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Sunday Lectionary Year B Weekdays Year 2	<i>Third Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	21st January 2018 Psalter week 3
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Week of prayer for Christian Unity: It is our turn to host the annual service to pray for Christian Unity this Sunday (21st) at 6:30 pm in the Holy Family Church. I am delighted to say that Rev Megan Gibbins, the new rector for Bewdley, will be present. A good Catholic turnout would be much appreciated to welcome Megan and also to say farewell to Rev Phil Hoar our local Methodist minister who is leaving later in the year.

Friends of the Holy Land: "Pie & Pint" lunch at St Ambrose Church Hall, Sunday 28th January at 12.00 noon. Tickets are £8.00 from FHL committee members, John & Marie O'Brien, Helen Golding or Mary Carns. Your Crib offerings over the Christmas period amounted to £278.12, which will go to the FHL. Thank you.

On behalf of all of you I would like to thank John Keetch who has donated a silver paten and a small ciborium to the parish

Welcome to staff, parents and pupils of St Wulstan's Primary School to our 10.00 am Mass at Stourport.

Can I remind you of the Parish Youth Ministry meeting at St Mary's, Handsworth, on the evening of Monday 29th January. If you can attend this meeting on behalf of the parish please see me. All expenses paid.

I was sorry to hear that Di and Mick Gallagher are moving to Wolverhampton. I will miss them and I'm sure you will as well. They have asked me to thank you all, the many parishioners in St Wulstan's and Holy Family, for all the help, love and support they have received whilst here in Stourport and that they will miss everyone.

Mass Times and Intentions

<p><u>Saturday 20th</u> Sunday Vigil Mass S 5.30 pm Bridie Watroba (Devaney)</p> <p><u>Sunday 21st January</u> <i>Third Sunday of the Year</i> B 8.00 am People of the Parish S 10.00 am Eileen & Michael Troy (Murphy) B 6.30 pm Christian Unity Service</p> <p><u>Monday 22nd</u> <i>Feria</i> S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service</p> <p><u>Tuesday 23rd</u> <i>St Nicholas Owen</i> B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service</p> <p><u>Wednesday 24th</u> <i>St Francis de Sales</i> S 10.00 am Hazel Millington (H.G.)</p>	<p><u>Thursday 25th</u> <i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</i> B 10.00 am Kazia Praksa (Malpass)</p> <p><u>Friday 26th</u> <i>Ss Timothy and Titus</i> School 9.15 am O'Neill family (Allan)</p> <p><u>Saturday 27th</u> <i>Blessed Edward Oldcorne</i> S 10.00 am John Smallcombe RIP (Toomey)</p> <p>Sunday Vigil Mass S 5.30 pm People of the Parish</p> <p><u>Sunday 28th January</u> <i>Fourth Sunday of the Year</i> B 8.00 am Harold Stuart & Esther Hill (Hill) S 10.00 am Sheila Sealey (Toomey)</p>
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S = Stourport B = Bewdley Confessions: Saturdays 10.30 am - 11.00 am & 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make me know your ways.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Look towards the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Ministries for 27th/28th January

Readers:
5.30 pm Eddie Barry, Mary Carns
8.00 am Paul & Margaret Hill
10.00 am Chris Ginns, Andrew McIlvaney

Eucharistic Ministers:
5.30 pm V. Dance, E. Imrie, G. Kelly, A. N. Other
8.00 am John Keetch
10.00 am M. O'Shaughnessy, T. Harris, J. Ball, F. Raybould

Counters: Team H

Parish News

Week of prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January: This year in Stourport we are praying for each other; each Church putting forward intentions they particularly wish should be prayed for. You can pick up a printed sheet with daily prayer requests from each Church and other things to think about. Please keep our fellow Christians in your prayers and especially for an increase in the practice of Christianity in our area.

