



The Catholic Parishes of St John the Evangelist and St Wulstan

Part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No.
234216



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Parish Website

<https://stjohnandstwulstan.org.uk>

North Staffs Deanery Website

www.northstaffordshire-catholicdeanery.org.uk

Parish Office: c/o St Wulstan's Presbytery, Church Lane, Wolstanton, Staffs ST5 0EF

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Wol: Becky Perkins sg.wulstan.wolstanton@rcaob.org.uk

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National & Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Safeguarding Representatives are named above. They can be contacted as above or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 01212306240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

The Parish Newsletter for the weekend of:

Year A: 1st March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

CAFOD Coffee Morning after 11am Mass

Second Collection-CAFOD, NEXT Weekend Cathedral maintenance



Access available.



Loop system



facilities in Wolstanton and Chesterton

Our schools

Primary School:

St Wulstan's Catholic School

Church Lane

Wolstanton

ST5 0EF

Headteacher: **Mr Ben Grove**

Tel: 01782 973722



<https://www.st-wulstans.staffs.sch.uk>

Secondary School:

St John Fisher Catholic College

Ashfields New Road

Newcastle-under-Lyme

ST5 2SJ

Headteacher: **Mr Garrett Murray**

Tel: 01782 615636



<https://saintjohnfishercc.co.uk>

Our Mission Statement

We welcome everyone and will work to develop a community of faith and compassion; where parishioners' talents and abilities are used to encourage the young, cherish the elderly and support each other's needs and to bring God's love to all.

Mass Intentions:

Please continue to send Mass intention requests via:

✉ stwulstan.wolstanton@rcaob.org.uk Tel: 01782 626611 or post through the presbytery door.

Confessions: CONFESIONS AT ST WULSTANS SATURDAY 10-11AM CONTINUING BEFORE 6PM MASS AS BEFORE

Community Centre Bookings/Enquiries:

Please email your bookings and requests to: amachin.wul@ctkcc.co.uk

This week's Liturgy for Wolstanton and Chesterton

<u>Date</u>	<u>Saints</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Sat. 28 th	St Oswald, Bishop	W	6pm	Henry Joseph Rowley R.I.P	<u>Family Mass, school led</u>
Sun.1 st <u>Second Sunday of Lent</u>	<u>Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</u>	Ch W	9.15am 11am	40yr Wedding Anniversary- Thanksgiving Pro Populo	<u>Live Streamed (W)</u>
Mon.2 nd	St Chad, Bishop				
Tues.3 rd		Ch Ch	9.30am 10am	<u>Adoration</u> Stella Handley R.I.P	
Weds.4 th	St Casimir	W W W	9.30am <u>6.30pm</u> <u>7pm</u>	Thomas Healey <u>Confession & Adoration</u> Joseph George (Anni.)	<u>School Mass Live Streamed</u>
Thurs.5 th		Ch	10am	Tom Poyner R.I.P	
Fri. 6 th	Women's World Day of Prayer	<u>W</u> <u>W</u> W	<u>7am</u> <u>9.30am</u> 10am	Jimmy Lui <u>Adoration</u> Thanksgiving Ints.	<u>Live Streamed (W)</u>
Sat. 7 th	Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	W	6pm	Catherine & John Cotton	
Sun.8 th <u>Third Sunday of Lent</u>	<u>Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</u>	Ch W	9.15am 11am	John Miller R.I.P Paul Cotton R.I.P	<u>Live Streamed (W)</u>

Live Streaming: Following guidance from the Diocese, we must inform/remind you when Mass is live streamed, on You tube, people in the front half of Church **MAY be visible**. During the act of giving communion live streaming will be halted. **IF YOU STRONGLY OBJECT TO BEING LIVE STREAMED** please speak to one of the stewards. [Please search St Wulstans wolstanton2 to view live or, at a later date.](#)

Popes' Prayer Intention for March – For disarmament & peace let us pray that, nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, & that world leaders choose the path of dialogue & diplomacy instead of violence

Collection

St Wulstans: 15.02 £ 331.97 **22.02** £249.56 Fundraising (Jenny) £140

St John's: 15.02 £192.42 **100 Club No. 39** £35 **22.02** £225 **100 club No. 29** £38

This weekend's Liturgy

First Reading: Genesis: 12:1-4; The call of Abram the father of the People of God.

