St WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 6th/7thApril 2024

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - Year B/II

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul. Psalm: 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24 R./: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world. Gospel: John 20:19-31 Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them.

Saturday – 6th April 2024 – Saturday of Easter Octave (Solemnity) 11.00am - Solemn Holy Mass of the Octave Ints: Special Intention (Maureen Cooper)

Saturday – 6th April 2024 – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR B (Octave Day of Easter)
5.00pm – Solemn Holy Mass (Evening Mass of 2nd Sunday) Ints: Aine Coffey, intentions (Sean Devlin)
Sunday – 7th April 2024 – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR B (Divine Mercy Sunday)(Octave Day of Easter)
10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass Ints: Pro Populo
2.30pm – Feast of the Divine Mercy with Chaplet

Monday - 8th April 2024 - SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (*Transferred from March 25th*) 10.00am – Solemn Holy Mass of the Annunciation *Ints*: Deceased members of Lobo family (*Jacinta*) **Tuesday – 9th** April 2024 – Easter *feria* 10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: In thanksgiving (*Jules Richmond*) Wednesday – 10th April 2024 – Easter *feria* (*No Morning Mass*) **Thursday - 11th** April 2024 - St Stanislaus, *Bishop & martyr (memoria)* 10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For Mother Abbess Gertrude Baker *RIP* (*Colwich Abbey*) **Friday - 12th** April 2024 – Easter *feria* 5.20 – 5.50pm – Recitation of the Holy Rosary (*Intercessory prayers*) 6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For peace in Gaza, Ukraine & Sudan Saturday – 13th April 2024 – St Martin I. Pope & martyr (*memoria*) 10.00 - 10.50am – Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (*with Confessions*) 11.00am - Holy Mass Ints: For the sick & housebound of the parish

Saturday – 13th April 2024 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR B

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

Sunday - 14th April 2024 - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR B

10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass Ints: For Jessica & Douglas (10th wedding annv.) (Douglas Santos)

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.

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)

This Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter, since the year 2000, when St John Paul II instituted the feast for the whole Church, has been known more commonly as Divine Mercy Sunday.

For some, reflecting on God's mercy so soon after Eastertide begins may seem strange because we are placed once again at the Cross and the 'hour of mercy'.

This year, because the Solemnity of the Annunciation (25th March) fell during Holy Week, it has been transferred to Monday 8th April.

SUNDAY COFFEE

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

THE DISCIPLINE OF ALMSGIVING

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.

ARCHBISHOP BERNARD'S EASTER MESSAGE

"Let the light of the risen Christ shine through in the things that you say and do, especially within your family settings, with your neighbours, and as you witness to Him in the world today.

"And pray for that gift of peace, that the light of the world may shine in the darkest places of our world today."

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR PLAN INTERNATIONAL - 6TH/7TH APRIL

The 2nd Collection on this weekend will be for our chosen charity aiding girls of school age in a poverty stricken part of Uganda through financing their care and education. Please give generously

EASTER FLOWERS

Many thanks to Mary Pillon and her team which comprises of June Stallard, Sue Griffin and Claire Bailey; and Charlotte Carver at Christmas and Easter, for the beautiful Easter flowers which helped enhance our worship.

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: <u>https://cafod.org.uk/</u>. See poster at back of the church.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN

Justice & Peace Group

"Is there any hope for peace in Israel/Palestine?" Open meeting with the Revd Colin Chapman on Sunday 7th April at 3pm in the Friends' Meeting House in Orchard Road, organised by Malvern Churches Justice & Peace Group. Free entry. Followed by light refreshments. Retiring collection in aid of Friends of the Holy Land and to cover expenses. Colin has taught Islamic Studies at the Near East School of Theology, Beirut, Lebanon, until 2003. He regularly visits Beirut and keeps in touch with many friends in the Middle East. PARISH MAGAZINE

The second, bumper edition, of the parish magazine will be available at the back of church this weekend. Contributions to printing costs would be appreciated.

REFUGEE APPEAL

Thank you for bicycle donations so far, in response to the recent appeal, to help some refugees waiting for asylum processing with whom Mary Verdult is in contact.

Please may we ask for your continued help in providing: male clothing (trousers, jackets, trainers), small rucksacks and suitcases; extension leads and table lamps.

Any items you can provide will be very gratefully received. Please bring to the parish room on Sunday mornings in April and May from where they will be collected and passed on.

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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