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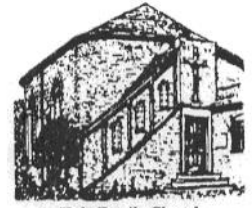
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Holy Family Church
Bewdley

Sunday Lectionary
Year A
Weekdays Cycle 2

Fifth Sunday of the Year
Racial Justice Sunday

9th February
2020
Psalter Week 1

Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased to welcome back **Fr Stephen Squires** who will be saying Masses for us again this weekend.

As planned Marie and I drove up to Cumbria to see **Fr Richard** last week. He is mending nicely and was very grateful for all the prayers and good wishes from you all. If everything continues to go well he is hopeful that he will be back with us by Easter. Please keep him in your prayers.

Last Sunday we had a very successful '**Pie & Pud**' lunch at St Ambrose's, in aid of our needy Christian friends in the lands of Our Lord. It was good to meet others from surrounding parishes while supporting a worthy cause at the same time. An official 'thank you' from Friends of the Holy Land appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

At the time of writing I am looking forward to our visit to **Belmont Abbey** on Saturday; I hope to see a number of you there and will let you have a full report next week.

As we celebrate **Racial Justice Sunday** let us remember the words of Pope Francis and "...end age-old prejudices... that are often at the base of racism and xenophobia..."; all the more important as we observe the *Day of Prayer for Europe* on Friday.

Finally we will be hosting a **Mission Appeal** in aid of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver at the end of the month. Therefore we will bring forward the annual Cathedral Maintenance collection to 23rd February.

Deacon John

Mass/Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 8th February Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Special Intention (Burford)

Sunday 9th February Fifth Sunday of the Year

B 8.00 am People of the Parish

S 10.00 am Barbara Tompkins (Burford)

Monday 10th St Scholastica

S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 11th Our Lady of Lourdes World Day for the Sick

B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 12th Feria

NO SERVICE

Thursday 13th Feria

NO SERVICE

Friday 14th Feast of St Cyril & St Methodius Day of Prayer for Europe

NO SERVICE

Saturday 15th Feria

NO MORNING SERVICE

Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm John Doran (M.D.)

Sunday 16th February Sixth Sunday of the Year

B 8.00 am People of the Parish

S 10.00 am Helen Harold Harnes (Burford)

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 come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Hagley "Lourdes Team" take over Hospitality !!

Six of our young parishioners, along with others from Hagley High, will be travelling to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage at the end of May. To help raise funds they will be running of Hospitality at St Wulstan's on the Sundays either side of the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes (11th February):

Saturday 8th Feb 5.30 pm - Ella & Caitlin

Sunday 9th Feb 10.00 am - Sally & Jenna

Sunday 16th Feb 10.00 am - Hannah & Sophie

All donations on those days will go to the Lourdes fund.

So please pay them a visit, grab some cake and **be generous!**

Racial Justice Sunday

The theme this year is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution **Travelling Communities** make to the Church in England and Wales. Historically, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have experienced discrimination both in the wider society and, sadly, within the Church.

The aim of this **Racial Justice Sunday** is to celebrate the contribution that the Travelling Communities make within our parishes and to encourage parishioners to be more welcoming towards fellow Catholics who come from a Traveller background. Please pick up a pledge card, available in church today, with quotes from Pope Francis on the back.

You can find more information at www.cbcew.org.uk

There is no collection today

Parish News

Friends of the Holy Land wish to thank everyone for their support for our **Pie and Pud** event last week. All the Wyre Forest Parishes contributed to the great success of the day which raised a magnificent £1123.00. Thank you all for your attendance or donations. This money will go towards the Family Support initiative which is so important to our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

I would like to say a special **thank you** to all who attended my Mum's (Vera Toman's) funeral service last Tuesday and for the many cards I received. A special thanks to Chris Round and Greg Kelly for the readings and to everyone who helped out with the service. *Teresa Reep.*

Supporters of the Sunny Trust may be interested in the latest **Sunny Trust Newsletter**, available on parish noticeboards and via the Sunny Trust page on the parish website. It contains info on current projects and forthcoming visit by Fr Sunny.

Many thanks to all parishioners for supporting the **Foodbank**. This week we delivered 130.0 lbs (59.1kg) of food and toiletries. Our next delivery will be on **Monday 2nd March**. Items in short supply are **Tinned goods**: potatoes, cold meat, hot meat, spag bol, fruit (oranges, peaches etc), custard and rice pudding.

Other items: long grain rice, small jars of coffee, jam, washing-up liquid, washing tablets, deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, shaving gel and razors plus dog and cat food. Thank you. *Greg Kelly, SVP.*

Catholic Men's Society: Thursday **13th February**, 7.30 pm in the St Wulstan's conference room. New members welcome.

Parish lottery: Saturday 1st February, No 52 Brian Dawe. If you would like to join the parish lottery please speak to Eddie Barry or fill out one of the forms at the back of church. Members are reminded that **annual payment is now due**.

Collections: Last week's Offertory collections came to £563.60. *Thank you for your generosity. Future Second Collections: 23rd February Cathedral Maintenance; 1st March Mission Appeal; 8th March Cafod Lent Fast*

Ministries for 15th/16th February

Readers:
5.30 pm Stephen Myers, Elaine Bridgford
8.00 am Tony and Ann McDowell
10.00 am Alison Thomas, Vincent O'Callaghan

Eucharistic Ministers:

5.30 pm M. & B. Burford, E. Imrie, E. Barry
8.00 am Margaret Docherty
10.00 am F. & B. Mohan, M. Gethins, M. O'Shaughnessy

Counters: Team D

Other Local News

Wyre Forest Refugee Support Group: Coffee Morning Thursday **13th February** 10:30 -12:00noon at Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster, to raise funds to support a number of families in the Syrian town of Idlib who have been forced to leave their damaged homes to live in tents due to the recent bombing. Some are also in need of medical attention. Please support this event if you can.

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

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality group: You are invited to our meeting on Saturday **15th February**, commencing with refreshments at 11.15 am in Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish centre. Our speaker is Veronica Errington, National Secretary of The Order of Carmelites, who will be sharing her thoughts on *The Carmelite Journey*. We shall pray together with *Lectio Divina*, and finish with a shared lunch. All welcome at all or part of the meeting.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March: The theme this year is "Rise! Take your Mat and Walk" and we will be praying for, and with, the people of **Zimbabwe**. There will be services in our area. Details to follow. You can learn more and discover resources at www.wwdp.org.uk

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 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:

Vera Toman

and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Franceline Barker, Patrick Joseph Heneghan, John Curran, John Williams, Ralph Chell, Mike Westhoff, Julie Steel Probert, John Barry, Kathleen Clements, John Williams-Neville, Eileen Butler, George Roffe, Bernard Hampsey, Kathleen Clyde, Brian Bigmore, Anne Bunen, Margaret Darcy, George Walton, Kathleen Brady, Mary Wood, Michael Mountford, John Barrington-Kendall, Philip Dooley, Nora Thomas, Ambeliea Kelly, Catherine Malinowski, Iris Smith, Peter Harefield, Kenn Welsh

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