



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: 8th March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

FUNDRAISING Coffee Morning after 11am Mass

Second Collection- 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. 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>
Mon.9 th	St Frances of Rome				
Tues.10 th		Ch Ch	9.30am 10am	<u>Adoration</u> Josie Cotton R.I.P	
Weds.11 th		W W W	9.30am <u>6.30pm</u> <u>7pm</u>	Private Ints. (Sidoli-O'Connor) <u>Confession & Adoration</u> Rathbone & Warburton families	<u>School Mass Live Streamed</u>
Thurs.12 th		Ch	10am	Slaweks Ints.	
Fri. 13 th		<u>W</u> <u>W</u> <u>W</u>	<u>7am</u> <u>9.30am</u> 10am	Pro Populo <u>Adoration</u> Juliet Czech R.I.P	<u>Live Streamed (W)</u>
Sat. 14 th		W	6pm	Joan Leake R.I.P	
Sun.15 th <u>Fourth Sunday of Lent</u>	<u>Dementia Prayer Week</u>	Ch W	9.15am 11am	Brenda Broadhurst R.I.P Pro Populo	<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: £ 478.16 CAFOD £624.03 Fundraising (Jenny) £100

St John's: £249.06 CAFOD £476.78 **100 Club No. 67 £38** Fundraising £191

This weekend's Liturgy

First Reading: Exodus: 17:3-7; Give us water to drink.

Response: Psalm 95: o that today you would listen to His voice! harden not your hearts

Second Reading: Romans:5: 1-2, 5-8; Love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us.

Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God, Lord you are indeed the Saviour of the world give me living water so that I might not be thirsty, **Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God,**

Gospel: St. John: 4:5-42: a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Music: Messa a Quattro Voci-Gross; Lead me Lord-S.S.Wesley; **Organ Postlude:** Ich ruf zu dir, Here Jesu Christ BWV 639-Bach

Prayers: Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick or ill, particularly our own, Monica Fender, 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

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 collecting your toiletry donations THIS 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; 6.3; 20.3 at St Johns;13.3; 27.3 St Wulstans

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.

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 -flyer at the back of Church

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.

Message from St John's & St Wulstan's CAFOD group-THANK YOU to everyone who supported both the CAFOD Family Fast Day & the Lent Soup Lunch which raised a further £92 for CAFOD.

FROM FR. JOHN

"The Gospel this week shows us Jesus reaching out to the Samaritan community. In biblical times, the Samaritans were considered as social untouchables and unclean. Yet Jesus reaches out to them, welcoming and reconciling those previously considered outside of the community of God's people. This season of Lent is the perfect opportunity to reach out to those we know who need to be reconciled to God and his church, to encourage their confession and return to Mass.

On Maundy Thursday, at the Mass of the Lord's supper (2nd April, 7pm), it is a tradition for the parish priest to wash the feet of some parishioner, as Jesus did at the Last Supper. At the back of church are 12 volunteer slips for those who are prepared to have their feet washed. If you are willing, please take one, fill it out and return through the presbytery letterbox."

