

St. Wulstan & St. Thomas of Canterbury
 Stourport on Severn

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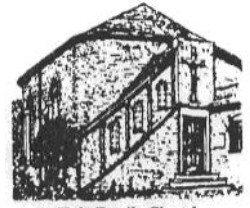
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Holy Family Church
 Bewdley

Sunday Lectionary Year A
 Weekdays Cycle 2

Epiphany

5th January 2020
 Psalter Week 2

Dear Parishioners,

Fr Richard has asked me to say that he would like you to please continue asking for **Mass intentions** in the usual way - they are still needed and Masses will be said in due course.

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

Pope Francis has established a new initiative in our liturgy - the third Sunday of Ordinary time is to be dedicated from now on and throughout the world to **The Sunday of the Word of God** - it is to be a celebration of Holy Scripture. In England & Wales our bishops have gone a step further and dedicated the whole year to a renewed focus on the bible describing it as **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*".

The annual parish meal is always a great social occasion and this year falls on the feast of St Wulstan, **19th January**. Full details can be found elsewhere. Many thanks to Eddie Barry for organising it.

We have been informed of the joint funeral of ex-parishioners **June and Tony Hoefkens**, which will take place at St Augustine's, Solihull, at noon on the **9th January**. If you would like further details please contact me directly.

And finally may I wish you and all your families a peaceful, prosperous and most blessed New Year.

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 4th Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Aubrey Pearce (Pearce)

Sunday 5th January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

B 8.00 am People of the Parish

S 10.00 am Fred Raybould (Golding)

Monday 6th Christmas feria

S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 7th Christmas feria

B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

S 2.15 pm Funeral Mass of David Mulready

Wednesday 8th Christmas feria

S 11.15 am Funeral Mass of Joan Barker

S 2.15 pm Funeral Mass of Valerie Davis



Thursday 9th Christmas feria

NO SERVICE

Friday 10th Christmas Feria

NO SERVICE

Saturday 11th Christmas Feria

NO MORNING SERVICE

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)



S = Stourport B = Bewdley

Confessions this week : to be confirmed

Entrance Antiphon: Behold the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Responsorial Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

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 Stars Appeal: A big thank you to all who donated to the Christmas Star appeal for the homeless. The total raised was £224.00 which will go to **Tabor House** a hostel for the homeless in Birmingham. *Bridget Burford*

Christmas Post: Don't forget to check your pigeon hole at St Wulstan's for Christmas cards from other parishioners.

Knit & Natter: There will be NO MEETING this week, sorry. Please watch the newsletter for the date of the next meeting.

Catholic Men's Society will meet **Thursday 9th January** at Holy Family at 7.30 pm. New members always very welcome.

Belmont 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.

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.

Parish lottery: Saturday 21st December, No 26 Andy Haynes; Saturday 28th December, No 9 Veronica Herridge. The new list for 2020 is now published at the back of each Church where you can check your **new number** for the year. You will see that there are quite a few spare numbers this year as we have sadly lost a few people over the last 12 months. If you are not already part of the parish lottery **please consider joining**. At only £1.00 per week it is a good way of boosting parish funds and you could win £25 each week. Winners are based on the national lottery bonus ball. There are forms at the back of church if you wish to join, or speak to me. Current members are reminded that their **annual payment is now due** for 2020. Thank you. *Eddie Barry*.

Diocesan Directory 2020: There are a few new Diocesan Directories at the back of both Churches. Prices: Ring bound £5.00, Soft bound £3.00. Please put money in the wall slots.

APF red boxes. Don't forget to collect your box from the table at the back of the church. *Jane Horton*

Collections: Recent offertory collections: 22nd Dec £534.53; 29th Dec £ 473.20. *Thank you for your generosity.*

As of 3rd January we have not received any information about the **funeral of Canon Gerry Breen**. Information may appear on the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Other Local News

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January 2020
Churches Together in Stourport will once again be producing a **prayer diary**, encouraging Christians in Stourport to pray for each other during the week. One Church will be specifically highlighted each day. Look out for the document later this month and please try to use it in your daily prayer.

Kenelm Youth Trust

Mission @ Home 25th/26th January

At the recent Youth Synod in Rome, Pope Francis called on young people to be missionaries. To find a project in our local area which you can get involved with email: victoria.hamilton@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Murder at the Castle, Friday 31st January - 7 pm

Alton Castle - Ages 16 - 30 yrs
Enjoy an evening of murder, mystery and suspense with live actors in aid of the work of Kenelm Youth Trust.
Tickets including meal £10 (with accommodation £15)
Contact: events@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk or 01538 703224.

Church Ablaze at Alton Castle Saturday 1st February - 10 am - 4 pm

Discover and Unleash your gifts
A day for young adults ages 16 - 30 yrs to embark on a journey of discovery as you discern your unique charisms and find your authentic role in the Church
Email: megan.cox@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

ChurchPOP is a light-hearted website with some very good culture behind it! In fact it's made in the mould of 'culture' websites like BuzzFeed, (e.g. full of online quizzes, "listicles", and pop culture articles) but rooted in the Church.

<https://churchpop.com>

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: Noreen Prendagast, Ralph Digney, Edna James, Michael Kerrigan, Wasyl Makaynuik, Mary Carey, Mary Duffy, Alois Sevels, Frank Helm, Robert Malinowski, James Boyle, Horace Martin, Roy Woodward, Meirion Woodbine, Martin Purcell, Mary Webb, Brian Farmer, Kamila Mol, Michael Radyk, Juliet Thomson, Eileen Jones, John Carrington, Ian Campbell, 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
Grant eternal rest, O Lord, to the souls of the faithful departed. Amen

Catholic Newspapers: Following a change of policy by Universe Media regarding returns of unsold papers it has become unsustainable for us to continue receiving *The Catholic Times*, *The Universe* or *Irish Post*. Regular readers of these papers are recommended to take out a personal subscription. You can do so by contacting Universe Media on 0161 820 5722.

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.

Ministries for 11th/12th January

Readers: 5.30 pm Mary Carns, Greg Kelly
8.00 am Paul Walton, Helen Rimmer
10.00 am Vincent O'Callaghan, Eileen Bridgford

Eucharistic Ministers:

5.30 pm M. & B. Burford, K. Savage, V. Dance
8.00 am Angela Randle
10.00 am M. Gethins, J. Ball, V. Ronan, T. Harris

Counters: Team G