



The Catholic Parishes of St John the Evangelist and St Wulstan

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<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: 30th August 2026

Twenty Second Sunday of the Year

Fundraising 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. 29 th	Passion of St John the Baptist, Martyr	W	6pm	Marie Molloy R.I.P	
Sun.30 th <u>Twenty Second</u> <u>Sunday of the Year</u>		Ch W	9.15am 11am	Michael & Bernadine Rourke, Clayton, Anniversary Sinead Cholis Ints.	<u>Live Streamed (W)</u>
Mon.31 st	St Aiden & Saints of Lindisfarne				
Tues. 1 st	Beginning of the Season of Creation	Ch W	9.30am	<u>NO MASS</u> <u>Mass for St Wulstans School Staff</u>	
Weds. 2 nd		W W	6.30pm 7pm	<u>Adoration(vocations)</u> David Oldham-Anniversary	
Thurs.3 rd	St Gregory the Great, Pope	Ch	10am	Tom & Ellen Harley	
Fri. 4 th	St Cuthbert, Bishop	W W	9.30am 10am	<u>Adoration (vocations)</u> Marie Molloy R.I.P	<u>Live Streamed</u>
Sat. 5 th	St Teresa of Calcutta	W	6pm	Marie Molloy R.I.P	
Sun.6 th <u>Twenty Third</u> <u>Sunday of the Year</u>		Ch W	9.15am 11am	Michael & Bernadine Rourke-Clayton-Anniversary Thomas & Ellen Nixon 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 September –For the care of water Let us pray for a just & sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

This weekend's Liturgy

First Reading: Jeremiah: 20:7-9: The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach.

Response: Psalm 62: For you my soul is thirsting O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans: 12:1-2; present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Alleluia, Alleluia, may the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know the hope to which he has called us **Alleluia**

Gospel: St Matthew: 16:21-27; If anyone would come after me let him deny himself

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: **September**

We will do our best to: 1. Harvest seeds/fruit/veg from your garden.

2. Look for ways to develop community in your neighbourhood

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

On Thursday 3rd we celebrate the feast of Pope Gregory the Great. When we consider that we are now on our 267th Pope (Leo XIV) & yet only of them (Gregory I & Leo I) have the title 'the great' this should immediately tell us how important these men were & continue to be for the Church.

Gregory the Great is remembered for his teachings, his diplomacy & his legacy of sacred music. Church legend tells us that he had a dream where a white dove descended from heaven to him, singing the musical stylings of the voice of God himself. You can believe the legend or not but it won't surprise you to learn that Gregorian chant transcribed by Gregory from his memory of the dream, is named after the Pope. The reforms of the Second Vatican council held up Gregorian chant as the highest & most noble form of sacred music, as it put *untold millions* of our illiterate ancestors in touch with the divine presence. Let us forever rejoice in the great musical tradition which we as Catholics have had handed down to us & are entrusted to pass on to those who come after us.

It was also Gregory the Great who sent missionaries to our country, wanting to give to the people of this beautiful land the beautiful message of the Gospel. We owe much of the faith in our country to the wisdom of Gregory, who sent Augustine of Canterbury to preach to the English.