Response: Psalm 33: May your merciful love be upon us as we hope in you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Timothy 1: 8-10 God calls & enlightens us.

Glory to you O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father, from a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard; 'This is my beloved Son, listen to Him.' **Glory to you O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father**

Gospel: St. Matthew: 17:1-9: His face shone like the sun.

Music: Missa Super mon Coeur se recommande a vous-Eccard; O Nata Lux-Tallis; **Organ** Postlude op 101 No.6 -Stanford

Prayers: Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick or ill, particularly our own, John Hely, Tony Jenkins, Alex McGlynn, Brittany Lamb, Ann Scully, Greg Scully, Rob Wynne, Margaret Oldham, Terry Hennigan, Irene Zyla, Anna & Trevor, Imelda Jeffrey, Vincent Harrington, Glenys Price, Harrison Gratton (Yr4 child at school), Deb Taylor, Nesta Garrett, Marie Dennison, Liz Murphy, Sandra Hollings, those who are housebound and those who care for them and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Baptism Classes: The next course will be **Saturday 21st March, 10.30am** in the Lady Chapel Please ring Margaret Oldham if you wish to attend Thank you (07751012870)

Asylum-seekers & refugees living locally Thank you for your wonderful support of Sanctus with donations of food & toiletries over recent years. Please continue your generosity - it is much appreciated.

St. Wulstan's Church will be open for private prayer every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2.45-3.45pm please use this opportunity to spend some time in quiet prayer

TEA, COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED AFTER EVERY SUNDAY MASS AT ST JOHNS- ALL WELCOME

LIVE SIMPLY

Each month our Churches will be focus on simple actions to LIVE SIMPLY. Each monthly focus will be displayed in our Churches: **March**

- We will do our best to:**
1. Give more attention to those around you.
 2. Plan what you want to grow this year.

Our S.V.P- will be making a toiletry appeal this weekend, please bring donations next weekend THANK YOU

Our Parishes SVP Group are currently collecting for the homeless. There is a collection box at the back of Church for your donations of good quality clothes, shoes, socks, bedding, small electrical items, any queries please see Anne Nixon THANK YOU

Dates for your Diary:

Lenten Prayer Groups Monday 7.30pm David & Margaret O'Leary, 13 Woodland Avenue ST5 8AZ; Wednesday 1.30pm St Wulstan's Church; Friday 6pm St John's Church. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Fridays 7pm; 27.2; 6.3 20.3 at St Wulstans;13.3; 27.3 St Johns

THE BIG LENT WALK Ready for a personal challenge this Lent? Walk 200km, any time, any where this Lent to raise funds for CAFOD's life saving water project. For details look up **CAFOD The Big Lent Walk** to set up your own 'Just Giving Account' for your school, walking group or just your-self.

Monday 2nd March 6.30pm North Staffs Deanery Mass for Vocations St Joseph's Catholic Church, High Street Goldenhill STt6 5RD

Stations of The Cross Service St Wulstan's Catholic Church THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 1.30pm & 6pm led by St John Fisher Catholic Academy Chaplaincy Team-ALL WELCOME

Easter Hamper Raffle following the fundraising success of the Christmas Hamper Raffle, Jenny Davies & her fundraising team are hoping, with your Easter themed donations to put together an Easter Hamper, please donate anything you can which would be suitable for the Hamper Thank you as always for your continued support.

FROM FR. JOHN

Last weekend, on my way to the junior clergy gathering, I went to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. This is a ceremony in which those who are becoming Catholics at Easter publicly commit themselves to the final stages of their preparation for lives as Catholics. The candidates also have the chance to meet Archbishop Bernard and his auxiliary Bishops. The cathedral was overflowing, with official numbers being recorded at 304. Our own two parish communities contributed to 5 of those. There seems to be some truth in the rumours of a "quiet revival" of Christianity in our country.

Please continue to support our candidates, most importantly with your prayers but also with your presence at the Easter Vigil, on Saturday 4th April, when I shall receive them into full communion with the church.

Do also continue to support and take part in the various prayer groups in the parish, the prayer and life workshop and the lent prayer groups, so that you grow in your own faith and are an ever more credible and

joyful ambassador for our faith. As Cardinal Dolan taught us "Joy is the most infallible sign of God's presence in the world.