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ST.WULSTAN'S LITTLE MALVERN

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15th DECEMBER 2024 / THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY Vigil Mass 5pm (Confessions at request, before Mass)

SUNDAY 10.30am Pro Popolo (Posada Devotion 3pm) (Confessions, Blackmore Pk.,3pm)

MONDAY: 10am Spec.int

TUESDAY: 10am

WEDNESDAY: 10am Jack Lawrence (b'day)

THURSDAY: 10am Spec.int

FRIDAY: 6pm (ROSARY 5.30pm)

SATURDAY: Vigil Mass 5pm (Confessions, at request, before Mass)

NEXT SUNDAY 4th Advent: 10.30am Expectant Mothers' Sunday.

Readings for Sunday Mass

First Reading: Zephaniah

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst.

Psalm: Isaiah 12

R./: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is very near.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

'Someone is coming who will baptize you with the' Holy Spirit and fire.'

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.

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!

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 Alaboussi, Senior Pastor
Grace Lutheran Church, La Grange, IL

ROSE VESTMENTS are worn today: the purple indicating penance is put aside, as a reminder that our penance is in preparation for the great joy of The Nativity of our Saviour. Rose is the colour of Joy.

THIS AFTERNOON 3pm: join us for our short reflection on the journey of Our Lady & St.Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Today we recall The Nativity. (also at 3pm: Confessions at Blackmore Pk)

TUESDAY in our Parish Room, Bernadette leads a reflection on The Angelus... the final gathering for our Malvern Parish Cluster Advent Reflection...starts with a cuppa & greeting at 6.15pm.

REQUIEM: for Fr.Tony Mitchell, St.George's Worcester, Friday 12.30

MULLED WINE volunteer, please, to warm our Mulled Wine for a Christmas drink after Christmas Eve Mass!

MEMORIAL TREE this will be near the Font at Christmas: write the name of a loved one on a little card & hang it on the tree... remembering those not with us on Christmas Day. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

DIACONATE please pray for Br. Illtud Williams who will be ordained as a Deacon at St.Alban's, Cardiff, on 27th Dec. (St.Alban's is an Oratory-in-Formation)

ADVENT / HOLY YEAR 2025 BOOKLETS are available at the back of Church. A daily reflection helps!

2025 ARCHDIOCESAN YEARBOOKS £3 per copy, are also available at the back of Church today.

A THOUSAND THANKS to all the kind souls who attended Mass and/or provide refreshments for Fr.T's induction on Thursday. Bless you, one and all.

MALVERN CLUSTER ADVENT PREPARATION

It is our turn to host this week's gathering on Tuesday 17th in the Parish Hall here at St Wulstan's. From 6.15pm we will serve homemade soup, bread and cheese and a glass of wine. Any offers of soup will be welcome. Please let Mary Pillon or Bernadette Eakin know. Thankyou.

SUNDAY COFFEE

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

SPECIAL THANKS

Here is a very happy Mark having had all his stem cell therapy and has come through.

Very many thanks for all the support, prayers and kindness from the parishioners of St Wulstan's. You are incredible and I thank you so very much.

Mary Pillon



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 !

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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