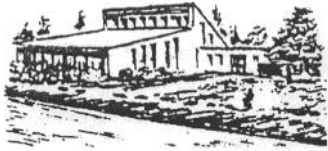


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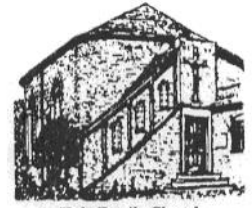
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Sunday Lectionary Year A  
 Weekdays Cycle 2

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

**22nd December 2019**  
 Psalter Week 4

Dear Parishioners,

**Fr Richard** has again asked if I would pass on his thanks for all the cards, good wishes and prayers and asks that we continue to pray for his recovery. We are, of course, delighted to have **Fr Stephen** here up to the Christmas period. Please take careful note of the **Mass times** over Christmas, especially the change of times at The Holy Family on Christmas Eve; carols from **8 pm** followed by the mass of Christmas Night at **8:30 pm**. We are honoured to welcome **Canon David Evans**, our Episcopal Vicar, to say Mass for us on the Feast of the Holy Family (**28th/29th December**). It helps us and Canon David to return to an earlier custom to have mass at The Holy Family at **12 noon** on this day, followed by celebratory drinks and nibbles.

It is traditional that the **Christmas Collection** goes to your Parish Priest, Fr Richard. Envelopes are available in Church for you to show your appreciation. Thank you.

Our **Crib offerings** for this year will again go to needy Christians in the Holy Land.

I have been asked to remind you that the **Forget-me-Not** group will meet at 2.00 pm on **Sunday 5th January** at Holy Family, marking the first anniversary of the formation of the group. All are welcome to join us.

The **Christmas raffle** was drawn last week. Results are posted at the back of Church. Please remember to check if you've won! Prizes can be collected from Eddie Barry or the parish office.

Wishing you all a Happy and a Holy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. *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 21st 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

**Monday 23rd O Emmanuel**

**S 10.00 am** Eucharistic Service

**Tuesday 24th O Adonai**

**No Morning Service**

**Christmas Services**

**S 5.00 pm** Carol Service

**S 5.30 pm** Stanie & Piotr Pszon (Pszon)

**B 8.00 pm** Carol Service

**B 8.30 pm** Oliver Devaney (Devaney)

**Wednesday 25th Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

**S 10.00 am** Fred Raybould (O'Connell)

**Thursday 26th Feast of St Stephen**

**NO SERVICE**

**Friday 27th Feast of St John**

**NO SERVICE**

**Saturday 28th Feast of the Holy Innocents**

**NO MORNING SERVICE**

**Sunday Vigil Mass**

**S 5.30 pm** Jack & Nora Fletcher (Kerridge)

**Sunday 29th December Feast of the Holy Family**

**S 10.00 am** Fred Raybould (Kiely)

**B 12.00 noon** 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

**Responses for 4th Sunday of Advent**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the just one; let the earth be opened and bring forth a saviour.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means "God is with us" Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Mass/Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 28th Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Jack & Nora Fletcher (Kerridge)

Sunday 29th December Feast of the Holy Family

S 10.00 am Fred Raybould (Kiely)

B 12.00 noon People of the Parish

Monday 30th Sixth day in Octave of Christmas

S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 31st Seventh day in Octave of Christmas

B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 1st January 2020 Mary the Mother of God

NO SERVICE

Thursday 2nd Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen  
NO SERVICE

Friday 3rd Christmas Feria  
NO SERVICE

Saturday 4th Christmas Feria  
NO MORNING SERVICE

Sunday Vigil Mass  
S 5.30 pm Aubrey Pearce (Pearce)

Sunday 5th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

B 8.00 am People of the Parish

S 10.00 am Fred Raybould (Golding)

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Confessions this week : to be confirmed

**Parish News**

**Christmas Post:** Don't forget to check your pigeon hole at St Wulstan's for Christmas cards from other parishioners.

**Catholic Men's Society** will meet **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.** Once more a very big thank you to parishioners, and particularly to the parents of children at St. Wulstans Catholic Primary School, for the great quantity of foodstuffs and toiletries they have donated. Unfortunately, the Foodbank Manager has requested that we deliver these items after Christmas, as they have no space to store them, due to the extremely large quantity of food etc. that they have already received from local schools and churches, during this Christmas season. *G 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)

**Parish lottery:** Saturday 14th December, No 56 Jenny Barney

The funeral of **David Mulready** will be on Tues **7th January** at 2.15 pm and of **Joan Barker RIP** will be Wednesday **8th January** at 11.15 am, both at St Wulstan's and celebrated by Fr Lamb.

**APF red boxes.** These have now been empties and can be collected from the table at the back of the church. The final total is £871.00. Many thanks to everyone. *Jane Horton*

**Collections:** Last week's offertory collections came to £515.14. *Thank you for your generosity.* The collection for the **Christmas Flowers** came to £311.21. Christmas Collection: please pick up an envelope at the back of Church.

**Piety Stall:** last chance to purchase Christmas goods.

**Bible Alive** for January now available from the sacristy £2.50.

**Ministries for 28th/29th December**

**Readers:** 5.30 pm Eileen Bridgford, A.N. Other  
10.00 am Alison Thomas, A.N. Other  
12.00 noon Steve Wightman, Stephanie Wolfe

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

5.30 pm J. & A. Kinsella, E. Barry, M. Carns  
10.00 am F. & B. Mohan, H. Golding, M. Lovell  
12.00 noon John Keetch

**Counters:** Team E

**Responses for the Feast of the Holy Family**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among 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".  
Many thanks. *Eddie Barry*

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

Jack Doran, David Mulready, Mary Wood, Joan Barker, Valerie Davies **and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Christine Fletcher, Ann Brazier, Adolph Korzuch, Joan Dorman, Philip Smyth, Bernard Wisniewski, James Connolly, Aline Mirza, Dorothy Rees, Leon Mankowski, Edwin Kotla, Violet Dawson, Michael Calder, Elsie Howarth, Geraldine Williams, John Kerrigan, Robert Abley, Frederick Smith, Sr Patrick Begley OSU, Horace Martin, Derek Boyle, Margaret Ecob, Col. James Collie McDonald, Jane McKey, Bertha Gooch, Noreen Prendagast, Ralph Digney, Edna James, Michael Kerrigan, Wasył Makaynuik, Mary Carey, Mary Duffy, Alois Sevels, Frank Helm, Robert Malinowski, James Boyle, Horace Martin, Roy Woodward, Meirion Woodbine, Martin Purcell, Mary Webb, Brian Farmer, Kamila Mol, Michael Radyk, Juliet Thomson, Eileen Jones, John Carrington, Ian Campbell.

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

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



**Ministries for 4th/5th January**

**Readers:** 5.30 pm Ann Cotton, Gerry Crow  
8.00 am Tony and Ann McDowell  
10.00 am Eileen Bridgford, Andrew McIlvaney

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

5.30 pm C Round, J. Gosling, G. Kelly, E. Bridgford  
8.00 am Ann McDowell  
10.00 am M. O'Shaughnessy, T. Gough, V. Redfern, A. Goode

**Counters:** Team F