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Stourport on Severn

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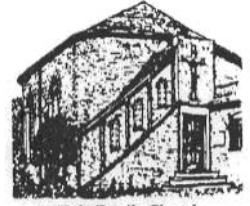
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Holy Family Church
Bewdley

Sunday Lectionary
Year A
Weekdays Cycle 2

Presentation of the Lord
Candlemas

2nd February
2020
Psalter Week 4

Dear Parishioners,

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

Thank you for your interest in the **Belmont Abbey** event next Saturday on Pope Francis and lead by Austen Ivereigh. The day begins at 10 am and finishes about 4 pm and a donation of £12 is suggested. Some refreshments are usually made available but unless you intend to buy lunch in Hedley Lodge, bring some sandwiches. Our numbers do not warrant a coach but get in touch with me if you would like a lift.

As you know the **Sunny Trust** is a charity which was founded in our parish and we have supported now for about 15 years. Niki Davies has recently updated the list of projects that the Trust has funded over that time and it's an impressive list. The total raised is nearly £200,000; a tremendous effort by all. The money has built many buildings, purchased many vehicles, provided assistance to many groups and saved or improved the lives of many people in the Garo Hill of North East India. Congratulations to Niki and all her team and to everyone in the parish who have supported them, and who continue to do so. The details can be found on the Trust noticeboard at the back of St Wulstan's and on the parish website.

The final total for our **crib collection** is now in and it comes to £138.51. At the suggestion of Archbishop Bernard Longley this money will be used to support Christians in the Holy Land.

A reminder that the **Forget-me-Not** group meets this afternoon (Sunday) at 2.00 pm at Holy Family.

Finally, Marie and I are hoping to drive up to Cumbria to visit Fr Richard next week. If you have any messages for him we are happy to take them with us.

Deacon John

Mass/Service Times and Intentions

Saturday 1st February Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Jon Corin RIP (M.D.)

Sunday 2nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

B 8.00 am Joan Hewetson (Mohan)

S 10.00 am People of the Parish

Monday 3rd Feria

S 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 4th Feria

B 10.00 am Eucharistic Service

S 1.45 pm Funeral Mass of Veronica (Vera) Toman

Wednesday 5th St Agatha

NO SERVICE

Thursday 6th St Paul Miki and Companions

NO SERVICE

Friday 7th Feria

NO SERVICE

Saturday 8th St Josephine Bakita Day for Victims of Trafficking

NO MORNING SERVICE

St Ambrose 12.00 noon Mass for World Day of the Sick

Sunday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Special Intention (Burford)

Sunday 9th February Fifth Sunday of the Year

B 8.00 am People of the Parish

S 10.00 am Barbara Tompkins (Burford)



S = Stourport **B** = Bewdley **Confessions this week :** before 5.30 pm Mass on Saturday and after 10.00 am Mass on Sunday

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Parish News

The **Forget Me Not** group is meeting **today**, Sun **2nd February**, in the Holy Family meeting room, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm for a coffee, a cake and a chat. All welcome.

Foodbank. Our next delivery will be on **Monday 3rd February**. For items in short supply please see noticeboards or pick up a "shopping list". Thank you. *Greg Kelly, SVP*

Knit 'n' Natter: will meet this week on Wednesday **5th February** and 2.00 pm in the St Wulstan's conference room. Bring your own craft projects or just come along for a chat.

Quiz Night at Hagley High School: Teams of up to 6. £4.00 per person. **Friday 7th February**, 7.00 pm start. Food and drink available. See Hannah or Sophie for tickets or turn up on the night. Proceeds to Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. All welcome.

Belmont Abbey Day Retreat on 8th February "What is Pope Francis asking of the Church and of me?". It is hoped 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.

Catholic Men's Society: Thursday **13th February**, 7.30 pm in the St Wulstan's conference room. New members welcome.

Parish lottery: Saturday 25th January, No 21 Bridget Burford. Members are reminded that **annual payment is now due**.

