Faustina Kowalska, virgin (memoria)

10.00am - Holy Mass

Ints: Pro Populo

Friday - 6th October - St Bruno, hermit (memoria)

(First Friday, Harvest Fast Day)

5.15pm - 5.50pm - Holy Rosary with Intercessory prayers

6.00pm - Holy Mass

Ints: For the Belmont Monastic community & Oblates

Saturday – 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary (memoria)

10.00-1050am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions

11.00am - Holy Mass

Ints: For family unity

Saturday - 7th October - TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

5.00pm - Holy Mass (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

Ints: For the Holy Souls

Sunday - 8th October - TWENTY- SEVENTH 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 OCTOBER

## For the Synod

We pray for those for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

#### SYNOD: '...to bring his Good News to all peoples'

The Holy Father has asked Catholics to join in prayer during this time of Synod to pray for a Spirit of discernment and wisdom for those attending, so that the whole Church may know the power of the Holy Spirit at work in these days. I hope that you will join in this prayer from your homes and parish communities, in our schools and chaplaincies so that the **Synodal** process is truly a moment of prayerful trust in the Lord.

This **Saturday, 30th from 4pm**, Christians from around the world are invited to join Pope Francis and other Christian leaders, seeking the blessing and guidance of the Holy Spirit at the beginning of the Synod.

### 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 (Wednesday, 4th 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. Our Blessed Mother encourages us to pray the Rosary at this precious time as a powerful tool in the fight against evil. Also to pray especially for peace in our world, for the Church and for unity in our families.

### 2ND COLLECTION - SATURDAY 7th/SUNDAY 8th FOR CAFOD (HARVEST FAST)

On 7th-8th October the second collection will be for CAFOD to help support the most vulnerable and poverty stricken people in the developing world who lack food, medicines and even basic san-

itation facilities. Please give generously to the most needy; God will reward you. CAFOD gift envelopes are available at the back of the church.

#### PRAYER FOR PEACE

HEAVENLY FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF WERAINE 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 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.

To join YouCAN, attend "Monastery Days" and other YouCAN events and pilgrimages, contact: <a href="mailto:rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk">rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk</a>

### **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: <a href="https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk">https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk</a> 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 All 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: <a href="mailto:paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk">paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk</a>

### 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

## **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 <a href="marypillon121@btinternet.com">marypillon121@btinternet.com</a>. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. Fr Patrick