

## ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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### ST.WULSTAN'S LITTLE MALVERN

In the pastoral care of the Benedictine Monks of Belmont Abbey

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### 8th DECEMBER 2024 / SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to tomorrow, 9th Dec.

#### HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY Vigil Mass 5pm

SUNDAY 10.30am

\*Devotions (The Posada) 3pm \*

MONDAY 10am – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

TUESDAY No Mass – Clergy Meeting in Worcester

WEDNESDAY 10am

THURSDAY 12 noon – Induction Mass of Fr. Thomas as Parish Priest

FRIDAY 6pm (Rosary 5.30)

SATURDAY Vigil Mass 5pm

SUNDAY Adv.3: 10.30am

\*Devotions (The Posada) 3pm\*

MONDAY 10am

#### Readings for Sunday Mass

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

God means to show your splendour to every nation.

Psalm: 125(126)

R./: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

May you become pure and blameless in preparation for the day of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

The call of John the Baptist.

### **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, Mark Pillon, 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.

**THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DEC.**, 12noon a very important date in the history of our Parish: Fr.Thomas will be installed ('inducted') as Parish Priest by the Dean, Canon John Batthula (St.George's, Worcester) delegate of the Archbishop. The Principal Celebrant at Mass will be Abbot Brendan of Belmont Abbey. If you are able to provide some nibbles for a post-Mass celebration, thanks in anticipation: it would be a help if you inform Mary Pillon.

**PLEASE NOTE:** no Mass at St.Wulstan's on TUESDAY, due to the Deanery Clergy Meeting.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** Charlotte has a selection available. Note: postage only 85p 2<sup>nd</sup> class!

**ADVENT PARISH MAGAZINE** is available at the back of Church. Many thanks to editors, printers and contributors!

**NEW LECTIONARIES** many thanks to the generous donors. Mass has been offered for your intentions.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS:** Our Deanery Cluster is invited: Tues., 6.15pm at Upton; then on Tues., 17<sup>th</sup> 6.15pm here at St.Wulstan's in our Parish Room.(Bernadette will share some thoughts on The Angelus. The 6.15 start gives an opportunity for a cuppa!)

**THE POSADA** here at St.Wulstan's, 3pm Sunday afternoon: a reflection on the journey of Our Lady & St.Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Today: 'The Visitation'; next Sunday 'The Nativity'; then on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: 'The Shepherds'.

### **FR.THOMAS WILL OFFICIALLY BE INDUCTED AS OUR PARISH PRIEST ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC., AT 12NOON.**

It is planned to serve refreshments in the Parish Room after Mass

Therefore it would be helpful if Parishioners would be kind enough to contribute mainly savoury nibbles and, if you are planning to do so, put your name and offering on the list at the back of the church.

Please don't feel if you don't produce something that you cannot attend. All welcome. Any queries please contact Mary Pillon on 01684 576213 or [marypillon121@btinternet.com](mailto:marypillon121@btinternet.com). Thank you.

### **CHRISTMAS AT ST.WULSTAN'S:**

CHRISTMAS EVE (Tues.24th) Carols 7.30pm; Mass 8pm followed by drinks and nibbles in the Parish Room

CHRISTMAS DAY (Weds.25th) Mass 10am  
Make an effort to bring family and friends!

Venite Adoremus---Come, let us adore!

**MEMORIAL TREE** near the Baptistry over Christmas, hang a card on the tree, with the name of a loved one you will remember/miss at Christmas. May their memory be a blessing and a joy.

**ARRANGE NOW!** For a lift to Church for Christmas Mass. Bring family & friends.

**DEANERY CONFESSIONS:** at St. Joseph's 5pm today. Next Sunday at Blackmore Pk., 3pm

**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 BOOKLETS** with a daily thought for Advent (starts 1<sup>st</sup> 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 !

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May. There are still a few places available.

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

email [carvercharlotte400@gmail.com](mailto:carvercharlotte400@gmail.com) or [bernadetteekin@gmail.com](mailto: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 Said Aliboussi, 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](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk) or pick up a catalogue in church.

**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 !!!

**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.

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