



ST WULFSTAN [WULSTAN] lived c. 1008 - 1095. He served as Bishop of Worcester under the last two Saxon kings and the first two Norman kings. After the Norman Conquest he was responsible for the dismantling of the old Saxon cathedral and the building of a new one, of which the crypt is the main part still surviving today. He was at once venerated as a saint by the people of Worcester, though he was not formally canonized until 1203. Alongside the tomb of St Oswald, his shrine was a place of pilgrimage until the Reformation.

Wulfstan was born in Long Itchington, Warwickshire. He became a monk at Worcester Cathedral priory, he was a novice-master, then cantor, sacrist and finally prior. Eventually he was promoted to the Bishopric in 1062. He was renowned holy man and spiritual advisor. He was friend to the Scottish royal family, and also the confessor of King Harold II, the last Anglo-Saxon king, and his family.

After the Battle of Hastings, Wulfstan was allowed to remain as Bishop. This enabled him to maintain Anglo-Saxon values in the cathedral for many years after the invasion, and to fight for the rights of Worcester Cathedral in legal disputes over lands and property.

Wulfstan found a special place in local people's affections. He took his pastoral duties very seriously, caring for the poor and preaching widely. He started building a new cathedral in 1084, replacing the Anglo-Saxon one.

St Wulfstan was famed for his healing and prophetic abilities. He even preached against the slave trade in Bristol, then part of his Diocese, and thankfully managed to end this practise for a long while.

After his death, his life was written down first in Anglo-Saxon and then later in Latin. Local people visited his tomb and soon miracles were recorded. On 21st April 1203 he was canonised as a saint. Together with Saint Oswald, Worcester's other great Anglo-Saxon saint, their bodies were transferred to shrines in the cathedral. Throughout the Middle Ages pilgrim, including several kings such as King John, came to Worcester to pray before St Wulfstan's shrine. At the Dissolution of the Monasteries and the Reformation, Wulfstan's and Oswald's shrines and tombs were destroyed. Their bones were covered in lead, and then buried near the High Altar of the Cathedral.

<http://worcestercathedral.co.uk/Wulfstan.php>

ESSENTIAL PARISH INFORMATION:

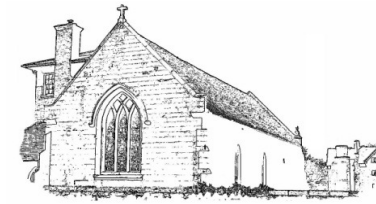
EMERGENCY EXIT: This is via the sacristy and through the house

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**Times of Holy Mass and Intentions
(YEAR B Readings)**

Sunday 14 January 8.30 am - 10.30 am - <i>(Today, Sunday, 14 January there will be a Second Collection for Pax Christi)</i>	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time For the people of the Parish Private Intention
Monday 15 January 8.30 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Holy Souls
Tuesday 16 January 8.30 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Stan Robson R.I.P.
Wednesday 17 January 8.30 am - 9.00 am -	Memorial of St Antony Intentions of Harry Hogg <i>#Discussion Group in The Stable</i>
Thursday 18 January 11.30 am	Feria in Ordinary Time Beginning of the Octave for Christian Unity Annie Mulroy R.I.P.
Friday 19 January 11.30 am -	Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop Private Intention
Saturday 20 January 10.00 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Holy Souls
Sunday 21 January 8.30 am - 10.30 am - <i>(On Sunday, 21 January there will be a Retiring Collection for the work of SPUC)</i>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time For the people of the Parish Annie Mulroy R.I.P.

FOODBANK COLLECTION on Sunday 21 January



Following the theft from their premises in Kidderminster the Foodbank have received large numbers of food donations from individuals and so are well stocked at the moment. As a consequence of the break in they need to repair the damage caused and upgrade their security systems. With this in mind they would be very grateful for cash donations for this work as well as for their ongoing needs.

Envelopes for donations are available from the table in the porch and may be handed to Fr John or Peter and Jane Handley .

Anniversaries in January: Rev John Morgan (1718), Thomas Mewburn Crook (1949), Charles Keeffe (1977), Margaret Steele (1978), Ronald Fry (1978), Leofric Howell (1995), Sir Robert Grant Ferris (1997), Juliet Bradley (2001), Eve Mary Smith (2001), Anne Mulroy (2004), Elizabeth Bashford (2005), Bernadette Pinfield (2007), William Eardley (2009), Thaddeus Keane (2010), Pam Taft (2011), Denis Thomas Kimberlin (2014)

Prayers for Sick:

Trudy Woodall, Anthony Mitchell, Veronica Mitchell, Philip Edwards, Julia Comber, Anne Hiron, Kathleen Clarke, Maureen Ribbins, Anthony Francis-Floris, James Arbuthnott, Susannah Michaels, William Tweddell Jnr, Mo Trow, Terry Mulroy, Jan Sewell, Oliver Ronan, Bernard Millard.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 14 January Eddie Picardo, Bridget Robson
Mary Meese, Jean Lloyd
Sunday 21 January Greg Kelly, Paul Walmsley
Elizabeth Mountford, Carla Tucker

Readers:

Sunday 14 January Heather Race
The Brown Family
Sunday 21 January Liz Cornish
Anne Taylor

Church Cleaners:

Friday 19 January Anne Carter & Brian Hogg

Money Counters:

For the 14 January collection: Dr M Bird & Mrs J Waterhouse

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 7 January

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£ 253.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 148.00
Loose cash	£ 146.52

The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the group discussion on Wednesday mornings.

The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone.

Do come along for a cup of coffee and an exchange of ideas!



"Where two or three
come together in my
name, there I am
with them."
Matt 18:20



The **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** Will be holding one of their famous 'Pie & Pint' lunches will Sunday 28 January at St Ambrose Hall Kidderminster. Lunch served at 12.00. Tickets (£8) will be on sale after both Masses today. Please try to join us and support our vulnerable brother and sister Christians in the Holy Land.

For further information, including the purchase of tickets, please contact:

Maureen Brewer ... 01562 754322

Gail & Stephen Brown 01562 753422

Jim & Anne Quinn 01299 851021

A Pilgrimage to Lourdes is being organised by **THE ORDER OF MALTA** From Friday 4 May to Thursday 10 May 2018. For further details please see the poster in the church porch and / or contact Andrew Grant by email: andrew.grant@andrew-grant.co.uk



JIM'S JAMS!

James Arbuthnott sold a selection of his homemade jams and preserves to parishioners and visitors to St Mary's during the autumn season last year. He raised a magnificent £300 as a result, £200 of which will be donated to parish funds and £100 to Friends of the Holy Land.

Thank you James!

EUCCHARIST & THE FAMILY

On Saturday 20 January 10.00am – 3.30pm at St George's Hall, Sansome Place, Worcester Archbishop Bernard Longley will be leading a discussion on the Eucharist and the Family. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.** Please see the poster in the porch for details.