ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 10th/11th February 2024

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B/ II ASH WEDNESDAY

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The unclean man must live outside the camp.

Psalm: 31(32):1-2,5,11

R./: You are my refuge ,O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left the Man at once, and he was cured.

Saturday – 10th Feb 2024 – ST SCHOLASTICA, virgin (Feast)

10.00 – 11.00 am – Adoration (with Confessions) and Benediction 11.00am - Holy Mass Ints: For health & well-being (*Jacinta*)

Saturday -10th Feb 2024 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B

5.00pm - Holy Mass (Mass of Sunday) Ints: Pro Populo (also Wulstan Corney RIP)

(2nd Collection for Plan International)

Sunday – 11th Feb 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME (World Day of Prayer for the Sick)

10.30am - Solemn Holy Mass Ints: For the sick and housebound of our Parish

Monday - 12th Feb 2024 - feria

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: The McClellan family (for health and well-being)

Tuesday – 13th Feb 2024 – feria (No morning Mass)

Wednesday - 14th Feb 2024 - ASH WEDNESDAY

(With Blessing and imposition of Ashes)

10.00am – Holy Mass with imposition of Ashes Ints: Gerard Seales, (ill)

6.00pm - Holy Mass with imposition of Ashes Ints: David Peter Balgarnie (lately died) (Mary Verdult)

(Note: Ash Wednesday is a Day of fasting and Abstinence)

Thursday - 15th Feb 2024 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For an end to the conflict in Gaza and Ukraine

Friday - 16th Feb 2024 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

5.10 – 5.55pm - Stations of the Cross (in church) followed by

6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For Kathryn Mulqueen (seriously ill) (Ann Peden)

(Note: Lent Fast Day on Friday)

Saturday – 17th Feb 2024 – Saturday after Ash Wednesday

10.00 – 11.00 am – Adoration (with Confessions) and Benediction

11.00am - Holy Mass Ints: For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life

11.45am - Lent Reflection Session1 with lunch (In Parish Meeting Room)

(see entry below)

Saturday -17th Feb 2024 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Mass of Sunday) Ints: For the sick and housebound of the Parish

Sunday - 18th Feb 2024 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B

10.30am - Solemn Holy Mass Ints: Pro Populo

PRAYING FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED, 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.

2ND COLLECTION ON SUNDAY, 10TH & 11TH FEBRUARY FOR PLAN INTERNATIONAL

This 2nd Collection will be for our Parish nominated Charity which will go towards providing assistance to a young child in Uganda, East Africa. We are called to imitate God's selfless life-giving ways...when we give to what God cares about, we share in the work of building the kingdom of God. We can only come to share in the Divine nature of His abundant love when we give generously.

POPE FRANCIS REQUEST PRAYERS FOR AND A COMMITTMENT TO THE TERMINALLY ILL

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of February 2024, and invites everyone to pray for the terminally ill and their families. Healing is not always possible, but we can always care for the sick person, caress them. Saint John Paul II used to say, "cure if it is possible; always take care."

ASH WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY...THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent marks that time in the Liturgical calendar when we contemplate putting our house in order; to indulge in some "spiritual spring cleaning". We may reflect on ways in which we may get those unfulfilled New Year's resolutions back on track, mending those broken relationships or perhaps lending a helping hand to the most vulnerable in our community...our God is gracious in rewarding you abundantly. Let us prepare ourselves worthily for that great Feast of Easter.

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

Catholic Church, Broad Street, 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) (see flyers at back of the church)

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN

CTM are hosting a PANCAKE PARTY at the Lyttelton Well Café on MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY.

Drop in between 6 and 8pm. Bring the Family – but be prepared to wait!! No Charge - Voluntary donations are welcome.

FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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

CRIB COLLECTION

Kim Philpotts, who runs the local children's charity What Makes You Different Makes You Beautiful, receiving a cheque for £176 and would like to thank all those who so generously contributed.



TWO LENT REFLECTIONS - SATURDAY, 17TH FEB & SATURDAY, 2ND MARCH



We hope as many people as possible will join us for the first of our Lent preparation sessions on Saturday morning 17th February. We will meet in the Parish room at 11.45 am (after the 11 am Mass) and finish with lunch provided (soup, bread, cheese) by 1.30 pm. You and your friends are most welcome.

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

If you would like to read Pope Francis' open letter Laudato Si' it is available free here: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

PRE-LENT REFLECTION DAY-10TH FEBRUARY

How can Lent bring Joy?

Led by Abbot Paul Gunter on Saturday 10 February at Douai Abbey in Reading.

Abbot Paul is a former parish priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and an expert in Liturgy.

The Abbey is hosting four workshops for Lent, and a series of workshops, reflections and retreats throughout Spring and Summer.

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.

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.

NATIONAL FAST DAY – SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY

"On Saturday 10th February, the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. "www.GoodCounselNetwork.com"

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 2024

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 14th April 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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.

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



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Grand Priory of England

DAY OF RECOLLECTION - BELMONT ABBEY

Belmont Abbey, Ruckhall Lane, Hereford HR2 9RZ Saturday, 9th March 2024.



Andrew Grant has organised a day of recollection at Belmont Abbey and you are invited; any guests you may wish to bring are also welcome.

The day will be led by Dom Alexander Kenyon who has wide pastoral experience including working with victims and survivors of crime, the troubles in Northern Ireland and historical institutional abuse.

Please see attachment with this email for all details from Andrew.