Collections: Last week's Offertory collections came to £576.68. *Thank you for your generosity.* **Future Second Collections: 1st March** Cathedral Maintenance; **8th March** Cafod Lent Fast

Bible Alive for February is now available and can be obtained from the Sacristy, £2.50.

Hagley "Lourdes Team" take over Hospitality !!

Six of our young parishioners, along with others from Hagley High, will be travelling to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage at the end of May. To help raise funds they will be running of Hospitality at St Wulstan's on the Sundays either side of the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes (11th February):

Saturday 8th Feb 5.30 pm - Ella & Caitlin

Sunday 9th Feb 10.00 am - Sally & Jenna

Sunday 16th Feb 10.00 am - Hannah & Sophie

All donations on those days will go to the Lourdes fund. So please pay them a visit, grab some cake and **be generous!**

St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School - Job Vacancies:

Two Teaching Assistant posts - Level 2 (£18,795 - £19,171 FTE)
27.5 hours per week, 39.0 weeks per year

Further information can be found on the school website or by contacting the school office. **Closing date 7th February**

Email: office@wulsev.worcs.sch.uk

Website: www.wulsev.worcs.sch.uk **Tel:** 01299 877808

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.

Other Local News

Wyre Forest Justice & Peace Group: Our first meeting of 2020 is on **Thursday 6th February** in the Wesley Methodist Church, Parkes Passage, Stourport at 7.30 pm. The subject is "Women and Power". Our speaker is Pauline Annis who lives locally. The principles of equality between the sexes is still very important for many across the world. Pauline's work over her years as an Open University tutor has been much concerned with the major social issues of our time and the moral acceptability of the ways they have been dealt with. Do come and share an interesting evening with us - all are welcome.

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.

Composer **Roger Jones**, his soloists and orchestra, will be at Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster at 7.30 pm on **Sat 8th February** performing his musical "Torn Curtain", backed by **New Life Together Choir**. Tickets £6.00 from 01562 752798.

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. Please confirm your attendance by **14th February** on kathryn@vocations.org.uk or call 0121 321 5144

Ministries for 8th/9th February

Readers: 5.30 pm Pat Bennett, Barbara Trickett
8.00 am Steve Wightman, Stephanie Wolfe
10.00 am Vincent O'Callaghan, Helga Hall

Eucharistic Ministers:

5.30 pm K. Savage, S. Moule, J. & B. Horton
8.00 am Angela Randle
10.00 am E. Bridgford, T. Harris, H. Golding, M. Lovell

Counters: Team C

Exhibition of Methodist Modern Art - Bewdley Museum

21st March - 19th April ** 11.00 am - 3.00 pm daily

This major exhibition has been 2 years in the making and is possibly the "best denominational collection of modern religious art outside the Vatican". Alongside the exhibition there is a programme of talks and events with invited speakers plus Services of Reflection at 6.30 pm each Sunday during Lent in a different Church each week.

Can you help? The museum needs volunteers to be on duty at all times while the exhibition is open. Shifts are just 2 hours long. There is a **rota** at the back of Holy Family Church and we need volunteer availability as soon as possible please. Contact Mary Lynch for more information.

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

Vera Toman, Canon Gerry Breen.

and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Helena Perrin, George Stoler, Patrick Lawlor, Wing Commander Alfred Howell, June Thorpe, Garth Mole, Mary Nugent, Tony O'Dowd, Patrick Connolly, Reginald Smith, Min Gilmore, Andrew Kerrigan, Thomas Walker, Sean Carroll, William Coman, Mr Isaacs, Phylis Botham, Nicolas Tunley, Peter Raynes, Elizabeth Purcell, Thomas Byrne, Maria Harris, Franceline Barker, Patrick Joseph Heneghan, John Curran, John Williams, Ralph Chell, Mike Westhoff, Julie Steel Probert, John Barry, Kathleen Clements, John Williams-Neville, Eileen Butler, George Roffe, Bernard Hampsey, Kathleen Clyde

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