



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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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: 22nd March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SVP Coffee Morning after 11am Mass

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND- EASTER FLOWERS



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. 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>
Mon.23 rd	St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop				
Tues.24 th		Ch Ch	9.30am 10am	<u>Adoration</u> John Miller R.I.P	
Weds. 25 th	Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord	W W W	9.30am 6.30pm 7pm	Patrick & Owen & Paul-Thanksgiving <u>Confession & Adoration</u> Salmon Ints.	<u>School Mass Live Streamed</u>
Thurs.26 th		Ch	10am	Kathleen Jenkins R.I.P	
Fri. 27 th		<u>W</u> <u>W</u> <u>W</u>	<u>7am</u> <u>9.30am</u> 10am	Clare Hanrahan R.I.P <u>Adoration</u> Frank Cunningham R.I.P	<u>Live Streamed (W)</u>
Sat. 28 th		W	6pm	Geoff-Ints.	
Sun.29 th <u>Palm Sunday</u>		Ch W	9.15am 11am	John Shenton R.I.P Stella Looke 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 YouTube, 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: £ 397.02 Fundraising (Jenny) £70

St John's: £295.30 **100 Club No. 5** £38

This weekend's Liturgy

First Reading: Ezekiel: 37:12-14; I will put my spirit within you, & you shall live.

Response: Psalm 130: With the Lord there is mercy, in Him is plentiful redemption.

Second Reading: Romans:8: 8-11; The spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead, dwells in you.

Glory to you O Christ, Son of the living God, I am the resurrection & the life says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. **Glory to you O Christ, Son of the living God**

Gospel: St. John: 11:1-45: I am the resurrection & the life.

Music: Missa Simile est Regnum-Guerrero; Christus Factus est-Anerio; **Organ Postlude:** Wo soll ich fleihen hin-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 time.

Please remember to take home Easter offering envelopes and bring them back at the Easter vigil/Easter Sunday.

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

Collection Envelopes; New envelopes are available for parishioners, & these are located at the back of each Church for you to collect. **Important Notice** second collection envelopes will not be issued from April, as they are no longer required. **Please contribute by cash or card payment**

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 us. 2. Plan what you want to grow this year.

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: Friday 7pm; 27.3 St Wulstans

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.

Monday 6th April Easter Monday Mass at Sacred Heart Tunstall 10am, Celebrant Bishop Timothy.

Easter Study Course 6pm Monday 6th -10am Saturday 11th April £50, Coniston Hall Manchester for girls in Years 9-12- see poster.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026, Saturday 9th May, coach leaves Holy Trinity at 7am, Mass at 1pm, procession, 3pm/3.30pm, depart 5pm, stopping for tea, back at Holy Trinity for 9.30pm More information & booking forms at the back of Church.

22nd -25th May Youth Encounter Summer Linnet Clough Stockport £170, for girls aged 9-14 see poster.

FROM FR. JOHN

On Tuesday 24th we will be hosting a Lenten penance service. This will be another opportunity for confession prior to Holy week. We hope to have a visiting priest or two to help with hearing confessions that evening.

These final two weeks of Lent are known as Passiontide. The origins of this time go back to the 6th century, when monks in the Holy Land, who had ventured into the desert seeking a harder Lent, returned to their monasteries for Holy week. It is during these final two weeks when our focus moves from fasting and almsgiving, to contemplating the upcoming Passion and sacrifice of Jesus on the cross."

After the Maundy Thursday Mass (2nd April) there will be eucharistic adoration until 9pm, in the lady-chapel, concluding with night prayer.

On Good Friday (3rd April) and Holy Saturday (4th April) there will be the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, at 10:30am. We pray the psalms together, listen to some meditations on the scriptures and finish with some intercessions for our world.

Our Altar servers will be rehearsing each liturgy of the Tridumm at 11am on Maunday Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, at 11am. Would those being baptised and confirmed please join us for the Saturday rehearsal, so that we can walk you through what will happen on Saturday evening