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Sunday Lectionary Year A Weekdays Cycle 2	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	1st March 2020 Psalter Week 1
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Dear Parishioners,

This week we welcome the **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** to make the annual mission appeal on behalf of the Sisters Mission Committee of England & Wales. They will tell us about their work and will be grateful for your support.

In this **Year of the Word/The God who Speaks** our partners *The Bible Society* have produced a **Lent Challenge**, inviting you to learn 40 Bible quotations, one for each day of Lent. You can find the challenge on the Bible Society website.

The first of the **Bewdley Ecumenical Reflections for Lent** takes place this evening, Sunday 1st March, 6.30 pm at the Baptist Church. Please do try to attend if you can. Continuing the Lent theme we will have **Stations of the Cross** this Monday evening, 2nd March, at Holy Family at 7.00 pm.

The Hagley High School group, who are going to Lourdes with the Diocese at the end of May, have asked me to thank everyone for supporting their **Hospitality Takeover** initiative. You donated a tremendous £388.85 towards their travel fund. Well done everyone and well done to the girls for providing us with such delicious cakes.

The **Forget-me-Not** group meets today, Sunday 1st March, 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the Holy Family meeting room. Do come along. Refreshments available.

Don't forget that Friday is **Cafod Family Fast Day**. The first ever Family Fast day was organised by a group of Catholic women back on 11th March 1960. They raised the equivalent of £96,000 in today's money; much more than they expected due to the generosity of Catholic parishes across the country. The success continued and two years later CAFOD became a registered charity. So it is perhaps appropriate that this year's Fast Day occurs on the **World Day of Prayer** which is organised by the Women's World Ecumenical Movement. We will have a collection next weekend for the work of CAFOD. Mick and Angela Randle will be going to visit **Fr Richard** later this week. If you have any cards, messages or anything else that you would like to send to him please let them know.

Deacon John

Mass/Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 29th February Sunday Vigil Mass
S 5.30 pm Jim McNabb (McNabb)

Sunday 1st March First Sunday of Lent
B 8.00 am People of the Parish
S 10.00 am Ivor Hopla (O'Brien)

Monday 2nd Feast of St Chad
S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service
B 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 3rd Lent Feria
B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 4th Lent Feria
NO SERVICE

Thursday 5th Lent Feria
NO SERVICE

Friday 6th Lent Feria Family Fast Day/World Day of Prayer
NO SERVICE

Saturday 7th Lent Feria
NO MORNING SERVICE

Sunday Vigil Mass
S 5.30 pm Joan Gibbons (McElroy)

Sunday 8th March Second Sunday of Lent
B 8.00 am People of the Parish
S 10.00 am Fred Raybould (Kelly)



S = Stourport B = Bewdley **Confessions this week :** before 5.30 pm Mass on Saturday and after 10.00 am Mass on Sunday

Entrance Antiphon:
When he calls on me I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
Responsorial Psalm:
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Parish News

GIFT AID - ACTION NEEDED: Thanks to our Gift Aiders the Parish is better off to the tune of over £8000 this year. If you are a tax-payer and not currently a Gift Aider, please consider signing up. All you have to do is sign a **Gift Aid Declaration** and we do the rest then next year we might be able to reclaim even more of your tax. In April we shall be submitting the claim for the current tax year, therefore, if you have changed your address or your circumstances (e.g. you are no longer a tax payer) we need to know in advance. Please speak to Ann McDowell, Deacon John or contact the parish office (email address and phone no. overleaf). Many thanks. *Ann McDowell, Gift Aid Coordinator.*

Foodbank: Our next delivery will be on **Monday 2nd March**. For items in short supply please see the noticeboard or pick up a "shopping list". Thank you. *Greg Kelly, SVP.*

The **Knit 'n' Natter** group will meet at St Wulstan's, in the conference room, at 2.00 pm on Wednesday **4th March**. Bring your craft projects or come and try some of ours. All welcome.

Christian Aid Lent Lunch at Wesley Methodist School Room, Parkes Passage, Stourport, 12.00 - 1.30 pm every Friday in Lent.

The **Catholic Men's Society** area AGM will take place in the St Wulstan's conference room, Sunday **8th March** at 3.00 pm. The next parish CMS meeting is on Thursday **12th March**, 7.30 pm at Holy Family, Bewdley. New members always warmly welcome.

Our next **Family Mass** will be Sunday **15th March**, 10.00 am at St Wulstan's. The sign up chart will be available next weekend if you wish to take an active part in ministries.

A new, Lent addition of the Diocesan magazine **The Sower** is now available. It's packed full of interesting articles including a tribute to Canon Gerry Breen. It is **FREE** so **please take one!**

Bible Alive for Lent now available from the Sacristy, £2.50.

