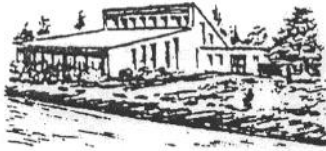


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Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn

The Holy Family Church
High Street, Bewdley



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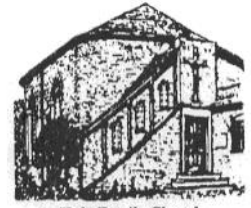
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Holy Family Church
Bewdley

Sunday Lectionary
Year A
Weekdays Cycle 2

Third Sunday of the Year
The Word of God

26th January
2020
Psalter Week 3

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome back **Fr Stephen Squires** who will saying Masses for us over the weekend.

Enough parishioners to warrant hiring a coach went to the Cathedral on Thursday for the **funeral of Canon Gerry Breen**. We got there early which was just as well because the Cathedral was packed – even the side chapels were filled to overflowing – a fitting tribute to a much-loved priest. Fr Gerry was Parish Priest here from 1992 to 1998 and we were his first parish. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Please also remember to pray for the young people who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Tuesday evening. Perhaps we could also say a prayer for their families as well as Canon David Evans and their teachers; it was a lovely Mass which had been carefully prepared by the school. Let us hope that this outpouring of the spirit will initiate in each child a deeper and lifelong understanding of the love of God.

Today we celebrate the first ever **Sunday of the Word of God** as initiated by **Pope Francis**. Cardinal Vincent Nichols and the Bishops in England and Wales have gone a step further and dedicated the whole year to celebrating the scriptures calling it **The God Who Speaks**. To mark the occasion we are holding an event at **The Holy Family Bewdley** at 6.30 pm this evening **Sunday 26th January** lead by Dr Francis Mohan entitled "*The God Who Speaks - a Celebration of the Gospel of Matthew*". Please come along if you can.

It was very enjoyable to see so many of you last Sunday at our **Parish Lunch** on our patronal feast of St Wulstan. Thank you to Eddie Barry for organising such an enjoyable occasion (he also organised the coach for Fr Gerry 's funeral) and to Fr Lamb for joining us.

And finally, Fr Richard recently saw his Consultant who was very pleased with his progress; please keep him in your prayers.

Deacon John

Mass/Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 25th 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)

Monday 27th Blessed Edward Oldcorn

S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 28th St Thomas Aquinas

B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 29th Feria

NO SERVICE

Thursday 30th Feria

NO SERVICE

Friday 31st St John Bosco

NO SERVICE

Saturday 1st February Feria

NO MORNING SERVICE

Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Jon Corin RIP (M.D.)

Sunday 2nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

B 8.00 am Joan Hewetson (Mohan)

S 10.00 am People of the Parish

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

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Look towards the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Parish News

The children and staff of St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School would like to thank everyone in the parish who helped to make their **Confirmation** on Tuesday so very special. Please continue to pray for our young people as they continue on their journey of faith. *Kim Savage, Principal.*

Friends of the Holy Land: Why not enjoy a great lunch whilst supporting needy Christians in those troubled lands of Our Lord's birth? The ever popular **Pie & Pud** is to be held at St Ambrose Church Hall this year from 12.00noon next 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 hoped 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 **Monday 3rd February**. For items in short supply please see noticboards or pick up a "shopping list". Thank you. *Greg Kelly, SVP*

Parish lottery: Saturday 18th January, No 11 Margaret Doran. Members are reminded that **annual payment is now due**.

Collections: Last week's Offertory collections came to £488.72. *Thank you for your generosity.* We have received a letter of thanks from **Fr Hudson's Care** for the £224.00 we raised for Tabor House, through donations for the Star Memory Tree.

The **Funeral of Vera Toman** will be on Tuesday 4th February, 1.45 pm at St Wulstan's.

St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School - Job Vacancies:

Two Teaching Assistant posts - Level 2 (£18,795 - £19,171 FTE)
27.5 hours per week, 39.0 weeks per year
Further information can be found on the school website or by contacting the school office.

Email: office@wulsev.worcs.sch.uk

Website: www.wulsev.worcs.sch.uk **Tel:** 01299 877808

Ministries for 1st/2nd February

Readers: 5.30 pm Paul Walton, Eileen Bridgford
8.00 am Paul Walton, Helen Rimmer
10.00 am Family Mass Readers

Eucharistic Ministers:

5.30 pm J. Gosling, V. Dance, G. Kelly, E. Bridgford
8.00 am Arthur Lynch
10.00 am M. Gethins, V. Ronan, A Goode, J. Ball

Counters: Team B

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.

Family Mass

Candlemas

Sunday 2nd
February

10.00 am

St Wulstan's



Serving
Reading
Welcoming
Hospitality
Big Band
Sign up for ministries

Other Local News

Wyre Forest Justice & Peace Group: Our first meeting of 2020 is on **Thursday 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.

Guild of St Stephen: The Thanksgiving Mass for 2020 will be celebrated on Saturday **7th March** by Bishop David McGough in St Chad's Cathedral at 12 noon, followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. For those servers who plan to attend, please bring your normal serving attire and please wear your medals. Please confirm your attendance by **14th February** on kathryn@vocations.org.uk or call 0121 321 5144

Exhibition of Methodist Modern Art - Bewdley Museum 21st March - 19th April ** 11.00 am - 3.00 pm daily

This major exhibition has been 2 years in the making and is possibly the "best denominational collection of modern religious art outside the Vatican". Alongside the exhibition there is a programme of talks and events with invited speakers plus Services of Reflection at 6.30 pm each Sunday during Lent in a different Church each week.

Can you help? The museum needs volunteers to be on duty at all times while the exhibition is open. Shifts are just 2 hours long. There is a **rota** at the back of Holy Family Church and we need volunteer availability as soon as possible please. Contact Mary Lynch for more information.

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

Vera Toman, Tony & June Hoefkens, Canon Gerry Breen.

and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

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, Helena Perrin, George Stoler, Patrick Lawlor, Wing Commander Alfred Howell, June Thorpe, Garth Mole, Mary Nugent, Tony O'Dowd, Patrick Connolly, Reginald Smith, Min Gilmore, Andrew Kerrigan, Thomas Walker, Sean Carroll, William Coman, Mr Isaacs, Phyllis Botham, Nicolas Tunley, Peter Raynes, Elizabeth Purcell, Thomas Byrne, Maria Harris

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