ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 25th Nov/26th Nov 2023

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34th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr A/I

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

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

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

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

5.00pm – Holy Mass - Evening Mass of the Solemnity Ints: For parish sick & housebound

Sunday – 26th November – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

Service)

Monday – 27th November – Feria

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: Oliver Lawrence (Birthday) (Charlotte Carver)

Tuesday – 28th November – Feria

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For the Holy Souls & deceased of our parish

7.00pm – Journey through Advent in the Parish Meeting room (See below)

Wednesday - 29th November - No Mass

Thursday - 30th November - FEAST OF ST ANDREW, Apostle

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: for Vocations to the priesthood and Religious life

Friday - 1st December - St Edmund Campion, priest & martyr (Feast)

5.20 – 5.50pm - Holy Rosary with Intercessions

6.00pm - Holy Mass Ints: For the sick & housebound of our parish

Saturday – 2nd December – The Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday memoria)

10.00-1050am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11.00am – Holy Mass Ints: The special ministers of Holy Communion at St Wulstan's

(This is a half day of training and Recollection for Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, commencing with Adoration...tea and refreshments incl...see below)

Saturday -2nd December - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Yr B

5.00pm - Holy Mass (Evening Mass of the Solemnity Ints: Parish sick & housebound

Sunday – 3rd December – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Yr B

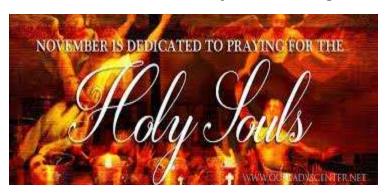
10.30am – Holy Mass Ints: Pro populo

PRAYING FOR OUR SICK AND LOVED ONES

We pray for the repose of the souls of all our relatives and friends especially for Andy Cooper who died recently & those of our parish... May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed... rest in peace. Please also pray for all the sick including John Bilsborough, John Crowe, Rosemarie Kay, Peter Onions, Mike Harriss, Raymond Turner, Lea Maloney, Fr Christopher Calascione, and all who are unwell or housebound.

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.

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

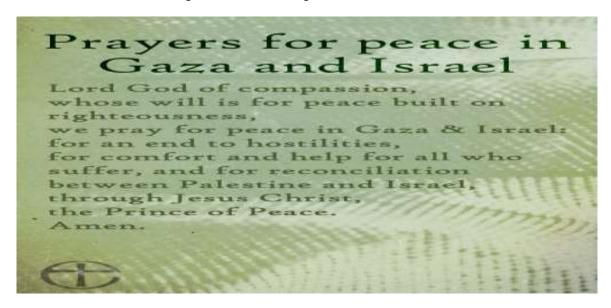
Training for Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Saturday 2nd December. Fr. Patrick has asked that all Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) come for the Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass. All commissioned Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - UPCOMING PENITENTIAL AND CAROL SERVICES

- Sunday, 10th Dec at 4.00pm...Penitential service at St Wulstan's, Little Malvern
- Friday, 15th Dec at 7.00pm...Carol Service at St Wulstan's, Little Malvern
- Sunday, 17th Dec at 3.00pm...Confessions at Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park
- Sunday, 17th Dec at 4.00pm...Carol Service at St Joseph's, Malvern

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*)

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. 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.

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!

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY – SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

Training for Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Saturday 2nd December. All Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) are expected to attend this half-day of training and recollection commencing with Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass. The instruction will follow the Mass and will last approximately one hour. Tea and refreshments included.

2ND COLLECTION SAT-SUNDAY (9th//10th DEC)

The second Collection on the weekend of 9th/10th December goes towards assisting The Poor Parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham

ORDER OF MALTA ASSISTED PILGRIMAGE

Please see advertisement at the end of this newsletter regarding Lourdes pilgrimage.

CAFOD ADVENT CALENDAR

CAFOD's online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action, in solidarity with our global family, as we prepare for Christmas.

You can sign up to receive the reflections each day by email or view the calendar

here: https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar

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

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)

BOOKING OF PARISH MEETING ROOM

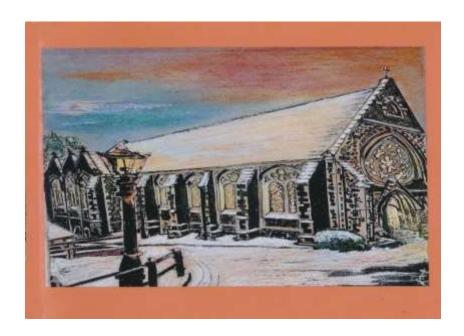
It is indeed encouraging to see our Parish Hall being kept busy with the recent activities and forthcoming Film sessions. I would like to see it's continued use but to keep everything in order with maintenance, cleaning, other bookings and to comply with insurances and health & safety requirements, it 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









Order of Malta PILGRIMAGE to LOURDES May 3rd - 9th 2024

Special call for assisted pilgrims

Would you like to come to Lourdes as an assisted pilgrim with The British Association of the Order of Malta? We have some spaces available, and a warm welcome awaits.

- We offer a joyful pilgrimage spiritually and socially, sharing the essence of Lourdes: daily prayer and Mass, the Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament processions, the Stations of the Cross, the baths, and, too, the cafes and happy downtime.
- You will be cared for by our volunteers, carefully guided by our qualified medical team.
 Hospital-style accommodation is in shared, single-sex rooms in the Accueil (where our sick and cared for pilgrims stay).
- Departure and return from Stansted.
- Cost: £500 pp (financial assistance available in appropriate cases)

To find out more please contact Duncan McKechnie, Secretary to the Accueil Pilgrims, Fmail: hospitalpilgrims.secretary@orderofmalta.org.uk Mobile: 07990 594441

