

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

The Holy Family Church
High Street, Bewdley



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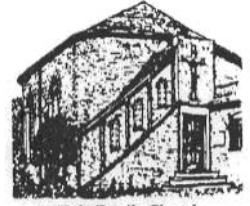
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Sunday Lectionary
Year A
Weekdays Cycle 2

Second Sunday of the Year
Peace Day

19th January
2020
Psalter Week 2

Dear Parishioners,

We are grateful to **Mgr John Moran** and **Fr Stephen Squires** for saying Masses for us over the weekend.

We are also pleased to welcome **Fr Lamb** to our **Parish Lunch** today at Bewdley Pine's Golf Club.

It is now the **Octave for Christian Unity**. Churches Together in Stourport have produced a prayer leaflet which you may wish to use during the week. There will be some available at the back of St Wulstan's. In Bewdley there will be a Service of Unity later in the year. Fr Lamb is holding an ecumenical service of Vespers at St Ambrose, Kidderminster, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 23rd January.

On Tuesday evening about a dozen of our young people will be receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Please pray for them and their families. Once again we are pleased to welcome Canon David Evans, our Episcopal Vicar, to administer the Sacrament.

Next Sunday we will celebrate **The Sunday of the Word of God**, as declared by **Pope Francis**. As part of the celebration, and also marking **The God Who Speaks** initiative, we are holding an event at **The Holy Family Bewdley** at 6.30 pm on this newly dedicated **Sunday 26th January** with contributions from myself but principally Dr Francis Mohan entitled "*The God Who Speaks - a Celebration of the Gospel of Matthew*". Please come along if you can.

Thursday 23rd is the funeral of **Canon Gerry Breen** at the Cathedral. If you are thinking of going and would like to travel by coach or minibus please put your name on the list **TODAY** so we can judge demand.

Deacon John

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

Mass/Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 18th Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Moya Stephenson (O'Connell)

Sunday 19th January Second Sunday of the Year

B 8.00 am To the Sacred Heart (M.D.)

S 10.00 am People of the Parish

Monday 20th Feria

S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 21st St Agnes

B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

S 7.00 pm Mass with Confirmation (Confirmands)

Wednesday 22nd Feria

NO SERVICE

Thursday 23rd St Nicholas Owen

St Chad's 12.00 noon Funeral Mass of Canon Gerry Breen

St Ambrose 7.30 pm Ecumenical Vespers

Friday 24th St Francis de Sales

NO SERVICE

Saturday 25th Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

NO MORNING SERVICE

Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm John & Paul Myers (Myers)

Sunday 26th January Third Sunday of the Year

B 8.00 am People of the Parish

S 10.00 am June Smith nee Pearsal (Oakley & Cronin)

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

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the Kind who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Parish News

The **funeral Mass of Canon Gerry Breen** will be at St Chad's Cathedral, St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU on **Thurs 23rd January**, 12.00 noon. The body will be received into the Cathedral the night before with Mass at 7.00 pm. There will be a buffet in the Grimshaw room after the funeral. Burial at Oscott Cemetary, 2.30 pm. If there is enough demand we will provide a **coach or minibus**, leaving from St Wulstan's at 9.30 am. Costs will be kept to a minimum. **Please sign the list** at the back of Church **TODAY** to indicate your interest. We will contact you individually before Thursday to confirm so please remember to add your contact details. Thank you.

Friends of the Holy Land: Why not enjoy a great lunch whilst supporting needy Christians in those troubled lands of Our Lords birth? The ever popular **Pie & Pud** is to be held at St Ambrose Church Hall this year from noon on Sunday **2nd February** - grab Deacon John or Helen Golding for tickets.

Quiz Night at Hagley High School: Teams of up to 6. £4.00 per person. **Friday 7th February**, 7.00 pm start. Food and drink available. See Hannah or Sophie for tickets or turn up on the night. Proceeds to Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. All welcome.

Belmont Abbey Day Retreat on 8th February "What is Pope Francis asking of the Church and of me?". It is suggested that this may be the focus of a **parish retreat day** in preparation for Lent. If you are interested please contact Deacon John or Mary Lynch (01299 400569 or maryarthur2016@outlook.com). Cost will be through donations with a suggested contribution of £12.

