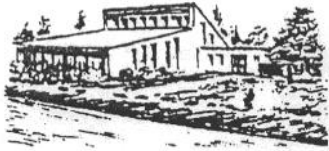


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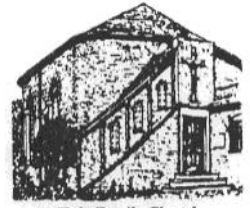
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Sunday Lectionary Year A
Weekdays Cycle 2

First Sunday of Advent

1st December 2019
Psalter Week 1

Dear Parishioners,

Fr Richard has had his operation and is recovering well in New Cross Hospital Wolverhampton. Please keep him in your prayers. We welcome **Fr Stephen Squires** and are very grateful for his support in Fr Richard's absence.

Several of our young people from Hagley Sixth Form are to have the wonderful experience of being helpers of the sick on the annual diocesan **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** next year. They will make an appeal to help with their costs at the Masses this weekend. Please encourage them with your generosity.

The **Forget Me Not** group will meet this afternoon, Sunday 1st December at 2.00 pm in the Holy Family Meeting Room for a Christmas themed event. All are welcome.

The **Monday Club** are having their **Christmas Lunch** at the Brinton Arms tomorrow, Monday 2nd December at 12.00 noon. Please let Niki Davies, Rose West or Eddie Barry know if you are coming. Again, all are welcome.

This is the last weekend for the **St Chad's Sanctuary** appeal. If you would like to help please donate now.

Thank You Star Memory Tree: You can dedicate a Star in memory of a loved one or someone who will be away at Christmas. The star will be hung on our Christmas Tree in St Wulstan's and remain there throughout the season. Stars will be available to buy at both Churches from tomorrow (Monday 2nd December).

It is expected that the Requiem Mass for **Muriel Damone** will be held at Holy Family Bewdley on Friday 13th December at 12:30 pm.

If you need a Priest urgently during Fr Richard's absence please contact Fr Lamb at St Ambrose on 01562 822839

Deacon John

Mass/Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 30th Nov Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Marietta Ghalano (Victor)

Sunday 1st December First Sunday of Advent

B 8.00 am Bernadette Croft (Hill)

S 10.00 am People of the Parish

Monday 2nd Advent feria

S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 3rd St Francis Xavier

B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 4th Advent feria

NO SERVICE



Thursday 5th Feast of St Birinus

NO SERVICE

Friday 6th St Nicholas

NO SERVICE

Saturday 7th St Ambrose

NO SERVICE

Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Violet Cleary (Colley)

Sunday 8th December Second Sunday of Advent

B 8.00 am People of the Parish

S 10.00 am Lesley Thresh (Cotton)

S = Stourport B = Bewdley Confessions this week : Saturday 4.45 - 5.15 pm

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm: I rejoiced when I heard them say:

"Let us go to God's house".

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield it's increase.

Parish and Local News

Christmas Raffle: £5.00 per book of ten. First prize Christmas Hamper. All donations of prizes also gratefully received. Please remember to **return your stubs** with payment before the draw on **15th December**. *Eddie Barry*

Knit & Natter: Our next meeting is on **Wed 4th December**. Due to essential electrical works at the church there will be no heat or power in the conference room. Therefore we will meet at the **Black Star** public house, just across the road. *Joan Ball*

Choir: The Choir will sing at our Christmas Vigil Mass and Carol Service. Rehearsal dates are: **Tuesday 10th December**, 7.00 pm, **Saturday 14th December**, 11.00 am and **Wed 18th December**, 7.00 pm. All rehearsals are at St Wulstan's Church. Anyone is welcome to join the choir. Just come along to our rehearsals. Don't worry if you can't make all three, but please try to come to at least two. Look forward to seeing you there. *Mark*

This week, due to the great generosity of parishioners and particularly the parents and children from St. Wulstan's Catholic Primary School, we delivered a total of 331.43 lbs, (150.65 Kg), of food and toiletries to the **Foodbank**. Of this total, the school children provided over two thirds, (234.30 lbs). Many thanks to you all. Our next delivery will be on **Wednesday 18th December** The following items are required: *Tinned goods:* Potatoes, spaghetti, hot meat, cold meat, tuna, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, fruit (oranges, peaches etc). *Other Items:* small Christmas puddings, small Christmas cakes, long grain rice, UHT milk, fruit juice, small jars of coffee, tea, jam, washing up liquid, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, Nappies size 5 and 6, baby wipes. *Greg Kelly SVP*

APF Red Boxes: If you have a box at home could you please return it to Church for emptying so that we can send off our end of year total to World Missions. Many thanks. *Jane Horton*

Collections: Last week's offertory collections came to £660.84. *Thank you for your generosity.* Last week's second collection for the National Youth Service came to £383.31. There is a special appeal this week for young parishioners who are going to Lourdes next year. *Future 2nd collections: 8th Dec* Poor Parishes

The Sower: the Advent issue of your Diocesan magazine is out now. It includes a review of the Canonisation of John Henry Newman, articles on Justice & Peace, refugees, the homeless and modern day slavery plus the annual review of the year and much more. Please pick up a copy. They are FREE.

