# ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 9th/10th March 2024

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# **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B/II**

(Laetare Sunday)

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of his people.

Psalm: 136(137):1-6

**R./:** O Let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10** You have been saved through grace.

**Gospel: John 3:14-21** 

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

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

Monday - 11th March 2024 - Lent feria

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

(Note: temporary change of Mass time)

Tuesday – 12th March 2024 – Lent feria

(Dementia Prayer week)

(No morning Mass)

Wednesday - 13th March 2024 - Lent feria

(Dementia Prayer week)

(No morning Mass)

Thursday - 14th March 2024 - Lent feria

(Dementia Prayer week)

10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For all sufferers of Dementia, especially Alzheimers disease

Friday - 15th March 2024 - Lent feria

(Dementia Prayer week)

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

6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: Special Intention (B Eakin) (Note: Lent Fast Day)

#### Saturday - 16th March 2024 - Lent feria

(Dementia Prayer week)

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

11.00am - Holy Mass Ints: For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish

#### Saturday – 16th March 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B

(Dementia Prayer week)

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of Sunday) Ints: Clive Eakin (Birthday) (B Eakin)

Sunday - 17th March 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B

(Dementia Prayer week)

10.30am - Solemn Holy Mass Ints: Pro Populo

4.00pm - Lent Penitential Service with individual Confession at St Joseph's, Malvern

#### 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.

# 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection coming soon. Please give generously.

# 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 2ND COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES - GOOD FRIDAY, 29TH MARCH

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. As is customary, the Church calls on the Faithful to help and support all those Holy Places, especially in the Holy Land and places of pilgrimage to meet the ever growing financial demands. Please give generously

#### **CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN MALVERN**

• St. Andrews Church, Poolbrook - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 6-7.30pm

Guest speaker Mark Melluish, (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: <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/">https://cafod.org.uk/</a>. 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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