Parish lottery: Saturday 22nd February, No 17, Sue Edwards.

Piety Stall: cards and gifts available for St Patrick's day (17th March), Mothering Sunday (22nd March) and Easter.

Collections: Last week's Offertory collections came to £551.15. *Thank you for your generosity.* This week there is a special missionary appeal by the Sisters of St Peter Claver. Next week there will be a second collection for Cafod Lent Fast.

Ministries for 7th/8th March

Readers: 5.30 pm Sheila Wassell, Erica Burrows
8.00 am Bernie & Francis Mohan
10.00 am Vincent O'Callaghan, Eileen Bridgford

Eucharistic Ministers:

5.30 pm K. Savage, G. Kelly, J. Gosling, E. Bridgford
8.00 am Arthur Lynch
10.00 am M. Lovell, M. Gethins + 2 volunteers please.

Counters: Team G

Please pray for all parishioners who are sick, especially: Luke Allin, Emma Caldwell, Simon Cashe, Elaine Collins, Terry Coy, David M Davies, Mary Graham, Izzy Griffiths, Helen James, baby Phillip Mansel James, Mary Lawson, Tony Maye, Anne Maughan, Josephine Maughan, Martin Maughan,, Daphne Nealon, Janet Offord, Nicola Saunders, Jill Toombs.
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.

Ecumenical Lenten Services in Bewdley

Services of Reflection, every Sunday at 6.30 pm, in a different Church each week. The programme is associated with the **Exhibition of Methodist Art** at the Bewdley Museum (21st March - 19th April, 11am - 3pm). Each of the services will reflect on a painting chosen by the celebrant.

1st March	Jesus for all People	Baptist Church
8th March	His Passion for all People	Methodist Church
15th March	His Death for all People	St Anne's Church
22nd March	He lives for all People	Holy Family
29th March	We are His People	Riverside Elim
5th April	Taize: Worship for all People	St Anne's Church

For more information go to www.forallpeoplebewdley.com

Other Local News

World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March. Led by the Women's World Ecumenical Movement. This year prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe. The theme is *"Rise! Take your Mat and Walk"*. **Local Services:**

Stourport	Wesley Methodist, Parkes Passage	2.30 pm
Bewdley	Baptist Church, High Street	2.30 pm
Kidderminster	St George's, Radford Avenue	10.30 am

Learn more and discover resources at www.wwdp.org.uk

Knock Shrine Devotions at St Ambrose, Kidderminster.

Fr Nigel Woollen, former curate of the Shrine, will be visiting St Ambrose on the following dates: **Friday 6th March**, 7.30 pm: Talk on the Apparition and work of the shrine.

Saturday 7th March, 9.00 am, Holy Mass and Knock Devotions. All are welcome to attend these events.

Birmingham Justice & Peace Lent Retreat: at St Paul's Convent, Selly Park, Birmingham, B29 7LL, Sat **14th March**, from 10.00 am, led by Fr Ray Collier. Cost: £5 (concessions free). A time of reflection, silence and prayer. Please register with Janet Vaughan: email bham.jandp@gmail.com

Meadow and Summer Charity Irish Concert: at St Ambrose Parish Hall, **Friday 20th March**, 7.00 - 11.30 pm. Admission £10.00, under 16s £5.00, from Charlie Villa 07759 629938

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

Friday **6th March 2020** is this year's **Family Fast Day**. It is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Cafod trains and supports highly skilled local experts around the world like Sister Consilia, a nun and a trained pharmacist in an out of town health centre in Zimbabwe. She saves lives each and every day. But without your support her brilliant work just couldn't continue. Will you eat a simple meal in solidarity on Family Fast Day and give what you save to help people like Sister Consilia? A second collection will be held **next weekend** when gift aid envelopes will also be available. Thank you.

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

and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Joan Gray, David Linforth, Anthony Connor, Marie Leseur, Beatrice Ellerker, Nora Elvidge, Mary O'Sullivan, Janet Smith, Bridget Kerrigan, Ludwick Szybel, Margharita Iacopucci, Terence O'Connor, Dana Baker, Robert McNabb, Arthur Jones, Michael (Don) Farrell, G. Galle, Arthur Toman, Thomas Shannon, Margaret McNabb, Edward Hill, John Kerrigan, Dorothy Cetti, Michael Purcell, Michael Fisher, Norbert Stokes, Fr Chris Thornton, Mary McAleese, Wilfred Mann, Arthur Jones, Cecil Pimlott, Sheila Dickinson, Zofia Stepa
Grant eternal rest, O Lord, to the souls of the faithful departed.
Amen