The **Piety Stall** is open again this weekend with Christmas cards and gifts. Have a look now and don't miss out!

IN SHORT: Parish lottery: Sat 23rd Nov, No 31, John Doran...

Bible Alive: December issue out now from the sacristy, £2.50...

Walk with Me for Advent: still some booklets left - they are free.

Please pray for the souls of those who have died recently:

June Smith, Muriel Damone, John (Jack) Doran, David Mulready
and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:
Bridget Byrne, John Lea, Patrick O'Connell, Molly Clinton, Gerald McGarry, Leonard Granger, Alice Mayhew, Catherine Wood, Mary Grennon, Mary Sevels, James Coman, Gerald Purcell, Margaret Lawler, Alexander Kingstree, Fleurisse Allen, Edmund Preston, Denis Carey, Bella McKeefery, Leonard Eden, Kenneth Bulmer, Robert Prideaux, Grahame Campbell, Celia O'Malley, Jacqueline Fisher, Celine Grove, Robert Scheer, Lynne Marshall, Michael Troy, John Holden, Joyce O'Leary, Sarah Thomas, Percy Condon, Archie Cockburn, Pauline Evans
Grant eternal rest, O Lord, to the souls of the faithful departed.
Amen

St Chad's Sanctuary Christmas Appeal - Final week!

This year Sr Margaret is appealing for children's dolls, jeans for young men (30/32" waist), men's underwear (new) also male & female toiletries. Cash donations are an acceptable alternative. Please be generous.
Please place items in the box at the back of the Church.

The Year of the Word: The God who Speaks 2019-2020

As we enter a new liturgical year the Church and the Bible Society have combined for a yearlong celebration commemorating two important anniversaries. 2020 is the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI Apostolic Exhortation: *Verbum Domini*. The year also marks the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, whose Latin Vulgate translation of the Bible served the western Church until the end of the last century.
A few free copies of St Matthew's Gospel are available from the back of Church to mark the start of the Year.

Other News

Election Hustings at St George's Hall Bewdley, Friday **6th December**, 7.00 pm. All candidates are due to attend.

Hagley High School Christmas Celebration: on **Thurs 19th Dec** beginning with Carols 6.45 pm, Mass 7.00 pm and Christmas Market at 8.00 pm, raising funds for the **Lourdes Pilgrimage**.

Order of Malta Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Sick. Departing Stansted airport, **1st - 7th May 2020**. If you would like to go as one of the hospital pilgrims, NOW is the time to apply. For more information and to obtain a confidential Medical Application Form contact the Secretary to the Accueil Pilgrims, Duncan McKechnie, on 07990 594441 or email secretarytohospitalpilgrims@gmail.com.

St Wulstan's Church Opening Times

Until further notice St Wulstan's will be open at the following times:

Monday:	9.30 am – 11.00 am for morning service
Tuesday:	9.00 am – 12.00 noon
Wednesday:	Closed all Day
Thursday:	9.00 am – 12.00 noon
Friday:	12.00 noon – 4.00 pm
Saturday:	4.30 pm – 6.30 pm for Vigil Mass
Sunday:	9.30 am – 11.30 am for Sunday Mass

These are approximate timings; apologies for any variation

Please pray for all parishioners who are sick, especially:

Luke Allin, Emma Caldwell, Elaine Collins, Terry Coy, David M Davies, Jack Doran, Mary Graham, Izzy Griffiths, June Hoefkens, Colin James, Helen James, baby Phillip Mansel James, Mary Lawson, Tony Maye, Daphne Nealon, Janet Offord, Nicola Saunders, Jill Toombs, Mary Wood.

Please also remember all those in nursing homes and the housebound. May the healing presence of Christ be with them.

If you or someone you know would like to be included on the sick list please notify the clergy via the Presbytery or parish office. Similarly, if any person can be **removed** from the above list please let us know.

Ministries for 7th/8th December

Readers: 5.30 pm Erica Burrows, Sheila Wassell
8.00 am Tony & Ann McDowell
10.00 am Andrew McIlvaney, Ruth Churn

Eucharistic Ministers:

5.30 pm J. & A. Kinsella, E. Barry, M. Carns
8.00 am Arthur Lynch
10.00 am F. & B. Mohan, H. Golding, E. Bridgford

Counters: Team B