

ST WULSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 27th/28th April 2024

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Saint Wulstan's church is served by the monks of Belmont Abbey

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B/II

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

Psalm: 21(22):26-28,30-32

R./: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love.

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches.

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*)

Monday, 29th April 2024 – Friday, 3rd May 2024

(*No weekday Masses*)

Saturday – 3rd May 2024

(*No Morning Mass*)

Saturday – 4th May 2024 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR B

5.00pm – Solemn Holy Mass (*Mass of Sunday*) Ints: Christopher Harrold RIP (*8th Anniv.*) (*Carmel Dawson*)

Sunday – 5th May 2024 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR B

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

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.

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.

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.



CAFOD INTERCESSIONS FOR SUDAN

We pray for the people of Sudan, as they face conflict and hunger: that through God's grace and our actions they may know peace and receive the practical support that they need. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for peace in Sudan and for all the people who have been forced to flee their homes because of the conflict: that they may find shelter, safety and sustenance during this time of crisis. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all people who are struggling to get enough food to eat, especially in Sudan where famine is looming: that God may guide us all to share what we can and to work together to ensure no one goes hungry. Lord, in your mercy...

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 michaelseales@hotmail.com or after Sunday Mass.

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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