

Saint Wulstan & Saint Thomas of Canterbury
Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn

The Holy Family Church
High Street, Bewdley



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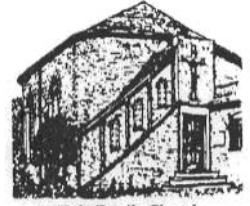
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Sunday Lectionary
Year A
Weekdays Cycle 2

Seventh Sunday of the Year
Day for the Unemployed

23rd February
2020
Psalter Week 3

Dear Parishioners,

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

This week marks the **start of Lent**. Please take note of the times of services on **Ash Wednesday** and try to come alone. There are many devotions you can undertake during Lent. Can I suggest that you start by taking away a **Walk with Me** booklet and using it daily. This year it takes for its theme the seven last words uttered by Jesus on the cross. As Archbishop Bernard says in his preamble, we should not see this as a gloomy prospect as the day of Jesus' death is named "Good Friday" and the words uttered by him are good. He continues: "This Lent our hearts desire is to glory in the cross of Jesus. In doing so we find a strange joy knowing that this dreadful suffering will bring healing to our world." Secondly, I can recommend the **series of reflections**, based on works of religious art, that are scheduled for each Sunday evening during Lent, at various Churches in Bewdley. Holy Family is hosting on 22nd March.

We can also look forward to the **Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry** at Walsingham on 29th March. Cardinal Vincent Nichols recently asked Pope Francis to bless a painting of Our Lady of Walsingham, which will be used in the rededication ceremony and then go on a tour of every parish in the country. Parishioners who visited Walsingham last September on our parish pilgrimage may wish to recall the trip by visiting the News/Events page on the parish website where there is now an illustrated account of the trip.

This week we will have a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance. Next week we welcome the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver for the annual Mission appeal. They will be telling us about their work.

Deacon John

Mass/Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 22nd February *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

Monday 24th *Feria*

S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 25th *Feria*

B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 26th *Ash Wednesday - Day of Fast & Abstinence*

School 9.15 am People of the Parish

B 12.00 noon Ashing service

S 7.00 pm Keith Wood (Kelly)

Thursday 27th *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

NO SERVICE

Friday 28th *Friday after Ash Wednesday*

NO SERVICE

Saturday 29th *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

NO MORNING SERVICE

Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Jim McNabb (McNabb)

Sunday 1st March *First Sunday of Lent*

B 8.00 am People of the Parish

S 10.00 am Ivor Hopla (O'Brien)

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 Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and love

Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O most high.

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 tax-payer 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.*

The **Forget-me-Not** group will meet on Sunday **1st March**, 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the Holy Family meeting room. Please come along, especially if you find yourself alone that day. Refreshments available.

The **Knit 'n' Natter** group will meet at St Wulstan's, in the conference room, at 2.00 pm on Wednesday **4th March**. Bring your craft projects or come and try some of ours. All welcome.

Foodbank: Our next delivery will be on **Monday 2nd March**. For items in short supply please see the noticeboard or pick up a "shopping list" Thank you. *Greg Kelly, SVP.*

Parish lottery: Sat 15th February, No 18 Michael O'Shaughnessy. 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 £464.32. *Thank you for your generosity.* This week there is a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance. Next week there will be a special Missionary appeal by the Sisters of St Peter Claver. *Future Second Collections: 8th March* Cafod Lent Fast

HMP Hewell Chaplain. HMP Hewell seeks a RC Chaplain, which may be a lay person; 21 hrs per week; up to £18k. For more info please use the link on the parish website news page or google *Justice Jobs/external opportunities* and use keyword 32278.

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

Vera Toman

and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

William Addison, Mary Josephine (Jo) Swift, M. Nicholson, Francis William, Arthur Jennings, Janina Grabarak, Jeremy Parish, Eric Liptrott, Barry Bayliss, Evelyn Toumey, Eleanor Taylor, James Hipkiss, Helena Gammond, Lilly Griffiths, Nan Heslin, Mavis Wilkinson, Joan Gray, David Linforth, Anthony Connor, Marie Leseur, Beatrice Ellerker, Nora Elvidge, Mary O'Sullivan, Janet Smith, Bridget Kerrigan, Ludwick Szybel, Margharita Iacopucci, Terence O'Connor, Dana Baker, Robert McNabb, Arthur Jones, Michael (Don) Farrell, G. Galle, Arthur Toman, Thomas Shannon

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

Other Local News

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* to register.

Kenelm Youth Trust Fearless Retreat for young people Yr 5 - 9 and young leaders, at Alton Castle/Soli Centre, **4th - 6th March** £75 per person. Book online at *kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk*

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	10.30 am

Learn more and discover resources at *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.

There is a Birmingham Diocese **Pilgrimage to Knock** 20th-24th April, led by Mgr McHugh. Flight departs Birmingham. £599.00 per person. Single supp £100.00. Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email *knockpilgrimages@gmail.com*

Birmingham Justice & Peace Lent Retreat: at St Paul's Convent, Selly Park, Birmingham, B29 7LL, Sat **14th March**, from 10.00 am, led by Fr Ray Collier. Cost: £5 (concessions free). A time of reflection, silence and prayer. Please register with Janet Vaughan: email *bham.jandp@gmail.com*

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

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.

Ministries for 29th February/1st March

Readers:	5.30 pm	Greg Kelly, Mary Carns
	8.00 am	Paul Walton, Marie O'Brien
	10.00 am	Alison Thomas, Ruth Churn

Eucharistic Ministers:

	5.30 pm	M. Carns, S. Moule, J. & B. Horton
	8.00 am	Helen Rimmer
	10.00 am	J. Ball, V. Ronan, T. Harris, H. Golding

Counters: Team F

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.