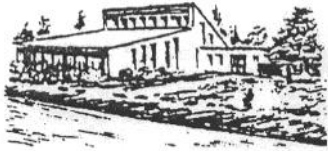


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Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn

**The Holy Family Church**  
High Street, Bewdley



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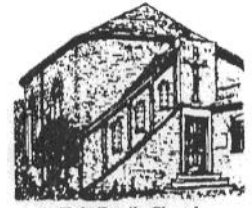
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Holy Family Church  
Bewdley

Sunday Lectionary Year A  
Weekdays Cycle 2

***Sixth Sunday of the Year***

16th February 2020  
Psalter Week 2

Dear Parishioners,

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

**Belmont Abbey:** Yet again Belmont Abbey has proved to be a wonderful and accessible resource to us. Last Saturday a group of fourteen from our parish joined a crowded conference room to be given a privileged insight into the life of Pope Francis by Austen Ivereigh, the author of two books on His Holiness. Dr Ivereigh's excellent presentation detailed the challenges Pope Francis and the Church are facing and left us wondering how we can best support this mission. Future events can be found on the Belmont Abbey website but on June 20th Belmont are hosting a day of particular interest to Eucharistic Ministers entitled "Christ Present". Many of us have attended similar days of recollection at the abbey and found them a great help. More details to follow.

**Lent** will soon be upon us. On **Ash Wednesday** we will have Mass in the Morning at the school and again in the evening at St Wulstan's. There will also be a service of Ashing at Holy Family at 12.00 noon. If you are looking for a Lenten devotion I can recommend the series of reflections on paintings of religious art which have been arranged in different churches in Bewdley at 6.30 pm each Sunday evening in Lent.

**Update on Fr Richard:** We now know that the advice being given to Father is that he plans his return to the parish after Easter, probably during the week beginning 20th April. All indications are that he is making a good recovery but please keep him in your prayers.

*Deacon John*

### Mass/Service Times and Intentions

**Saturday 15th February** *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)

**Monday 17th** *Feria*

**S 10.00 am** Eucharistic Service

**Tuesday 18th** *Feria*

**B 10.00 am** Eucharistic Service

**Wednesday 19th** *Feria*

**NO SERVICE**

**Thursday 20th** *Feria*

**NO SERVICE**

**Friday 21st** *Feria*

**NO SERVICE**

**Saturday 22nd** *Feast of the Chair of St Peter*

**NO MORNING SERVICE**

**Sunday Vigil Mass**

**S 5.30 pm** James Smyth (McElroy)

**Sunday 23rd February** *Seventh Sunday of the Year*

**B 8.00 am** Joy Cooper (Allan)

**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:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Responsorial Psalm:** They are happy who follow God's law!

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

### Ecumenical Lenten Services in Bewdley

During Lent there will be a series of the Ecumenical Services of Reflection in Bewdley, every Sunday at 6.30 pm, in a different Church each week. The programme is associated with the **Exhibition of Methodist Art** at the Bewdley Museum (21st March - 19th April, 11am - 3pm). Each of the services will reflect on a painting chosen by the celebrant.

1st March	Jesus for all People	Baptist Church
8th March	His Passion for all People	Methodist Church
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

### Parish News

**GIFT AID - ACTION NEEDED:** Thanks to our Gift Aiders the Parish is better off to the tune of over £8000 this year. If you are a taxpayer and not currently a Gift Aider, please consider signing up. All you have to do is sign a **Gift Aid Declaration** and we do the rest then next year we might be able to reclaim even more of your tax. In April we shall be submitting the claim for the current tax year, therefore, if you have changed your address or your circumstances (e.g. you are no longer a tax payer) we need to know in advance. Please speak to Ann McDowell, Deacon John or contact the parish office (email address and phone no. overleaf). Many thanks *Ann McDowell, Gift Aid Coordinator.*

**Hagley High Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Ella, Caitlin, Sally, Jenna, Sophie and Hannah would like to thank everyone for their support for the **Hospitality** they provided last week at St Wulstan's. Hannah and Sophie will be active again this Sunday at 10.00 am Mass with delicious cakes on offer. Please visit them and give generously if you haven't already. They will all be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage at the end of May.

**Foodbank:** 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.*

**Parish lottery:** Saturday 8th February, No 21 Bridget Burford. 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 £523.35. *Thank you for your generosity.* Next week there will be a Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance *Future Second Collections:* **1st March** Mission Appeal; **8th March** Cafod Lent Fast

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

Vera Toman

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

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, William Addison, Mary Josephine (Jo) Swift, M. Nicholson, Francis William, Arthur Jennings, Janina Grabarak, Jeremy Parish, Eric Liprott, Barry Bayliss, Evelyn Toumey, Eleanor Taylor, James Hipkiss, Helena Gammond, Lilly Griffiths, Nan Heslin, Mavis Wilkinson

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

**Amen**

### Other Local News

**Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of St John Henry Newman:** Celebrated by Fr Guy Nicholls and Fathers of the Oratory, with music from Birmingham Oratory. At Maryvale House, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham B44 9AG, **Wednesday 19th February**, 12.00 noon. All Welcome.

**Retreat Day of Prayer and Reflection** at Maryvale Institute. Reflecting on Newman's "*Humanity - Our Guide to Holiness*" led by Fr Peter Conley, Saturday **29th February**, 10.00 am - 3.30 pm. Cost £5 includes lunch. Call 0121 360 8118 or Email [parishcatechetics@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:parishcatechetics@maryvale.ac.uk) to register.

#### World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March.

(Led by the Women's World Ecumenical Movement).

This year prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe.

The theme is "*Rise! Take your Mat and Walk*".

#### Local Services:

Stourport	Wesley Methodist, Parkes Passage	2.30 pm
Bewdley	Baptist Church, High Street	2.30 pm
Kidderminster	St George's, Radford Avenue	2.30 pm

Learn more and discover resources at [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

#### Knock Shrine Devotions at St Ambrose, Kidderminster.

Fr Nigel Woollen, former curate of the Shrine, will be visiting St Ambrose on the following dates: **Friday 6th March**, 7.30 pm: Talk on the Apparition and work of the shrine.

**Saturday 7th March**, 9.00 am, Holy Mass and Knock Devotions. All are welcome to attend these events.

**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. Contact [kathryn@vocations.org.uk](mailto:kathryn@vocations.org.uk) or 0121 321 5144.

**Meadow and Summer Charity Irish Concert:** at St Ambrose Parish Hall, **Friday 20th March**, 7.00 - 11.30 pm. Admission £10.00, U16 £5.00, from Charlie Villa 07759 629938

**Faith in Politics** is a Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs internship scheme which began in 2003. The scheme uniquely offers a foundation of Catholic faith and spiritual formation for those who believe they may have a vocation to public service in politics or public affairs. Applications are now open. Go to <http://faithinpolitics.org.uk/apply/>. Closing date **24th Feb.**

#### Ministries for 22nd/23rd February

<b>Readers:</b>	5.30 pm	Gerry Crow, Ann Cotton
	8.00 am	Paul and Margaret Hill
	10.00 am	Andrew McIlvaney, Vincent O'Callaghan

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

	5.30 pm	C. Round, V. Dance, A. & J. Kinsella
	8.00 am	John Keetch
	10.00 am	V. Redfern, A. Goode, T. Gough, E. Bridgford

#### Counters: Team E

#### 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.