ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 18th Nov/19th Nov 2023

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33rd Week in Ordinary Time, Yr A/1

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?

Psalm: 127(128):1-5

R./: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness.

Saturday –18th November – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Mass of Sunday) Ints: Sofia Filippi, 13th Birthday (Grandchild)

Sunday – 19th November – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: Deceased relatives & friends of Kearney family (Bernadette)

Monday – 20th November – No Mass

Tuesday – 21st November – No Mass

Wednesday – 22nd November – No Mass

Thursday - 23rd November - No Mass

Friday - 24th November – St Andrew Dung-Lac & companions, martyrs (memoria)

5.15 – 5.50pm - Holy Rosary with Intercessions

6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For the intentions of Charlotte Carver (C. Carver)

Saturday – 25th November – St Catherine of Alexandria, marytr (memoria)

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

11.00am – Holy Mass Ints: The deceased relatives of the McClellan family (Tony McClellan)

Saturday –25th November – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE-SOLEMNITY

5.00pm - Holy Mass (Evening Mass of the Solemnity

Ints: For the sick & housebound of the parish

(2nd Collection for the Catholic Youth Service)

$Sunday-26th\ November-OUR\ LORD\ JESUS\ CHRIST,\ KING\ OF\ THE\ UNIVERSE-SOLEMNITY$

10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: *Pro populo* (2nd Collection for the Catholic Youth Service)

PRAYING FOR OUR SICK AND LOVED ONES

We pray for the repose of all those who have died, especially those of our parish and those closest to us... May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed... rest in peace.

Please also 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.

FR PATRICK AWAY ON ANNUAL LEAVE

I shall be away on my annual leave for the following days: Tuesday, 7th November-Wednesday, 22nd November incl. There will be no weekday Masses during that period. However, the Masses on the weekends of Saturday, 11th & 18th November and Sunday, 12th & 19th November 2023 remain unchanged. A monk from Belmont Abbey will be appointed to celebrate the weekend Masses during my absence. I have every confidence that you will make him very welcome at St Wulstans. If there is an emergency please contact **Fr Naz** at **St Joseph's RC church, Malvern.**

REST IN PEACE

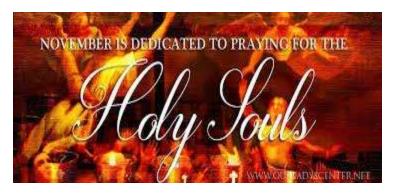
Please pray for Claire Bailey's brother Andy Cooper who died recently.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY WEEKEND

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team is marking both *Safeguarding Sunday* on 19 November, and *Safeguarding Adults Week* 20-24th, November. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, not just that of the few. We all need to play our part to keep people safe.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

There are envelopes available at the back of church in which to place the names of your departed loved ones. The lists will then be placed in the casket which is in front of the altar. There will be Masses offered for all the Holy Souls during the month.



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

<u>2ND COLLECTION - SATURDAY 25th NOV/SUNDAY 26th NOV: FOR THE CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE</u>

The second Collection on the weekend of 25th/26th November is for the Catholic Youth Service organised by the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Please give generously.

SUNDAY COFFEE

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

We have all been shocked and saddened by the devastating conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Our local partners are actively responding and providing urgent humanitarian aid to those in need

CAFOD MESSAGE

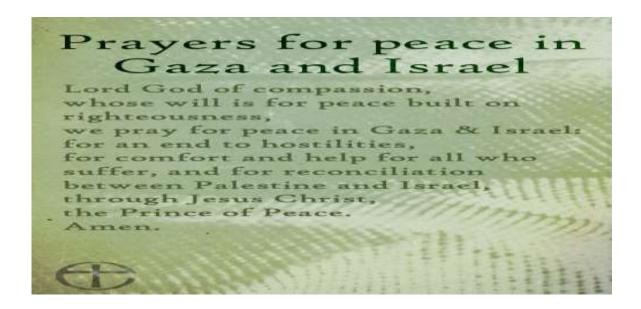
Thank you so much for the Family Fast Day collection. Your parish of St Wulstan raised £210 this Harvest.

Please pass on our thanks to your fellow parishioners. Thanks to your parish's support, more families like Meera's can get help from doctors and other local experts when they need it most.

"Thank you so much those who are supporting us with such a generous donation. We are incredibly grateful to you for thinking of us and helping. It's so heartwarming to know we have friends who are there for us when we need it most. Thank you so much." – Dr Nasha

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY – SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

Training for Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Saturday 2nd December. Fr. Patrick has asked that all Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) come for the Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass. All commissioned Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will be expected to attend the full half-day session. The instruction will follow the Mass and will last approximately one hour. If anyone is unable to attend then please let Fr. Patrick know.



PRAYER FOR PEACE

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers especially for the people of Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan. Lord we ask for peace for those who desperately need peace, reconciliation for those who cry out for reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, **Amen.**

PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE

Pope Francis has called for prayer and fasting for peace in the Middle East: 'War cancels the future and breeds hatred and revenge'. Let us pray that both sides in the conflict will 'Cast weapons aside, listen to the voice of the poor, the people and children.' (*Pope Francis*)

Your donation today will make a massive difference to those caught up in the conflict. To donate please visit: https://cafod.org.uk/ . See poster at back of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Do you have a birthday you would like to celebrate for a friend? Sympathy for the loss of a loved one? You

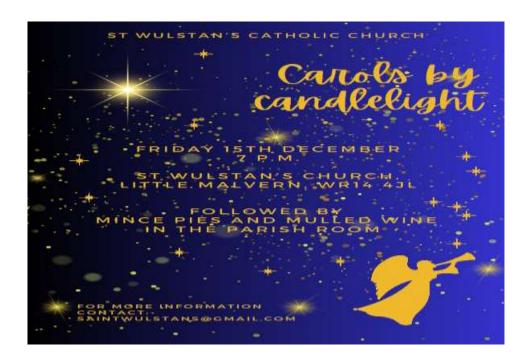
can have a Mass said and offered for a person on these special occasions or for any other special intention. Grab a Mass Intention envelope and enter the name and date of the Mass required. Envelopes are available at the rear of the church. You can call or email the parish office at the Priest's House.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

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

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.



FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

Link to see what is going on in the archdiocese: https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.u

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

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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!

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)

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. Your co-operation is appreciated. Fr Patrick

CHRISTMAS CARDS SUPPORT ST WULSTAN'S AT LITTLE MALVERN

Local artist Charlotte Carver has been busy designing and printing her own selection of cards to suit everyone. Among her recent work is "Snowfall and Sunset at St Wulstan's in Little Malvern" and a card based on the popular song "A Partridge in a Pear Tree". When researching the song, she says "I discovered there is a tradition that each line represents a different aspect of the Christian faith. For example, the ten lords a-leaping symbolise the Ten Commandments, the four calling birds are the four gospels and the Partridge is Jesus".

These new cards sell at £5 per pack of ten alongside "The Annunciation" cards (£4) featuring part of a beautiful stained-glass window in the Lady Chapel. So, if you are looking for Christmas cards with a difference this year, pop along to the dedicated website www.christmascardsi-naidofstwulstanschurch.com

