

**Saint Wulstan & Saint Thomas of Canterbury**  
Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn

**The Holy Family Church**  
High Street, Bewdley



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Stourport on Severn

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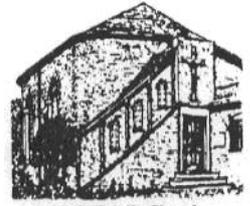
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Holy Family Church  
Bewdley

Sunday Lectionary  
Year A  
Weekdays Cycle 2

***Second Sunday of Advent***  
*Bible Sunday*

**8th December**  
**2019**  
**Psalter Week 2**

Dear Parishioners,

**Fr Richard** has now been discharged from hospital. He'll be spending some quiet time recuperating away from the parish and is expected to return some time after the New Year.

There is a **Second Collection** today for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese. Please be generous.

Sophie, Hannah, Jenna, Caitlin, Ella and Sally would all like to thank you all for the tremendous response to their **Lourdes Appeal** last weekend. They collected over £750; a great effort.

The **Jim Friar Memorial Quiz** was also a great success and a very enjoyable evening. Teresa would like to thank everyone who took part, donated prizes, bought raffle tickets, participated in the auction or helped organise the event. A fantastic £1552.00 was raised for the Mesothelioma asbestosis charity.

The first rehearsal for the **Christmas Choir** is scheduled for Tuesday 10th December, 7.00 pm at St Wulstan's. We will try to ensure that the heating is on and the church will be warm. If you are interested in music and like singing please come along. No specialist knowledge required! We particularly need male voices. Subsequent rehearsals are on Saturday 14th December at 11.00 am and Wednesday 18th December at 7.00 pm. You will be made very welcome.

**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 are available to buy at both Churches. Money raised will go towards the Tabor House Homeless Hostel in Birmingham, run by Fr Hudson Care.

**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 7th 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)

**Monday 9th Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**S 10.00 am** Eucharistic Service

**Tuesday 10th Advent feria**

**B 10.00 am** Eucharistic Service

**Wednesday 11th Advent feria**

**S 6.30 pm** School Christmas Service

**Thursday 12th Advent feria**

**B 5.30 pm** Reception of Muriel Damone

**Friday 13th St Lucy**

**B 12.30 pm** Funeral Mass of Muriel Damone

**Saturday 14th St John of the Cross**

**NO SERVICE**

**Sunday Vigil Mass**

**S 5.30 pm** People of the Parish

**Sunday 15th December Third Sunday of Advent**

**B 8.00 am** Jean Oakley (Read)

**S 10.00 am** Anne Catchpole & Mary Grogan (Catchpole)

**S** = Stourport **B** = Bewdley **Confessions this week :** Saturday 4.45 - 5.15 pm and after 10.00 am Mass on Sunday

**Entrance Antiphon:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**Responsorial Psalm:** What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

## Annual Parish Lunch 2020

The Annual Parish Lunch will take place at **Bewdley Pines Golf Club on Sunday 19th January** (St Wulstan's Feast Day). We will be dining at 1.30 pm. Please look out for **invitations and menus** at the back of Church for you to take home. Please select your choice of meal and return the form to me **after 1st January** along with a cheque made payable to "St Wulstan's Church". This is always an enjoyable occasion so please come along. Many thanks. *Eddie Barry*

## Parish News

**St Wulstan's School** will stage their KS1 Nativity Play on Tuesday **10th December** at 2.00 pm in the school, and again at 6.30 pm. There will also be a KS2 Christmas Service in St Wulstan's Church at 6.30 pm on Wednesday **11th December**. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**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 next Sunday, **15th December**. *Eddie Barry*

**Christmas Post:** St Wulstan's will be running a Christmas post service again this year. Just place your greeting cards to other parishioners in the "post box" at the back of church and they will be sorted into the alphabetical pigeon holes.

**Catholic Men's Society** will meet on **Thurs 19th Dec**, 7.30 pm, to bring the crib figures down from the attic. We will meet again on Saturday **21st December**, from 9.30 am, to assemble the crib and put up the tree; and on **Christmas Eve** from 10.00 am to prepare the church for the Vigil Mass and Carol service. If you can spare some time to help out, please come along.

**Foodbank.** 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 £487.97. *Thank you for your generosity.* There is a second collection this weekend for the **Poor Parishes** of the Diocese. There will be a special collection next weekend for **Parish Christmas Flowers**.

The **Piety Stall** is open again this weekend. Stocks are beginning to run low so don't wait until the last minute; get your Christmas cards and gifts now!

**Parish lottery:** Saturday 30th Nov, No 51, Eileen Bridgford

### Ministries for 14th/15th December

**Readers:** 5.30 pm Jane Horton, Christine Round  
8.00 am Marie O'Brien, Helen Rimmer  
10.00 am Vincent O'Callaghan, A.N. Other

### Eucharistic Ministers:

5.30 pm C. Round, J. Gosling, G. Kelly, E. Bridgford  
8.00 am John Keetch  
10.00 am V. Redfern, M. Lovell, M. O'Shaughnessy, T. Gough

**Counters:** Team C

## Advent Penitential Services in the Deanery

Tuesday 17th Dec	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch
Wednesday 18th Dec	St Peter's, Bromsgrove
Thursday 19th Dec	St Ambrose, Kidderminster
Friday 20th Dec	Sacred Heart, Droitwich

**All the above services are at 7.30 pm**

## Other Local News

**Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group** will hold their Christmas meeting on Saturday **14th December** from 11.15 am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish centre, Redditch. All welcome.

**Open Door Stourport Christmas Party:** at St Michael and All Angel's Church, Stourport, from 12.00 noon on **Tuesday 17th December**. Includes free buffet lunch, musical entertainment and an early appearance from Santa. This event is particularly suited to those with additional needs.

**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**.

**St Chad's Cathedral Carol Service:** Christmas songs, carols and readings from the Cathedral Singers under the musical direction of Prof David Saint. **Sunday 22nd December** at 5.00 pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Grimshaw room. All Welcome. No Charge.

### 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, Joan Barker, 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.

**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.

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

Muriel Damone, John (Jack) Doran, David Mulready, Mary Wood. **and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** 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, Tessa Miestowski, Ann Bevan, Joan Pedrosa, Dianne Bannister, Audrey O'Sullivan, Marion Raybould, Michael McDonnell, Kay Maddon, Mary Evans, Fr Fergus O'Connell, John O'Connell, Gladys Gardner, Noel Wharf, Leslie Rabone, Nuala Dyke, Sean Murphy, Francis James, Gigi Lloyd Thomas, Jessie Kirszniok, Georgina Rabone, John Lea, Patrick James Kerrigan, Philomena Eady

**Grant eternal rest, O Lord, to the souls of the faithful departed. Amen**