

This week we have the Feast of St Wulstan and the Memorials of St Agnes and St Nicholas Owen .

St Wulstan served as treasurer and prior of Worcester. Wulstan was consecrated Bishop of Worcester on 8 September 1062. A social reformer, Wulstan struggled to bridge the gap between the old and new regimes, and to alleviate the suffering of the poor. He was a strong opponent of the slave trade, and together with Lanfranc, was mainly responsible for ending the trade from Bristol.

After the Norman conquest of England, Wulstan was the only English-born bishop to retain his diocese for any significant time after the Conquest (all others had been replaced or succeeded by Normans by 1075). William noted that pastoral care of his diocese was Wulstan's principal interest.

St Agnes was a member of the Roman nobility, born in AD 291 and raised in an early Christian family. She suffered martyrdom at the age of twelve or thirteen. After refusing to be married to a pagan, she was tortured and beheaded. The Prefect Sempronius condemned Agnes to be dragged naked through the streets to a brothel. In one account, as she prayed, her hair grew and covered her body.^[6] It was also said that all of the men that attempted to rape her were immediately struck blind. The son of the prefect was struck dead but revived after she prayed for him, causing her release. She was led out and bound to a stake, but the bundle of wood would not burn, or the flames parted away from her, whereupon the officer in charge of the troops drew his sword and beheaded her.

St Nicholas Owen was born into a Protestant country at the time of Henry VIII in 1550. He became a carpenter and served the Jesuit priests in England for two decades by constructing hiding places for them in mansions throughout the country. He was tortured to death by prison Authorities in the Tower of London and died in 1606. He played a vital part in preserving our Catholic faith, and has strong links with our local centre of pilgrimage at Harvington.

St Wulstan, St Agnes and St Nicholas Owen, pray for us .



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2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

17TH JANUARY 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the Chalice that quenches my thirst.

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
And shall sing to you,
Shall sing to your name, O Most High! *(Roman Missal)*



Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
Sunday 16th /17th 2nd Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Patricia Gray Bill Webb People of the Parish
Monday 18th		
Tuesday 19th St Wulstan	10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH	Maria Hue Adoration
Wednesday 20th	10am Mass BH 10.30am -11am BH	Family Peace Adoration
Thursday 21st St Agnes		
Friday 22nd	10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass	Adoration Joseph Kochuparambil
Saturday 23rd		
Sunday 23rd /24th 3rd Sunday of the Year	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Barbara Tompkins People of the Parish Val Leedham

Please pray for all those whose have died especially Gerald Price, Joseph Kochuparambil (Fr Shanju's grandfather), those on our January deceased list and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Francis Chin, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Catherine Greenaway, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Michael Rose, Anne Peters, Francis Theseira, Jackie Spittle, Barry Simner, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people

Today is the Second Sunday of the Year

In the readings we hear how Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, which means "rock". Names are very important - we all have one and God knows all of us by our name. In these strange times more than ever we pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may take the time to get to know others, no matter where in the world they are or where they are from or how different they are from us, and care for them and help them as God loves and cares for us.

Prayer for today : Loving God, help us to remember that all people throughout the world are special, because you know us by our names and we are all your children. Amen.

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Stewards/Wardens Are there any volunteers to help at Brierley Hill on Wednesdays please? Also at Kingswinford as some of our more senior Parishioners have decided to withdraw for the time being, understandably. If so, please speak to Fr Shanju or Stephanie or email the office. Thank you

Collections If you would like to set up a regular donation to your Church via the bank please ask for the details you need. Our income has been severely reduced by the pandemic but sadly the bills have not.

Sacramental Preparation The children from our school are planning, hoping and praying to receive the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this summer if all goes well. Two classes will make their First Holy Communion as they were unable to do so last summer. Fr Shanju is working with Parents, Teachers and the children to prepare them. Please pray for them that will be able to receive these Sacraments.

Seen recently:

When praying, don't give God instructions - just report for duty!