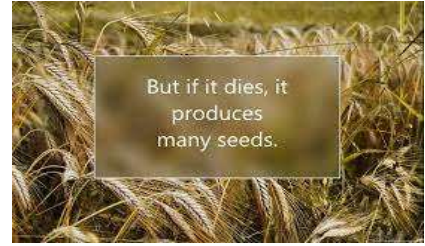


# ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B/II

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

I will write my Law in their hearts.

**Psalm: 50(51):3-4,12-15**

**R./:** A pure heart create for me, O God

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9**

He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation.

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

**Saturday – 16th March 2024 – Lent feria**

*(Dementia Prayer week)*

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

**11.00am - Holy Mass Ints: 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**

**Monday - 18th March 2024 - St Patrick (Votive Feast Mass)**

*(Dementia Prayer week)*

**10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life**

**Tuesday – 19th March 2024 – SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH (Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

*(Dementia Prayer week)*

**6.00pm – Solemn Holy Mass Ints: For Family unity**

**Wednesday – 20th March 2024 – Lent feria**

*(No Mass)*

**Thursday - 21st March 2024 – The Passing of St Benedict (Feast)**

**10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For the English Benedictine Congregation**

**Friday - 22nd March 2024 – Lent feria**

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

**6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For Daniel Leahy RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Annv.)(Pat & John Leahy)**

**(Note: Lent Fast Day)**

**Saturday – 23rd March 2024 – Lent feria**

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

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

**Saturday – 23rd March 2024 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of Palm Sunday) Ints: *Pro Populo***

*(Blessing & distribution of Palms)*

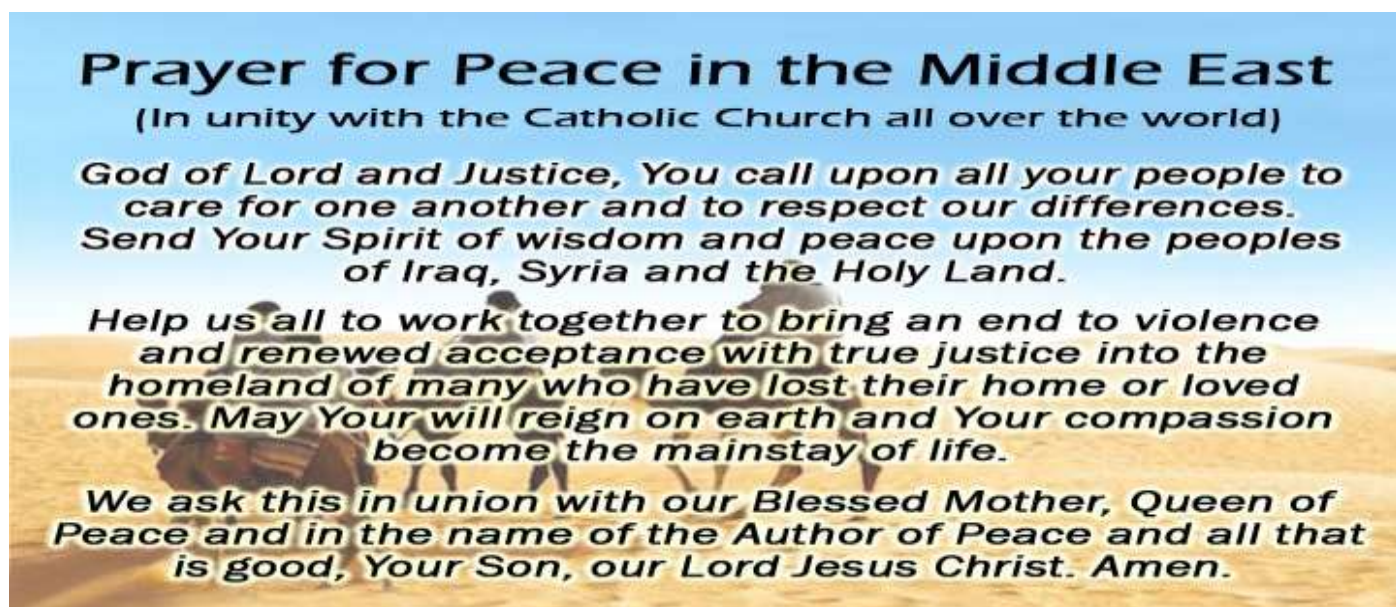
**Sunday – 24th March 2024 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass with Blessing of Palms Ints: Special Intention (*Sue Adey*)**

### **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.



### **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.

### **SUNDAY COFFEE**

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

### **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, 17TH MARCH AT 4.00PM**

Lenten Penitential Service at St Joseph's, Malvern will be at 4.00pm Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March. Priests from Malvern and Ledbury will be present to hear Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation). Do take this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance

### **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

### **"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>