ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 20th/21st Jan 2024

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SUNDAY SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST WULSTAN THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B/ II

Jonah 3:1-5,10

'The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

Psalm: 24(25):4-6,7b-9

R./: Lord, make me know your ways.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

I will make you into fishers of men.

Saturday – 20th Jan 2024 – St Sebastian, martyr (Octave of Christian Unity)

10.00 – 11.00 am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction 11.00am - Holy Mass

Ints: For the McClellan family, special intention (T McClellan)

Saturday -20th Jan 2024 - ST WULSTAN, patronal feast (Solemnity)

5.00pm – Solemn Holy Mass (Evening Mass of the Sunday)
Ints: For the Barrow, Pitt & Mannion families (Anne Mannion)

Sunday - 21st Jan 2024 - ST WULSTAN, patronal feast (Solemnity)

(Octave of Christian Unity)

10.30am - Solemn Holy Mass (celebrating our patron saint)

Ints: Pro Populo

(Celebrant: Abbot Paul of Belmont Abbey)

Monday - 22nd Jan 2024 - St Vincent, deacon & martyr (memoria)

(Octave of Christian Unity)

10.00am - Holy Mass

Ints: 63rd Wedding anniversary of Pat & John Leahy

Tuesday - 23rd Jan 2024 - St Nicholas Owen, martyr (memoria)

(Octave of Christian Unity)

10.00am - Holy Mass

Ints: For good health & well-being (Jacinta Lobo)

Wednesday - 24th Jan 2024

(No morning Mass)

Thursday - 25th Jan 2024 - CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Apostle (Feast)

(Final day of Octave of Christian Unity)

10.00am - Holy Mass

Ints: For Christian Unity (esp with Orthodox Church)

Friday - 26th Jan 2024 - Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops, (memoria)

(Please note change of Mass time)

5.20 - 5.50pm - Holy Rosary with Intercessions

6.00pm - Holy Mass

Ints: For Vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Saturday - 27th Jan 2024 - Blessed Edward Oldcorne, priest, martyr (memoria)

10.00 – 11.00 am – Adoration (with Confessions) and Benediction 11.00am - Holy Mass

Ints: For Terry White R.I.P, 3rd anniversary (Angela White)

Saturday -27th Jan 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B

5.00pm - Holy Mass (Evening Mass of Sunday)

Ints: For the sick & housebound of the parish

Sunday - 28th Jan 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B

10.30am - Solemn Holy Mass (celebrating our patron saint)

Ints: Pro Populo

PRAYING FOR OUR SICK AND LOVED ONES

We pray for the repose of the souls of all our relatives and friends who have died recently & also 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.

ST WULSTAN'S FEASTDAY

This Sunday, 21st January we will celebrate the Feast of St Wulstan. The Abbot of Belmont will be the celebrant at the 10.30 am. Mass. There will be coffee and cake after Mass including a glass of sherry!

This year we also celebrate 20 years since the re-roofing of our church was completed, when the Abbot of Downside came to celebrate Mass on that occasion.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Unity Service will be held at St.Joseph's RC Church, Newtown Road, at 4pm on Sunday 21st January. The Right Reverend John Inge, Bishop of Worcester will be preaching at the Service.

During the week i.e. 18^{th} 25th January (excluding 21st) there will be the opportunity to meet together for prayer. Also on Zoom at 7.30pm. These will be led by members of the Clergy and further details including the Zoom link will be on your notices next Sunday.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from Thurs, 18th - 25th January – the Conversion of St Paul. The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family. In choosing this passage of Scripture for Christian Unity week, the churches of Burkina Faso have invited us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis

The second collection on the weekend Masses of the 27th/28th Jan weekend is for Racial Justice – an annual collection recommended and promoted by the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Please give generously.

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.**

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE - 9AM - 9PM, FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY at St Francis

Xavier's Church, Hereford. You are invited to join us at any point in the day to pray for peace in our world, particularly in Ukraine, the Middle East and other trouble-spots in the world. We begin with **9am Morning Prayer**, followed by **1pm Mass, 3pm Divine Mercy, 7pm Evening Prayer, concluding with 8.30 Night Prayer and Benediction.** We will be reciting the Holy Rosary in between those hours.

We will need helpers. If you are willing to volunteer please sign up at the back of St Francis Xavier church and/or phone **Menna MacBain on 01432 359867** (evenings are best)

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

(In unity with the Catholic Church all over the world)

God of Lord and Justice, You call upon all your people to care for one another and to respect our differences. Send Your Spirit of wisdom and peace upon the peoples of Iraq, Syria and the Holy Land.

Help us all to work together to bring an end to violence and renewed acceptance with true justice into the homeland of many who have lost their home or loved ones. May Your will reign on earth and Your compassion become the mainstay of life.

We ask this in union with our Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace and in the name of the Author of Peace and all that is good, Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2024

For the gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian Community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - the results are in!

We are pleased to announce that Christmas cards, sold to help ongoing restoration work, have enabled a donation of £359 to be made to St Wulstan's. Our thanks to parishioners and friends (including St Joseph's Malvern, the Elgar School of Music and The Inn at Welland) for supporting the project." – Charlotte and Bill (01684 592179

LENT REFLECTIONS and LUNCH on 17 February and 2 March

Following on from our Parish Advent sessions, everyone is warmly invited once again to join together to prepare for Easter. All are welcome to participate in two Saturday sessions on 17th

February and 2nd March in which we will explore our Holy Father's invitation to become better stewards of our planet.

Session 1 will look at Pope Francis' open letter to everyone on the planet as we watch the Film "The Letter". Session 2 will unpack the detail in that letter and discern how we can respond as a parish, with Martin Davis (brother of Charlotte) who will give us a guided talk through "Laudato si".

These sessions will take place in the Parish room after 11 am Mass both Saturdays and should finish with lunch provided (soup, cheese, bread) by 1:30 pm. You and your friends are welcome: please join us! – Bernadette and Charlotte

NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the next three weeks June Stallard has very kindly offered to take charge of the newsletter i.e. from 21st January to 4th February. Any announcements please send them to June by the end of Wednesday of the appropriate week. June's contact email is: june@junestallard.plus.com

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Would you like to connect locally, in-person, with other people who support the pro-life cause? March for Life UK are inviting people to be part of a new initiative called 'Connect' which will help establish local pro-life groups to pray fundraise, socialise, educate and get involved in outreach. To find out more and be part of an initial online meeting please email Isabel at: info@march-forlife.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like to have a birthday or special occasion celebrated for a friend or family member? Sympathy for the loss of a cherished person? You can have a Mass said 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 our loved ones. There is no greater gift than the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass.

PARISH MAGAZINE

Copies of the Parish Magazine are available at the back of the church. One copy per family. Donations towards printing costs would be much appreciated.

Mike Seales

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, Fr Patrick