Stourport Justice & Peace Group: The first meeting in 2018 is next Thursday, **25th January**, 7.30 pm at Stourport Methodist Church, Parkes Passage. Our speaker is the Rev. Phil Hoar who is the minister at that church, and his topic is "*Sexuality - and Justice and Peace?*". This is an area of much concern for us as individuals and, more broadly, our legal system and general well-being and particularly for us who try to follow the teaching and guidance of our churches. Phil is well known to the J and P Group both as a speaker and strong supporter of our programme. He is an excellent and stimulating speaker. Do come and join us (whatever the weather!). *Derek Smith*

Foodbank Our next delivery is on **Wednesday 31st January**. The following items are required; *Tinned Goods:* rice puddings, fruit (peaches, oranges, apricots etc.), corned beef, ham, spam, tuna, spaghetti, potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn. *Other Items:* long grain rice, jam, sponge puddings, small jars of coffee, curry sauces, milk, shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving foam, washing powder, toilet rolls, tin openers. Thank you for your support. *Greg Kelly, SVP.*

Knit & Natter: Our first meeting of the new year will be on Wednesday **7th February**, 2.00 pm in the conference room at St Wulstan's. All welcome to this friendly group.

Hagley Pyramid of Schools "Schools of Rock" Concert, Thurs **15th February**, 7.00 pm, Birmingham Town Hall, with contributions from all feeder schools, including St Wulstan's Primary year 5 pupils. This is the 6th Annual concert and always proves popular. Tickets (£10 each; includes programme) can be purchased by contacting the school; be quick as they always sell out! Highlights of last year's concert can be seen via a link on the Hagley school website www.hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk

St Wulstan's Readers: there is a new rota available, covering February and March. If you have not received a copy by email please pick up a copy from the back of Church.

Collections: Last week's offertory collection came to £618.29. *Thank you for your generosity. Future Second collections: 4th February Pro Life; 25th February Cafod Lent Fast*

Parish lottery: 13th January, no. 5, Ivor Hopla. The new list of lottery number for 2018 is now on display at the back of Church. Existing members should make arrangements to pay their fees for 2018 if you have not already done so. There are now just 7 spare numbers. If you'd like to join the 2018 lottery please take a form from the back of Church, complete and return to the parish office. Thank you.

We have a few copies of the **Archdiocese of Birmingham Directory 2018** available to purchase. If you would like one please ask Fr Richard. Price £2.50.

Church Cleaning: With Di & Mick Gallagher leaving the parish we are a group down on our Church cleaning rota. Could you spare an hour once every couple of months to help keep the church clean? Please see the parish secretary. Thank you.

Other News

New Life Together: are performing Roger Jones' musical '*While Shepherds Watched*' at Stourport Wesley Methodist Church TODAY Sunday 21st January at 4.00 pm, and also at Bewdley Baptist Church on Sunday, January 28th at 6.30 pm.

Riverside Elim Church, Bewdley, 25th Anniversary celebration, Spring Grove House, Bewdley DY12 1LF, 3.00 pm, Saturday **27th January** followed by high tea/buffet at 4:30pm. Please come to help us celebrate. Tickets available from the Riverside Church office on 01299 405535 or visit www.riversideelim.com

Kenelm Youth News: *Über Pillars* will now take place at St Chad's Cathedral on **Wed 31st January**, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm *#feastofdonbosco. Parish Youth Ministry: Where Do We Begin?* Monday **29th January**, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm at St Mary's Convent, Handsworth, B12 1EB. This event is for all interested parishes, parishioners & clergy who would like to find out about the available options for working with the young people in their areas. The evening includes a light supper. Please speak directly to Fr Richard if you are interested in this event.

Friends of Maryvale present **Saint Brigid of Ireland Concert**, with live Irish themed music and dancing. **Thurs 1st February**, 7.00 pm, at Maryvale Institute, Birmingham, B44 9AG. Tickets £6.00 from 0121 360 8118. Proceeds to Bridgettine Sisters.

The Rotary clubs of Great Britain and Ireland are sponsoring young people and teachers to attend the **Rotary International Peace, Disease Prevention & Treatment Conference**, at The Ricoh Arena, Phoenix Way, Foleshill, Coventry, CV6 6GE on Saturday **24th February**. With inspirational speakers from the fields of Peace, Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention and Alleviation including a Nobel Peace Laureate Shirin Ebadi. You can find more information from the parish website as well as application forms to fill out for Teachers/Leaders and Students

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This programme can help you too. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on **16th - 18th March**, in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk ; call or text 0788 729 6983 or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk

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



Please pray for the souls of those who have died recently:
Denis Bennett, Lynne Jones

and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time 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, Catherine Nicholls, Joseph Ward, Colin Bennett, Kazimiera Praksa, Michael Morrissey, James Hartley, Jim Kinsella, Winifred 'Babs' Massey, Michael Dawson, Jean Jones, John McKenna, Freda Flanagan, John Biles, Lena Partridge, John Myers

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