Foodbank. Our next delivery will be on **Mon 3rd February**. Items in short supply are: **Tinned Goods:** Potatoes, spaghetti, hot meat, cold meat, spag bol, tuna. **Other Items:** Long grain rice, UHT milk, squash, fruit juice, small jars of coffee, jam, washing up liquid, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, shower gel, shaving gel, razors, cat and dog food. *Greg Kelly, SVP*

Parish lottery: Saturday 11th January, No 14 Veronica Urwin. The new list for 2020 is now published at the back of each Church where you can check your **new number** for the year. Please consider joining the parish lottery. There are forms at the back of church, or speak to me. Current members are reminded that **annual payment is now due**. Thank you. *Eddie Barry.*

Collections: Last week's Offertory collections came to £586.49. *Thank you for your generosity.*

The **piety stall** will be open for the sale of Confirmation goods before and after Mass on Tuesday evening. New stock available.

Job Advert: Strengthening Cluster Communities Officer

Part time (30 hrs/wk) for 12 months (with possible extension)
£18.5 - 21.2k pro rata

Wolverhampton area, working for the St Newman's cluster of Churches. Full details are on noticeboards and the parish website. Contact Jane Bamber 0121 230 6265 for an informal discussion. Closing date 24th January

CAFOD Emergency Appeal: Zimbabwe & Zambia

Crippling Drought and failed crops have left 10 million people without food or water. Can you help by giving today?
Just £30 will feed a family of 5 for a month.

Ways to give: Online at cafod.org.uk/foodcrisisappeal
By Debit/credit card on 08085 858 885

Please pray and give this January ++ Thank you

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th - 25th January

Stourport: Please use the leaflet provided to pray for Christians in Stourport, and their intentions, focusing on a different Church each day.
Bewdley: Service of Unity to be held later in the year.
Kidderminster: Ecumenical Vespers at St Ambrose, Thursday 23rd January, 7.30 pm.

Other Local News

Wyre Forest Justice & Peace Group: Our first meeting of 2020 is on **Wednesday 6th February** in the Wesley Methodist Church, Parkes Passage, Stourport at 7.30 pm. The subject is "Women and Power". Our speaker is Pauline Annis who lives locally. The principles of equality between the sexes is still very important for many across the world. Pauline's work over her years as an Open University tutor has been much concerned with the major social issues of our time and the moral acceptability of the ways they have been dealt with. Do come and share an interesting evening with us - all are welcome.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick: Holy Mass at 12.00 noon on **Saturday 8th February** at St Ambrose Church, Kidderminster. Preacher: Rev. Christopher Blackman, Deacon from St George's, Worcester and hospital chaplain. Followed by lunch.

Composer **Roger Jones**, his soloists and orchestra, will be at Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster at 7.30 pm on **Sat 8th February** performing his musical "Torn Curtain", backed by **New Life Together Choir**. Tickets £6.00 from 01562 752798.

Please pray for **all parishioners** who are sick, especially:

Luke Allin, Emma Caldwell, Elaine Collins, Terry Coy, David M Davies, Mary Graham, Izzy Griffiths, 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:

David Mulready, Joan Barker, Valerie Davis, Vera Toman, Tony & June Hoefkens, Canon Gerry Breen.

and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Leofric Howell, Ivy Fenelon, Francois Foucault de Daugnon, Jack Mountford, Jean Carey, Molly Gill, Wladyslaw Siwicki, Frank Freyne, Vera Conlon, Freda Wheldon, James (Eddie) Byrne, Lindy Tristan David, Christina Williams, Tim Pope, Frances Hopla, Joy Grieves, Jan Danielak, Patricia Manton, Fred Hopkins, Sylvia Caldwell, Catherine Nicholls, Joseph Ward, Colin Bennett, Kazimiera Praksa, Michael Morrissey, James Hartley, Jim Kinsella, Winifred 'Babs' Massey, Michael Dawson, Jean Jones, John McKenna, Freda Flanagan, John Biles, Lena Partridge, John Myers, Ellen Cawley, Joanne Balfour, Cissie Connolly, John Shuck **Grant eternal rest, O Lord, to the souls of the faithful departed. Amen**

Ministries for 25th/26th January

Readers: 5.30 pm Chris Round, Mary Carns
8.00 am Marie O'Brien, John Keetch
10.00 am Andrew McIlvaney, Eileen Bridgford

Eucharistic Ministers:

5.30 pm J. & A. Kinsella, M. Carns, C. Round
8.00 am Helen Rimmer
10.00 am V. Redfern, T. Gough, M. O'Shaughnessy, E. Bridgford

Counters: Team A