

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

The Holy Family Church
High Street, Bewdley



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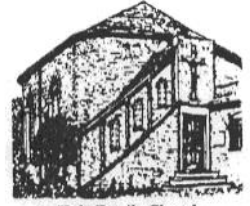
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Sunday Lectionary Year A
Weekdays Cycle 2

Baptism of the Lord

12th January 2020
Psalter Week 1

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome back **Fr Stephen Squires** who will be saying Masses for us over the weekend.

Next Sunday is the start of the **Octave for Christian Unity**. Let us remember our brothers and sisters in Christ during this week. In Stourport we are praying for a different church community each day (prayer leaflets available next weekend). In Bewdley there will be a Service of Unity later in the year, so you might like to attend the ecumenical service of Vespers at St Ambrose, Kidderminster, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 23rd January.

As I mentioned last week, **Pope Francis** has declared the third Sunday of Ordinary time to be **The Sunday of the Word of God** - and is to be a celebration of Holy Scripture. Additionally, the Bishops of England & Wales have dedicated the whole year to **The God Who Speaks**. To mark these initiatives we are holding an event at **The Holy Family Bewdley** at 6.30 pm on this newly dedicated **Sunday 26th January** with contributions from myself but principally Dr Francis Mohan entitled "*The God Who Speaks - a Celebration of the Gospel of Matthew*". Please come along if you can.

The **annual parish meal** is always a great social occasion and this year falls on the feast of St Wulstan, **19th January**, (next Sunday). Please return your Menu selections along with payment **in the next few days**.

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 11th Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Doreen Little (O'Connell)

Sunday 12th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

B 8.00 am People of the Parish

S 10.00 am Kathleen Clyde (Burford)

Monday 13th Feria

S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 14th Feria

B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 15th Feria

NO SERVICE



Thursday 16th Feria

NO SERVICE

Friday 17th St Antony

NO SERVICE

Saturday 18th Feria

NO MORNING SERVICE

Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Moya Stephenson (O'Connell)

Sunday 19th January Second Sunday of the Year

B 8.00 am To the Sacred Heart (M.D.)

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: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The heaven's opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold the one of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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 **by Monday 13th January** along with a cheque made payable to "St Wulstan's Church".

Many thanks. *Eddie Barry*

Parish News

Christmas Post: Don't forget to check your pigeon hole at St Wulstan's for Christmas cards from other parishioners. The Christmas post will close after this weekend.

Knit 'n' Natter: We will meet **this week** on Wednesday **15th January** at 2.00 pm in the St Wulstan's conference room. Come along and bring your craft projects or try some of ours. Refreshments provided. All welcome.

Many thanks to the **Knit 'n' Natter** group who raised more than £300 for the **Sunny Trust** from sales of their knitted Christmas gifts. Thanks, also, to everyone who bought these gifts. *Niki D.*

This week we have delivered 467.9 lbs., (212.7 Kg), of food and toiletries to the **Foodbank**. A special thank you is due to parishioners, for their great generosity, and particularly to the parents and children of St. Wulstans Catholic Primary School, who provided a major part of the donated items. Our next delivery will be on **Mon 3rd February**. Items in short supply are: Tinned Goods: Potatoes, spaghetti, hot meat, cold meat, spag bol, tuna. Other Items: Long grain rice, UHT milk, squash, fruit juice, small jars of coffee, jam, washing up liquid, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, shower gel, shaving gel, razors, cat and dog food. *Greg Kelly, SVP*

Friends of the Holy Land: Why not enjoy a great lunch whilst supporting needy Christians in those troubled lands of Our Lords birth? The ever popular **Pie & Pud** is to be held at St Ambrose Church Hall this year from noon on Sunday **2nd February** - grab Deacon John or Helen Golding for tickets.

Belmont Abbey Day Retreat on 8th February "What is Pope Francis asking of the Church and of me?". It is suggested that this may be the focus of a **parish retreat day** in preparation for Lent. If you are interested please contact Deacon John or Mary Lynch (01299 400569 or maryarthur2016@outlook.com). Cost will be through donations with a suggested contribution of £12.

