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ST.WULSTAN'S LITTLE MALVERN

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1st DECEMBER 2024 / FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr.C)

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY: Vigil Mass 5pm Pro Popolo

SUNDAY 10.30am Mark Pillon(ill) *Devotions (The Posada) 3pm *

MONDAY 10am

TUESDAY 10am ST.FRANCIS XAVIER

WEDNESDAY. 10am

THURSDAY. 10am ST.BIRINUS

FRIDAY.6pm ST. NICHOLAS (Rosary 5.30)

SATURDAY. Vigil Mass 5pm

SUNDAY Adv.2: 10.30am Andrew O'Neill *Devotions (The Posada) 3pm*

MONDAY.9th 10am Immaculate Conception.

Readings for Sunday Mass

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

Psalms: 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

R./: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-42

May you be blameless when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap.

SUNDAY COFFEE: There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

PRAYING FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED LOVED ONES AND ALSO THE SICK

We pray for the repose of the soul of Ida Hodges, R.I.P, Mike Harriss, R.I.P. and Peter Onions R.I.P. who died recently. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray also: for all the sick including John Bilsborough, John Crowe, Rosemarie Kay, Lea Maloney, and Bill Finch, and all who are unwell or housebound.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

THE POSADA every Sunday of Advent 3pm: a pious Devotion reflecting on the journey of Our Lady, St. Joseph, & the Donkey (!!!) from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Put CHRIST back into your CHRIST-MASS. Bring family & friends! Make a special effort. **VIOLET** The Purple vestments of Advent indicate our penance in preparation for Christ's coming. (On one Sunday we use Rose vestments to indicate our Joy!) The Advent Wreath is a 'countdown clock' to the Nativity. No Church flowers during Advent, except a vase for Our Lady on the Immaculate Conception.

N.B: PENITENTIAL SERVICES at St. Joseph's 5pm 8th December, and 3pm 15th Dec. at Our Lady's in Blackmore Park.

FEASTS: 6th Dec is the Feast of St. Nicholas, the real Father Christmas!; The feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception is transferred for this year to Monday 9th Dec.

INDUCTION Fr. Thomas will be officially inducted (installed as PP) on Thursday 12th Dec., at 12noon. Abbot Brendan of Belmont will be Principal Celebrant at Mass, our Dean, Canon John Batthula, will induct. Help with teas & refreshments very welcome.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. WULSTAN'S:

(Tues. 24th) Carols 7.30pm; Mass 8pm
Mass 10am
and friends!

CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS DAY (Weds. 25th)
Make an effort to bring family

Venite Adoremus---Come, let us adore!

THIS SUNDAY we begin the Season of Advent. The new Lectionary comes into use –we shall bless the Lectionaries today. Many thanks to the kind and generous Donors. The new Readings will be provided on a sheet for your convenience each Sunday.

SAFEGUARDING we must be ever vigilant in our care of children and the vulnerable of all ages. Our Safeguarding Rep TIM NAYLOR will have updates for us in the next week or two. Be helpful and co-operative. There are some basic rules we need to bear in mind always. God bless the Safeguarding Service of our Archdiocese and Parishes.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The three reflection meetings this Advent. They will start at 6.15pm and end at 7.45. Refreshments will be provided. Do come along and bring a friend.

The first meeting on Tuesday 03/12 will be at St Joseph's, Malvern. The focus will be, 'The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit'.

The second meeting on 10/12 will be at St Joseph's, Upton. The focus will be, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy will'.

The third meeting on Tuesday 17/12 will be at St Wulstan's. The focus will be, 'The Word was made flesh and dwell among us'.

ADVENT BOOKLETS with a daily thought for Advent (starts 1st Dec.!) £1 per copy.

SPREAD THE WORD !: make sure family and friends ,esp.children, know that CHRISTMAS is more than Santa & Robins & Snowmen ! We celebrate the Birth of our Saviour ! JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON ! Venite Adoremus ! Come, let us adore !

ADVENT BEGINS on Sunday 1st December. Readings of Cycle C. The new translation of the Lectionary comes into use: texts will be provided for you every Sunday. Advent booklets will be available from next Sunday £1, a handy resource with daily reflection.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Advent Parish Magazine will be available at the back of church this weekend.

Pilgrimage to Assisi - 25 to 31 May 2025 - Places available!

Carlo Acutis was beatified on October 10, 2020 and will be canonized in Rome during the Jubilee of the Teenagers on Sunday 27th April, 2025. A month later, a group of us from St Wulstan's and area are making our way to Assisi.



Learn about the impressively sincere unwavering faith and deep devotion of this young 'cool kid' who was a gamer and computer programmer. He was always there for his young friends, he encouraged the faith of his parents and is a huge inspiration to Catholics both young and old.

Join a small group (max 12-15) from St Wulstan's and the Malvern Cluster on this pilgrimage to Assisi from Sunday 25th to Saturday 31st May. There are still a few places available.

Visit the dedicated webpage <https://www.jcjourneys.com/mc-assisi> or

email carvercharlotte400@gmail.com or bernadetteekin@gmail.com for the flyer and booking form.

A Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion,
of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:
Jews, Muslims and Christians,
Palestinians and Israelis.
Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope,
oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation,
that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces,
and peace and justice could be experienced by all.
Amen.

The Reverend Saad Alabozani, Senior Pastor
Grace Lutheran Church, La Grange, IL

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life changing. Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in church.

SHARE THE TRUE STORY Nativity Christmas Cards, pack of TEN for just £1 are available at the back of Church. NEXT SUNDAY Charlotte will have her special cards available too.

THE NATIVITY Christmas Eve: Carols from 7.30pm, Christmas Mass 8pm, followed by drinks & nibbles in the Parish Room.

DIARY DATES our Penitential Services during Advent will be as follows: Sunday 8th Dec., at St.Joseph's, 5pm; and then Sunday 15th Dec., at Our Lady's Blackmore Pk., 4pm (the LENT Service will be at St.Wulstan's).

CHRISTMAS CARDS yes, it's that time of year! Postage increases to £1.65 and cards aren't cheap. Make use of our 'in house' system: address cards to other parishioners and these can be collected here at Church. If you send cards, make sure you are a missionary: tell the story of Our Lord's birth, not something about a snowman, Santa, or a robin !!! Fr.Thomas has made some CHRISTIAN CARDS available--- just £1 for a pack of TEN !!!

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