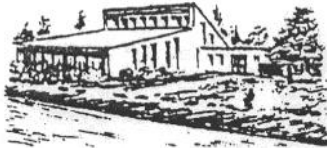


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Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn

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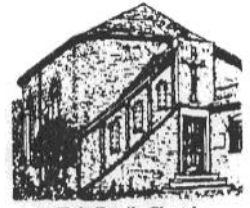
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Holy Family Church  
Bewdley

Sunday Lectionary  
Year A  
Weekdays Cycle 2

***Third Sunday of Advent***  
*Gaudete Sunday*

**15th December**  
**2019**  
**Psalter Week 3**

Dear Parishioners,

**Fr Richard** is still recovering well and we are in touch with him regularly. He is grateful for the many get well and Christmas cards he has received from parishioners. Could I appeal to you to please put a stamp on any cards that you want send him, to help us with costs. We can then address the card and forward it to him. Thank you.

The **Christmas raffle draw** will be made after 10.00 am Mass on Sunday. Winners will be posted on noticeboards next week and prizes can be collected from Eddie Barry or the parish office.

Sister Margaret from **St. Chad's Sanctuary** sends a heart felt 'thank you' for your donations including the much needed clothing, a wide range of toiletries and 17 dolls plus £210. 00 in cash.

We also received, this week, a thank you from the **Columban Missionaries**. You contributed £826.56 to their appeal when Fr Gerry Markey visited us in October.

There is a **second collection** this weekend for parish Christmas flowers.

We are delighted to once again welcome **Fr Stephen** this weekend; he will be with us again next week and for the Christmas services. However, as I'm sure you will understand, he will not be able to celebrate Mass at Midnight on Christmas Eve. Instead he will say Mass at Holy Family at 8.30 pm preceded by Carols.

**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 14th 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 Gregan (Catchpole)

**Monday 16th Advent feria**

**S 10.00 am** Eucharistic Service

**Tuesday 17th O Sapientia**

**B 10.00 am** Eucharistic Service

**Wednesday 18th O Adonai**

**NO SERVICE**



**Thursday 19th O Radix Jesse**

**St Ambrose Kidderminster 7.30 pm** Penitential Service

**Friday 20th O Clavis David**

**S 12.15 pm** Funeral Mass of Jack Doran

**Saturday 21st O Oriens**

**NO SERVICE**

**Sunday Vigil Mass**

**S 5.30 pm** Olena Barchuck RIP (Redfern)

**Sunday 22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**B 8.00 am** Fred Raybould RIP (Burford)

**S 10.00 am** People of the Parish

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Come, Lord, and save us.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold our God will come, and he will save us.

## 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 pick up your **invitations and menus** from the back of Church, select your choice of meal and return the form to me **after 1st January but by Monday 13th 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

**Christmas Post:** 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**. For a full list of urgently required items please see noticeboards in Church, or pick up a 'shopping list'. Thank you. *Greg Kelly SVP*

**Belmont Retreat on 8th February** "What is Pope Francis asking of the Church and of me" - £12 suggested donation. If you are interested and may be able to offer a lift please contact Mary Lynch 01299 400569 or [maryarthur2016@outlook.com](mailto:maryarthur2016@outlook.com)

The **Piety Stall** is open again this weekend. Only two more Sundays 'til Christmas!

**Parish lottery:** Saturday 7th December, No 39 Lyn Tovey

There are a few copies of the **Crusader** magazine in Church. Please take one, they are free.

The funeral of **Joan Barker RIP** will be Wednesday **8th January** at 11.15 am at St Wulstan's.

Many thanks to everyone for returning the **APF red boxes**. These have now been empties and can be collected from the table at the back of the church. Final total to follow. *Jane Horton*

**Collections:** Last week's offertory collections came to £561.43. *Thank you for your generosity.* The collection for the **Poor Parishes** came to £455.74. There will be a special collection this weekend for **Parish Christmas Flowers**.

**Office hours:** The office will be open Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons. Next week's newsletter will cover Christmas and New Year. If you have any notices please send them to the parish office before Thursday 19th December.

## Masses in the Parish this Christmas

### St Wulstan's: Christmas Eve

5.00 pm Carol service  
5.30 pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity

### Christmas Day

10.00 am Christmas Day Mass of the Nativity

### Holy Family: Christmas Eve

8.00 pm Carol Service  
8.30 pm 'Midnight' Mass of the Nativity



## 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

**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.

**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](mailto:secretarytohospitalpilgrims@gmail.com).

## Ministries for 21st/22nd December

**Readers:** 5.30 pm Paul Walton, Eileen Bridgford  
8.00 am Paul Hill, Margaret Hill  
10.00 am Alison Thomas, A.N. Other

### Eucharistic Ministers:

5.30 pm J. & B. Horton, V. Dance, K. Savage  
8.00 am Mary Lynch  
10.00 am J. Ball, M. Gethins, V. Ronan, A. Goode

**Counters:** Team D

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

Muriel Damone, John (Jack) Doran, David Mulready, Mary Wood, Joan Barker

### **and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:**

Tessa Miastowski, 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, Christine Fletcher, Ann Brazier, Adolph Korzuch, Joan Dorman, Philip Smyth, Bernard Wisniewski, James Connolly, Aline Mirza, Dorothy Rees, Leon Mankowski

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

### **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.