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Sunday Lectionary Year A
Weekdays Cycle 2

Third Sunday of Lent

15th March 2020
Psalter Week 3

Dear Parishioners,

We have received new advice from the Diocese about **Coronavirus**. We are no longer offering the shared Chalice for the precious blood and the Communion host must be received in the hand. Please avoid physical contact with others at Mass, for instance, at the Sign of Peace. We have also been advised to withdraw hymn books and hospitality and not to fill up Holy Water stoops. We will not be passing round the collection plate/bag; please put your donations into the buckets at the back of Church. If you have **cold or flu symptoms** you are advised not come to large liturgical gatherings. We have also had to take the decision to cancel other meetings which involve crowds and catering so the **Monday Club** will not meet until further notice. Church services will continue for now. While in Church, please maintain **good hygiene standards** at all times and wash hands regularly. Unfortunately hand sanitizer is in short supply so please use soap and water, available in the toilet area. We would welcome help to wipe down door handles and surfaces etc after Mass. Please take this newsletter home; **do not put it back in the tray**. A full list of the advice we've received is posted at the back of Church if you would like to know the details.

Last week's collection for **Cafod** produced a tremendous result of over £800. Well done to everyone and thank you.

The **Bewdley Ecumenical Reflections for Lent** continue this evening, Sunday 15th March, 6.30 pm at St Anne's Church and includes music from Taize. Next Sunday the meeting is at Holy Family, so please come to support it.

Stations of the Cross will continue at both ends of the parish on Monday evenings at 7.00 pm, in preparation for Easter.

At this difficult time of illness please remember those less fortunate than ourselves; check on your neighbours or anyone who you know who is incapacitated, and perhaps offer to bring shopping if required. And, of course, don't forget to pray!

Deacon John

Mass/Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 14th Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Joan Barker RIP

Sunday 15th March Third Sunday of Lent

B 8.00 am People of the Parish

S 10.00 am Jack Doran RIP (Round)

Monday 16th Lent feria

S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

B 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

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Tuesday 17th Feast of St Patrick

B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service



Wednesday 18th Lent feria

Thursday 19th Solemnity of St Joseph

Friday 20th Lent feria

Saturday 21st Lent Feria

NO MORNING SERVICE

Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Joan Barker RIP (Round)

Sunday 22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent

B 8.00 am Mr & Mrs Bryn Howell (Devaney)

S 10.00 am People of the Parish

NO SERVICE
ON THESE
DAYS

Mothering
Sunday

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

Entrance Antiphon: Mine eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: Oh that today you would listen to his voice: "Harden not your hearts".

Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God!

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Please pray for all parishioners who are sick, and their families



Ministries for 21st/22nd March

Readers: 5.30 pm Damon Gariff, Paul Walton
8.00 am Paul & Margaret Hill
10.00 am Andrew McIlvaney, A.N. Other

Eucharistic Ministers:

If no Deacon is present, ONE Eucharistic Minister ONLY may be required at Masses, thank you.

Counters: Team A

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

Our Parish raised a fantastic **£806.63** for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Your support will help ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity, and please keep our sisters and brothers in your prayers throughout Lent

Parish News

Gift Aid Envelopes for 2020/21 have arrived. If you use gift aid envelopes for your weekly donation please collect your named pack from the back of Church. If you are a tax payer and would like to join the scheme please contact the parish office.

Easter Raffle: in aid of parish funds. Tickets are now available, £5.00 for a book of ten, from Eddie Barry. Please take a book and return your stubs and money by Sunday 5th April. Donations of Easter Eggs or wine as prizes would also be appreciated. Donations box at the back of St Wulstan's.

Foodbank. Our next delivery will be on Monday **30th March**. For items in short supply please see posters on noticeboards or pick up a 'shopping list'. Thank you. *Greg Kelly, SVP.*

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

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

Parish lottery: Saturday 7th March, No 42, Rose West.

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 £555.60. *Thank you for your generosity.*

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

and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Francis Brothy, Leon Mankowski, Joan Jankowski, Catherine Ward, Agnes Howell, Jim O'Driscoll, Nicky Haynes, Hugh Cloosterman, Walter Lowe, Joan Taylor, Walter Jones, Phyllis Kelly, Vera Wall, Gary Duguid, Michael O'Malley, John Dormer, Stuart Imrie, Stani Pszon, Irene Russell, Winifred Whiteman, Cecil Smith, Stephen Cooke, May Bennett, Michael McSherry, Ann Jeffery, David Bowen, Patricia McGinley, Jimmy Forte, Edward Robinson, Nancy Corrigan, Margaret Hammond.

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

This Week's Hymns

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
feed me till I want no more. (x2)

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer
be thou still my Strength and Shield. (x2)

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee. (x2)

*Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours.*

Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't
forget. We are the signs of your life with us
yet; We are yours, we are yours.

Your holy people stand washed in your
blood, Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your
food. Poor though we are, we have brought
ourselves to you:
We are yours, we are yours.

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind,
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we
meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return,
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town,
The sun still shines on, it never goes down,
The Light of the world is risen again,
The people of darkness are needing a friend.

Ecumenical Lenten Services in Bewdley

Services of Reflection, every Sunday at 6.30 pm, in a different Church every week. Each service will reflect on a painting from the **Exhibition of Methodist Art** at the Bewdley Museum (21st March - 19th April, 11am - 3pm)

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

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

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group: Saturday **21st March**, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch. Beginning 11.15am with refreshments. We have invited Paul White OCDS from Wolverhampton chapter to speak on 'The Interior Castle'. With Lectio Divina and share lunch. All welcome to any part.

Wyre Forest Justice & Peace Group: "Memories of a WWII Evacuee" by Derek Smith. St Wulstan's conference room, Wednesday **25th March**, 7.30 pm. All welcome.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen

Open your eyes, look into the skies,
The darkness has gone, the Son came to die
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, and His Spirit is near.

Go, the Mass is ended, children of the Lord.
Take God's Word to others.
As you've heard it spoken to you
Go the Mass is ended, go and tell the world
The Lord is good, the Lord is kind,
And loves us ev'ry one.

Go, the Mass is ended, take God's love to all
Gladden all who meet you
Fill their hearts with hope and courage.
Go the Mass is ended, fill the world with love
And gave to all what you've received
The peace and joy of Christ.

Go, the Mass is ended, strengthened in the
Lord, Lighten ev'ry burden,
Spread the joy of Christ around you
Go, the Mass is ended,
take God's peace to all.
This day is yours to change the world
To make God known and loved.