

ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 2nd/3rd March 2024

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B/II

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

The Law given at Sinai.

Psalm: 18(19):8-11

R./: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God.

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up.

Saturday – 2nd March 2024 – ST CHAD, Bishop, Patron of the Archdiocese (Feast)

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

11.00am - Holy Mass Ints: For all the Priests & Seminarians of the Archdiocese

Saturday – 2nd March 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B

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

(There will be a 2nd Collection for Cathedral maintenance)

Sunday – 3rd March 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B

10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass Ints: *Pro Populo*

(There will be a 2nd Collection for Cathedral maintenance)

Monday - 4th March 2024 - Lent feria

10.30am – Holy Mass: Special Intention (M & M Seales)

(Note: temporary change of Mass time)

Tuesday – 5th March 2024 – Lent feria

(No morning Mass)

Wednesday – 6th March 2024 – Lent feria

(No morning Mass)

Thursday - 7th March 2024 – Sts, Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs (memoria)

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For Barbara Heitzmann *(ill)*

Friday - 8th March 2024 – Lent feria

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

6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For peace & an end to the Conflict in Gaza and Ukraine

(Note: Lent Fast Day)

Saturday – 9th March 2024 – St Frances of Rome, *Religious (memoria)*

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

11.00am - Holy Mass Ints: For the Benedictine Oblates of Belmont Abbey

Saturday – 9th March 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B (*Laetare*)

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

Sunday – 10th March 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B (*Laetare*)

10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass Ints: *Pro Populo*

4.00pm – Lent Penitential Service with individual Confession

PRAYING FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED LOVED ONES AND THE SICK

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.

THE DISCIPLINE OF ALMSGIVING

Perhaps, of all the disciplines of Lent, a serious commitment to almsgiving is the least popular. St Paul in his letter to Timothy said, “The love of money is the root of all evil” (Tim 6:10). This reminds us that money-love can so easily prompt jealousy, competition, stealing, cheating, lying, and other distorted emotions, attitudes and actions.

Eternal blessings come our way when we use what we have to bring blessings to others.

I am made in the image and likeness of the God, who is the fullness of mercy, of generosity and of compassion. If I am merciful and generous then His image and likeness will be renewed in me.

Our parish of St Wulstan’s is raising funds for a charity in Uganda and also locally. This will be in the way of a 2nd Collection coming soon. Please give generously.

2ND COLLECTION ON SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH FOR CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE

This 2nd Collection will be for maintenance of the Cathedral in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. 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.

SUNDAY COFFEE

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE – SUNDAY, 10TH MARCH AT 4.00PM

Lent is an appropriate time to put our house in order...to reflect on our spiritual journey, and to consider our misdeeds and failings; to cleanse and purify our hearts in order to prepare ourselves for the great Feast of Our Lord’s Resurrection at Easter.

Our Lenten Penitential Service at St Wulstan’s will be at 4.00pm Sunday, 10th March. Priests from Malvern and Ledbury will be present to hear Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation). Do avail of this opportunity for the Sacrament

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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN MALVERN

- St. Andrews Church, Poolbrook - Sunday 10th March 6-7.30pm

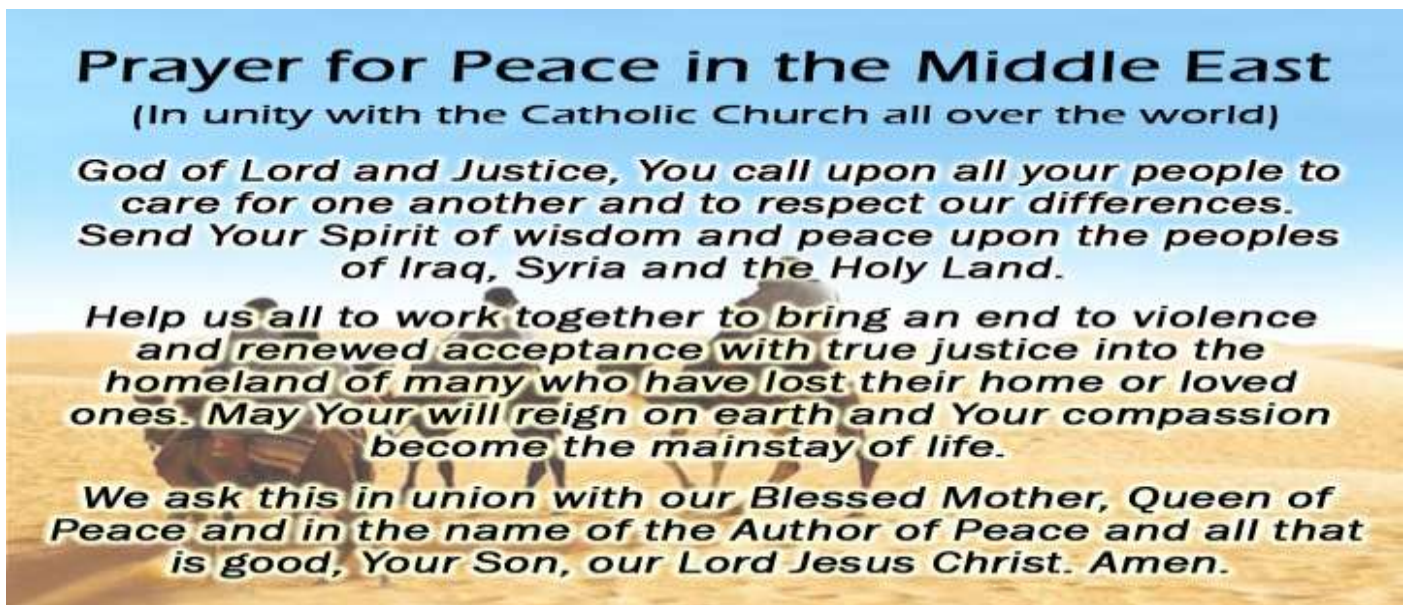
Guest speaker Mark Melliush, (Diocesan Mission Enabler in Hereford Diocese)

Speaking on '*Pursuing the Presence*' - An evening of worship, teaching and ministry.

All welcome.

"BICYCLES WANTED"

Mary Verdult is looking for second-hand bicycles for refugees in the Birmingham area. If you have a bicycle or know of somebody with a bicycle that is serviceable and not being used, then please contact Mary on 07544 803667.



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.

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

FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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

DAY OF RECOLLECTION



**Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order
of St John of Jerusalem
of Rhodes and of Malta
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.

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