Parish lottery: Saturday 4th January, No 11 Margaret Doran. The new list for 2020 is now published at the back of each Church where you can check your **new number** for the year. Please consider joining the parish lottery. There are forms at the back of church, or speak to me. Current members are reminded that **annual payment is now due**. Thank you. *Eddie Barry.*

Collections: Last week's Offertory collections came to £533.27. *Thank you for your generosity.*

IN BRIEF: Diocesan Directory 2020 available at the back of both Churches, as priced..... **APF red boxes:** Don't forget to collect your box from the table at the back of the church

The **funeral Mass of Canon Gerry Breen** will be at St Chad's Cathedral, St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU on **Thurs 23rd January**, 12.00 noon. The body will be received into the Cathedral the night before with Mass at 7.00 pm. There will be a buffet in the Grimshaw room after the funeral. Burial at Oscott Cemetery, 2.30 pm.

Please pray for all parishioners who are sick, especially:

Luke Allin, Emma Caldwell, Elaine Collins, Terry Coy, David M Davies, Mary Graham, Izzy Griffiths, Colin James, 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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th - 25th January

Stourport: Please use the leaflet provided to pray for Christians in Stourport, and their intentions, focusing on a different Church each day.

Bewdley: Service of Unity to be held later in the year.

Kidderminster: Service of Vespers at St Ambrose, Thursday 23rd January, 7.30 pm.

Other Local News

Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group: You are invited to attend our meeting commencing at 11.15am on **Saturday 18th January** in the parish centre of Our Lady of Mount Carmel church in Redditch. Our speaker is Canon John Udrys, who is highly recommended. The talk is entitled '**The Jesus of Therese**'. We will pray together using *Lectio Divina*, and finish with a shared lunch. the meeting is open to all denominations so please invite your friends.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick: Holy Mass at 12.00 noon on **Saturday 8th February** at St Ambrose Church, Kidderminster. Preacher: Rev. Christopher Blackman, Deacon from St George's, Worcester and hospital chaplain. Followed by lunch

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Wolverhampton area, working for the St Newman's cluster of Churches. Full details are on noticeboards and the parish website. Contact Jane Bamber 0121 230 6265 for an informal discussion. Closing date 24th January

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

David Mulready, Joan Barker, Valerie Davis, Vera Toman, Tony & June Hoefkens.

and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

David Caldwell, Grace Watson, Douglas Wall, Karl Baraks, Dan Barratt, Ron Randle, Arthur Lynch, Peter Clooney, Edmund Bennett, Kasimierz Froncek, Veronica Bailey, Winifred Davenport, Jennifer Bird, Kathleen Whinder, Bernard Connolly, James McNabb, Martin O'Malley, Lucy Rochford, Susan Lamb, Elizabeth Mullard, Doreen Prideaux, Stanislaw Miastowski, Teresa Walton, Moilly Condon, John Davies, Mora Montgomery, June Seldon, Robert Phillips, Leofric Howell, Ivy Fenelon, Francois Foucault de Daugnon, Jack Mountford, Jean Carey, Molly Gill, Wladyslaw Siwicki, Frank Freyne, Vera Conlon, Freda Wheldon, James (Eddie) Byrne, Lindy Tristan David, Christina Williams, Tim Pope, Frances Hopla, Joy Grieves, Jan Danielak, Patricia Manton, Fred Hopkins, Sylvia Caldwell

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

Ministries for 18th/19th January

Readers: 5.30 pm Sheila Wassell, Erica Burrows
8.00 am Paul and Margaret Hill
10.00 am Alison Thomas, A.N. Other

Eucharistic Ministers:

5.30 pm E. Imrie, S. Moule, E. Bridgford, E. Barry
8.00 am Arthur Lynch
10.00 am F. & B. Mohan, H. Golding, M. Lovell

Counters: Team H