



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: 3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Second Collection NEXT Weekend Poor Parishes

CAFOD 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. 2 nd	St Athanasius, Bishop	W	6pm	Gordan Barnett R.I.P	
Sun.3 rd <u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u>		Ch W	9.15am 11am	Carl Davenhill Ints. Emma Lunn Anniversary	<u>Live Streamed (W)</u>
Mon.4 th	Feast of the English Martyrs				
Tues.5 th		Ch Ch		<u>NO ADORATION</u> <u>NO MASS</u>	
Weds. 6 th		W W		<u>NO MASS</u> <u>NO MASS</u>	
Thurs.7 th		Ch		<u>NO MASS</u>	
Fri. 8 th		W W		<u>NO ADORATION</u> <u>NO MASS</u>	
Sat. 9 th		W	6pm	Catherine Walton R.I.P	
Sun.10 th <u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u>		Ch W	9.15am 11am	Freda Connell-Remembrance Mary Synnott & Frieda	<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 May –That everyone might have food -let us pray that everyone from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, & to ensure that everyone has access to quality food

Collection

St Wulstans: £422.82 **Clergy Training** £207.15

St John's: £285.90 **Clergy Training** £138.66 100 Club No.47 £40

This weekend's Liturgy

First Reading: Acts: 6: 1-7; They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.

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

Second Reading: Peter :2: 4-9; But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the Way, & the Truth, & the life says the Lord. No one comes to the Father, except through me, **Alleluia**

Gospel: St. John: 14: 1-12: I am the Way & the Truth & the Life.

Music: Plainchant Mass VIII (de Angelis), **Organ Postlude:**

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, 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 30th May, 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: **May**

We will do our best to: 1. Buy peat-free compost for your garden. 2. Plan a wildlife area in your garden

Our SVP group meet fortnightly in the Community Centre Meeting Room 7pm on a Monday evening. The next meeting will be on 11th May PLEASE CONSIDER COMING ALONG & JOINING THE SVP.

Thank you for all your support, please continue donating to help those less fortunate than ourselves

Dates for your Diary:

Mass of Anointing 2026, will take place at St John's Chesterton, **11am on TUESDAY 12TH MAY**

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

'In the first Reading this weekend, we hear about the Ordination of the first deacons of the Church, seven men filled with the Holy Spirit & wisdom, including St Stephen, the first martyr. The ceremony of ordination is more elaborate now, held in beautiful Cathedrals, with lovely chant, favourite hymns & precious vestments. But at its heart, it remains unchanged. A Bishop, a successor of the Apostles, praying over a man & laying his hands on him. This summer, we will be blessed with one new Deacon & 3 new priests ordained in our Archdiocese. We get so little evidence that our prayers have been answered, let us not forget to thank God for answering some of our prayers for Vocations. The challenge now is to help more men discern their Vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate. When I entered seminary in 2011, there were twenty candidates for the priesthood for our Archdiocese, we currently have five. Keep up the prayers for vocations, which are being answered & don't forget to encourage those you know to consider whether Jesus might be calling them to Ordination.

I have to be away for a canon law conference from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May. There will be no weekday Masses during this time. If you are a daily Mass-goer, you can find Mass at St Werburgh's, every day except Monday & at Holy Trinity every day except Wednesday. Masses will resume on Saturday 9th May. Hopefully I shouldn't need to leave you again until the summer.

