



The Catholic Parishes of St John the Evangelist and St Wulstan

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Parish Website

<https://stjohnandstwulstan.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: 16th August 2026

Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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. 15 th		W	6pm	Carol & Paul Barnett, 40 th Wedding Anniversary	
Sun.16 th <u>Assumption of Bl. Virgin Mary</u>		Ch W	9.15am 11am	Glennis Price R.I.P Sinead Cholis Ints.	<u>Live Streamed (W)</u>
Mon.17 th					
Tues. 18 th	Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi begins today	Ch Ch	9.30am 10am	<u>Adoration (vocations)</u> Marie Cunningham & Family	
Weds. 19 th (Novena)	St John Eudes	W W	6.30pm 7pm	<u>Adoration(vocations)</u> Nathan, Grace & Sarah Ints.	
Thurs.20 th (Novena)	St Bernard, Abbot				
Fri. 21 st (Novena)	St. Pius X, Pope	W W	9.30am 10am	<u>Adoration (vocations)</u> Marie Cunningham R.I.P	<u>Live Streamed</u>
Sat. 22 nd (Novena)	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	W	6pm	Peter Convey R.I.P	
Sun.23 rd <u>Twenty First Sunday of the Year</u>	<u>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Domic Barberi</u>	Ch W	9.15am 11am	Joseph Pitula, Anniversary Michael & Maria Bester, 50 th Wedding Anniversary	<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 August –For evangelisation in the city -let us pray that in large cities marked by anonymity & loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Collection

St Wulstans: 24.07 £ 412.67 02.08 £462.32 09.08 £ 528.67

Fundraising: (Sue) £134.50, Bonus Ball £25

St John's: 24.07 £236.10 100 Club No. 35 £39, 02.08 £272.50 100 Club No. 60 £40

Fundraising £50, 09.08 £178.70 100 Club No. 43 £40 **Fundraising (Rosary)** £70

This weekend's Liturgy

First Reading: Revelatio:11-19a, 12:1-6a: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet

Response: Psalm 44: On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians: 15:20-27; Christ the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Mary has been taken up into heaven, the host of angels rejoice, **Alleluia**

Gospel: St Luke: 1: 39-56: He who is mighty has done great things for me, he has exalted those of humble estate.

Music:

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, Vincent Harrington, Harrison Gratton (Yr4 child at school), Deb Taylor, Nesta Garrett, Marie Dennison, Liz Murphy, Sandra Hollings, Poppy Bloor (ex. pupil of St Wulstans) 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 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 & ST WULSTANS - 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: **July/August**

We will do our best to: 1. Where possible avoid buying food in single use plastic
2. Support Charities that aid poor communities

Our SVP group meet fortnightly in the Community Centre Meeting Room 7pm on a Monday evening. The next meeting will be on **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:

St Wulstans Centenary Year is next year, please have a think of any ideas to help celebrate 100 yrs of our Church, the aim is to try & have events throughout the whole year, ideas/suggestions to Fr John.

Weekly Prayer Group St Wulstan's Lady Chapel, Wednesdays at 1.45pm, Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) worry not if this is new to you, all will be explained. Sign up sheet at the back of Church.

Advance Notice On, Saturday September 20th CAFOD is organising a Parishes' Walk, starting at the Apedale Museum Carpark at 2pm. Other local Churches are to be invited. It will be no longer than, a two- hour, easy walk with prayer breaks. Please bring your own refreshments.

FROM FR. JOHN

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The belief that at the end of her earthly life, the Virgin Mary was taken, body & soul, to heaven, very like her son Jesus. This belief, although held by most Catholics for many centuries, was only solemnly defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950, through an exercise in Papal Infallibility, made Ex Cathedra.

Papal Infallibility is much misunderstood (and too much of a theological minefield to explore fully in a Parish Newsletter) but it comes down to this: When there is a question of crucial importance to the understanding of the Catholic Faith the Pope, *after consultation* with the Bishops, men & women religious & theological experts. Having therefore removed the possibility of error, can make an infallible statement. In the history of the Church, it has been used twice. Once in 1854 concerning the Immaculate Conception of Mary & again in 1950 concerning her Assumption.

