

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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ST. WULSTAN'S LITTLE MALVERN

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25TH JANUARY – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The "White Flower Appeal" takes place today. An opportunity to support the fight to protect the sanctity and dignity of every human life.

Your financial donations would be much appreciated. God reward you.

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK:

SATURDAY Vigil Mass 5pm Archbishop b. Longley (Confessions 4.30pm)

SUNDAY 10.30am PRO POPOLO / CHURCH UNITY

MONDAY 10am christopher harold rip

TUESDAY 10am Janet harman (ints)

WEDNESDAY 10am mary & george evans

THURSDAY 10am special intension (S A)

FRIDAY 6pm patricia woodriffe

SATURDAY Vigil Mass 5pm mary & jim cotterill - (Confs.4.30pm)

SUNDAY 10.30am clergy & people of malvern "cluster"

Readings for Sunday Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1b-4

'In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.

Psalms Ps 27(28): 1, 4, 13-14,

R./: The Lord is my light and salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

'I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.'

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

'Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.'

PRAYING FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED LOVED ONES AND ALSO THE SICK

We pray for the repose of the souls of John Bilsborough & Fr. Stephen Holdsworth OSB. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray also: for all the sick and housebound including Rosemarie Kay, Pat Sweetman, Jennifer Bush, Patricia Soper, Lea Maloney and Bernadette Mulholland'

ASH WEDNESDAY is on 18th February. Mass & Ashes at 12 noon so please bring last year's Palm Crosses to church next Sunday. These will be burned to provide the ashes. Gwynfor Williams will be our organist at Mass and we will be led by a small choir. After Mass, soup and a roll will be provided in the parish room, as a "fasting lunch". Donation to support a "little girl in Africa". Information from Mary Pillion.

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a brief meeting after Mass, for those interested in offering some time & talent to put faith into practice (St Vincent de Paul approach). Info: Gerry Darkle 01684 568380 Think up ideas / opportunities. Be charitable & positive.

TODAY, WE CONCLUDE THIS YEAR'S OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR UNITY.

Pope Leo XIV presides at Ecumenical Prayer in the Basilica of St. Paul in Rome (where St. Paul is buried). The Pope says: "I invite all Catholic communities, to intensify their prayer during these days for the full, visible unity of all Christians".

A PRAYER FOR CHURCH UNITY

Lord, hear the prayers of your people, / and bring the hearts of believers together in your praise / and in common sorrow for their sins. Heal all divisions among Christians, / that we may rejoice in the perfect unity of your Church, / and move together as one, / to eternal life in your kingdom. /Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Heavenly Father, / the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. / You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us / in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life / and to respect it from the moment of conception / until the last moment at death. / Give us courage to speak with truth and love / and with conviction in defence of life. /Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness / to those who do not reverence your gift of life. /To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful / for your precious gift of life / or to respect it in others. We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

HUMAN DIGNITY: The Catholic Vision and Why it Matters. The next of the 'Horizons of Hope' talks will be given by Professor John Loughlin on the principles of Catholic Social teaching, and how they impact on the many moral challenges in our world today. At The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey Saturday, 21 February 2026 10am-12.30pm. All welcome!

FLOWERS - Please come and join our small team of flower arrangers. Give it a try and work with one of us if you are not sure. It is fun, creative and rewarding. We each do a 2-week slot roughly 5 times a year plus Christmas and Easter, obviously less with more of us. We are all self-taught so no skills needed and any new ideas would be welcome. Some of the flower group cover other duties in the church so a little help would go a long way. Thank you.

Contact Mary Pillon on 07960732491 or June Stallard on 01684 540357

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For prayer with the word of God: Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

CAFOD: A Better World Needs All Of Us: Happy New Year! January 2006 Edition. A very good newsletter from CAFOD.

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/oQFetsJbryXuN>

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