ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 20th/21stApril 2024

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Saint Wulstan's parish, Little Malvern is served by the monks of Belmont Abbey

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B/II

Good Shepherd Sunday: "the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep"

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12 The name of Jesus is the only name in which we can be saved. Psalm: 117(118):1.8-9,21-23,26,28-29 R./: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2 We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is. Gospel: John 10:11-18 The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

Saturday – 20th April 2024 – Easter feria

10.00 - 10.50am – Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (with Confessions)
11.00am - Holy Mass Ints: For Vocations to the Priesthood & the Religious
Saturday – 20th April 2024 – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR B
5.00pm – Solemn Holy Mass (Evening Mass of Sunday) Ints: Pro Populo
Sunday – 21st April 2024 – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR B

(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass Ints: For Denise Teresa Soper RIP (Patricia Soper)

Monday, 22nd April 2024 – Friday, 26th April 2024 (No weekday Masses) Saturday – 27th April 2024 – (No Morning Mass)

Saturday – 27th April 2024 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR B

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

Sunday – 28th April 2024 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR B

10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass Ints: Catie Stevens and family (Jules Richmond)

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 pray also: 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 house-bound.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CLERGY TRAINING FUND 20th/21st April

The 2nd Collection on the weekend of 20th/21st April will go towards funding the education and training of Seminarians and Deacons, while in formation for ministry, in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Please give generously.

SUNDAY COFFEE

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

FR PATRICK ON LEAVE: 22ND APRIL - 3RD MAY incl.

There will be no weekday Masses during this period except for the weekend Masses Saturday, 27th April at 5.00pm and Sunday, 28th April at 1030am which will be celebrated by a priest from Belmont Abbey.

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.

FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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

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.



PROPOSED VISIT TO HARVINGTON HALL

I wonder whether members of the parish would be interested in a visit to Harvington Hall? The visit could include Mass attendance, a tour of the Hall and lunch. Harvington Hall is famous for its priest holes. The tour lasts about one and a quarter hours and costs £12.50 per head. Harvington Hall is a one hour drive from St Wulstan's and I would hope that car sharing be possible. If interested, please contact me via <u>michaelseales@hotmail.com</u> or after Sunday Mass.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN

<u>ST. ANDREWS CHURCH, POOLBROOK</u> Sunday 21st April - 6pm Service - All Welcome

Guest Speaker:

Helen Azer from Heartcry for Change Helen works for Heartcry for Change and is a national and international speaker. Heartcry for change's vision: "At Heartcry for Change" we seek to facilitate this desire by encouraging the Church to connect with their community and bring a practical message of hope.

For more information visit https://heartcryforchange.com/

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