



The Catholic Parishes of St John the Evangelist and St Wulstan

Part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No.
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Parish Website

<https://stjohnandstwulstan.org.uk>

North Staffs Deanery Website

www.northstaffordshire-catholicdeanery.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: 15th March 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Choir Coffee Morning after 11am Mass



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: **CONFESSIONS 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. 14 th	Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	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 Salmon Ints.	<u>Live Streamed (W)</u>
Mon.16 th					
Tues.17 th	St Patrick, Bishop Patron of Ireland	Ch Ch	9.30am 10am	<u>Adoration</u> Patrick & Anne Wilmore R.I.P	
Weds.18 th	St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop	W W W	9.30am <u>6.30pm</u> <u>7pm</u>	Pro Populo <u>Confession & Adoration</u> Remembrance, A Thomas, C Sebastian	<u>School Mass Live Streamed</u>
Thurs.19 th	St Joseph spouse of the BI Virgin Mary	Ch	10am	Private Ints.	
Fri. 20 th		<u>W</u> <u>W</u> <u>W</u>	<u>7am</u> <u>9.30am</u> 10am	Private Ints. MH <u>Adoration</u> Fr Brian Wall R.I.P	<u>Live Streamed (W)</u>
Sat. 21 st		W	6pm	Giovanna Washington R.I.P	
Sun.22 nd <u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u>	<u>Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</u>	Ch W	9.15am 11am	Jack Crawford R.I.P Private Ints MH	<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: £ 453.63 Cathedral Maintenance £147.09 Fundraising (Jenny) £38; Plant sales £60.10; Early Mass & Coffee morning £135.21

St John's: £204.05 Cathedral Maintenance £111.25 **100 Club No. 49 £36** Fundraising £70

This weekend's Liturgy

First Reading: Samuel: 16:6-7, 10-13; David is anointed King of Israel.

Response: Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians:5: 8-14; Arise from the dead & Christ will shine on you.

Praise & honour to you Lord Jesus, I am the light of the world, says the Lord, whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Praise & honour to you Lord Jesus**

Gospel: St. John: 9:1-41: He went & washed & received his sight.

Music: Mass for 4 voices-Byrd; Ave Regina Coelorum- S Wesley; **Organ Postlude:** Postlude op.105 No2-Stanford.

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 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 wish to thank you for the wonderful response to their toiletries collection last weekend. Manor House in Hanley, were so grateful & send their thanks, they will distribute all your donations to those in need.

Our SVP group meet fortnightly in the Community Centre Meeting Room 7pm on a Monday evening. The next meeting will be on 23rd March PLEASE CONSIDER COMING ALONG & JOINING THE SVP

Dates for your Diary:

OUR ANNUAL LENT & EASTER COMPETITION is now underway, open to all ages. For details on how to enter, please see the posters in Church, our FB page, or speak to Isobel West at the 11am Mass.

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2nd APRIL Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm, St Wulstans; **GOOD FRIDAY 3RD April** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3pm St Wulstans; **HOLY SATURDAY 4TH April** Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm, St Wulstans.

FROM FR. JOHN

"The Gospel this week introduces the idea of "utter sin", referring to the assumed condition of the blind man healed by Jesus.

It is of course one of the favourite questions for people to ask regarding forgiveness. Is there such a sin that cannot be forgiven? An utter sin, so to speak.

The Church has, of course, never attempted to declare that anyone is in hell. I personally like the assessment made by the late, great, Cardinal George Pell. "Hell is very real and we pray that no one is there!"

If we believe in a God of infinite compassion, goodness and forgiveness, we have to accept the quite challenging possibility that there is no such thing as a utter, unforgiveable sin."

