

## This week we have the Feast of St Wulstan and the Memorials of St Anthony, Abbot and St Agnes

**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 Anthony, Abbot** born in 251 AD. St Anthony is called the "Patriarch of Monks". He retired to the desert when he was eighteen years old. He was the first to form a stable rule for his family of monks dedicated to the Divine Service. He led an austere life which was always consciously directed to the better service of God. St Anthony died in 356 AD.

**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.<sup>[6]</sup> 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.



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### 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**16TH JANUARY 2022**

#### PSALM RESPONSE

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and they are life:  
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.

**IN THE GOSPEL TODAY** -Jesus is revealing himself through his first miracle. He reveals himself to those who seek him. In this case, only Mary, and the servants who are willing to do whatever he tells them, know that a miracle has happened. This miracle reveals his power, his compassion (helping out the bride and groom in their simple need), his love of Mary and the special place marriage has in his heart. That's a lot of revealing! And most of the guests will have missed the lot. Christ is revealing himself to you: be attentive enough not to miss it...  
*(online -adapted)*

Ordinary time (C2)	Psalter week 2	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 15th/16th</b> <b>2nd Sunday of the year</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass OH</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b> <b>11.15am Mass KF</b>	William Fawcett People of the Parish Patrick Madigan
Monday 17th St Anthony		
Tuesday 18th	<b>10am Mass OH</b> <b>10.30am-11am OH</b>	Ireland Adoration and Confessions
Wednesday 19th St Wulstan	<b>10am Mass BH</b> <b>10.30am-11am BH</b>	Fr George Adoration and Confessions
Thursday 20th	<b>9am Mass</b>	School
Friday 21st St Agnes	<b>7pm KF</b> <b>7.30pm Mass KF</b>	Adoration and Confessions Patricia Gray
Saturday 22nd	<b>5pm Vigil Mass OH</b>	Hallett Family
<b>Sunday 22nd/23rd</b> <b>3rd Sunday of the year</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass OH</b> <b>9.45am Mass BH</b> <b>11.15am Mass KF</b>	Hallett Family People of the Parish Sharp Family

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our January deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections KF 9/1 GA £83.00 Loose £119.00, Sisters £64.00, Holy Places £31.01

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 17th January 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre  
**OLD HILL FOODSHARE** Tuesday mornings 11am -1pm  
**KINGSWINFORD:** Friday 9.30 - 11.30am **Foodbank** .

Please pray for all those who are sick including Fr George Grynowski, William Fawcett, Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

**FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations. The need is growing so donations are much needed and gratefully received.**

## SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Pax Christi next week for parish debt at BH and OH

Please remember - New Mass times are:

**Saturday 5pm Old Hill**

**Sunday 9.45am Brierley Hill**

**Sunday 11.15am Kingswinford.**

**Mass of Commitment** - today at St Mary's the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year, will make a promise at this Mass to prepare well for their Sacrament. Please keep them, their families and teachers in your prayers.

**Kingswinford Church cleaning** - We are still trying to set up a rota to keep the Church clean. Can you spare an hour one every four or five weeks to keep the Church clean? If so either let Fr Shanju know or meet with the other ladies on Tuesday 18th Jan at 9.30am. Thank you

**Notice boards** as we are changing our Mass times all our outside notice boards will need changing. Does anyone know a sign writer we could get a quote from? Otherwise we will have to just attached laminated revisions to the boards. We will wait to see how it goes before changing the boards so there is no rush. Thanks.

**Covid Vaccinations and boosters** - The Bishops' Conference has asked all priests to emphasise to their congregations the importance of receiving the booster vaccine where this is possible. There is overwhelming evidence showing the effectiveness of vaccination in preventing serious illness, the further spread of the virus and ultimately death. The vaccination programme, therefore, serves the common good by protecting the population, especially the most vulnerable. **Pope Francis has spoken of the 'moral obligation to be vaccinated' and referred to vaccination as an 'act of love'**. Given that, at the present time, the numbers of people being infected is rising quickly, a collective effort is needed to combat this virus.

**Pope's prayer intention for January: For true human fraternity** *We pray for all those suffering from religious persecution; may their own rights and dignities be recognised, we originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. Amen*