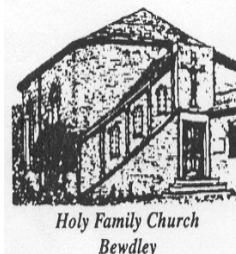


Saint Wulstan & Saint Thomas of Canterbury **Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn** **and** **The Holy Family Church,** **High Street, Bewdley.**

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14th March 2010
Psalter Week 4

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners,

The talk on Newman last week by Fr. Richard Duffield was again excellent. We learnt something about Newman's grasp of reality deriving from his relationship with God (heart speaks to heart) and how from that his whole understanding of the world opened up. An open heart, to God, to reality, to truth—this is what is so important. I have a recording of his talk, so let me know if you would like to borrow it.

Tuesday this week, we have our final talk by Fr. Ian Ker, one of the world's leading experts on Newman. He doesn't normally give talks in ordinary parishes, so we are very privileged to have him coming to speak to us. We are now starting the second half of Lent and so it is time to redouble devotion to Christ and to start preparing for making our confession before Easter. It is not necessary to wait until the service of reconciliation; you can come at any of the advertised times. (i.e. after Mass on most days)

As a General election draws near, the Bishops of England & Wales have published "Choosing the Common Good". It is well worth reading. You can download it from www.catholicchurch.org.uk.

Encourage other people, who may not be Catholics, to read it too.

Keep your eyes firmly on the Easter Triduum, those three days in which we celebrate the Passion, Death & Resurrection of Our Lord. These days are the high point of our Catholic observation and commitment.

I pray that you may have a truly blest Holy Week this year.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my Father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you". Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Communion Antiphon: My Son, you should rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life, he was lost and is found.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Sylvia Caldwell (E. & B. Barry)

Sunday 14th March Fourth Sunday of Lent

B 8.00 am People of the Parish

S 10.00 am Les Rabone (J. & M. Bingham)

Monday Monday of Lent week 4

S 9.45 am Funeral Mass for Anthony Connor

S 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

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Tuesday Tuesday of Lent week 4

B 10.00 am Michael Docherty (J. Lannin)

Wednesday St Patrick

S 10.00 am Elizabeth & Paul Doran (M. Doran)

Thursday Thursday of Lent week 4

B 10.00 am Jim O'Driscoll (H. G.)

Friday Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the BVM **Day of Prayer for Dementia**

School (Class Mass) 9.15 am People of the Parish

S 10.30 am Baden Powell (G. Kelly)

Saturday Saturday of Lent week 4

S 10.00 am Meirion Woodbine (P. Eady)

Saturday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Les Rabone (B. & M. O'Donnell)

Sunday 21st March Fifth Sunday of Lent

B 8.00 am Michael Docherty (K. & A. Christie)

S 10.00 am Vocations (Catenians)

S = Stourport B = Bewdley

Confessions Weekdays & Saturday after 10.00 am Mass

Newman and the Church Today

by Fr Ian Ker, Senior Research Fellow in Theology
 at St. Benet's Hall, Oxford

Tuesday 16th March, 7.15 pm, St Wulstan's

Newman, inspired through his studies of the Fathers, has often been referred to as the Father of the second Vatican council. There is continuity from the faith first delivered to the Apostles to the present day. Newman helps us enter into this living tradition.

Ministries for next week

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Readers

Euch. Ministers

5.30 pm

A. Cotton
 B. Smith

A. & J. Kinsella
 B. Smith, V. Dance

10.00 am

M. Goode
 B. Howell

J. Myers, T. Harris
 J. Toomey, C. Darby

Dates for your Diary

Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings throughout Lent, 7.00 pm at Stourport and 7.30 pm at Bewdley; also on Friday morning, 10.00 am at Stourport.

Stourport Churches Together Lent Study course entitled “**When I Survey...**”. A five week course on **Tuesdays 2.00 pm** at Wesley Methodist, Parkes Passage, led by Rev. Linda Catlow, **OR** on Thursdays, **7.30 pm** at Areley Kings Methodist, led by Rev. Mark Turner. All welcome.

Christian Aid Lunches every **Friday** in Lent, 12.00 noon onwards in the Methodist Room, Parkes Passage. All welcome.

Newman Explored: We have covered the topics of Newman's Conversion and his Spirituality in the first two of our Lenten talks. For our final talk, **7.15 pm this Tuesday, 16th March**, we welcome Fr Ian Ker, Parish Priest at Banbury and Senior Research Fellow in Theology at St. Benet's Hall, Oxford, to look at what John Henry Newman means to the Church of today.

Stourport Justice & Peace Group: Wed 17th March, St. Michael's Church, 7.30 p.m: **Palestine and Israel - Ecumenical Endeavour** Shari Brown (Restore, Birmingham) Shari talked to us about asylum seekers two years ago. She has recently been much involved personally in multinational ecumenical activity in striving for peace between Palestinians and Israelis. She will tell us of her recent visit to Palestine and the work she was involved in whilst she was there.

Friday 19th March, St Joseph's Day, is the National **Day of Prayer for Dementia**, run by the Pastoral Care Project and supported in this diocese by Archbishop Longley, Alzheimer's Soc. W. Midlands and other care organisations. On this day we pray for those 700 000+ people in the UK who have dementia and for families who are affected by it. Visit www.dayofprayerfordementia.org.uk for more info.

St Wulstan's Choir will be singing at the Easter Vigil Mass. It would be great if we could have a big choir for the biggest feast in the Churches year. Anyone who would like to be part of the choir for that day (no previous experience required!) should come along to the practices on Saturday mornings at 11.00 am from now until Easter. Other practice times can be arranged to suit.

Bits and Pieces

Easter Raffle: tickets available this weekend after Masses, in aid of Hagley High School pupils, from this parish, Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage trip. *Eddie Barry.*

Collections: Last week's offertory collection was £581.43 *Thank you for your generosity.* Last week's second collection for **St Chad's Cathedral** maintenance fund came to £375.61 **this week** there is a retiring collection for **White Flower (SPUC).**

Lottery Winners: 27th Feb No.43, M. Galle; 6th March No. 47, M. McDonnell

Easter Triduum Services in our Parish (all at St Wulstan's)

Holy Thursday: 7.30 pm Mass of the Last Supper
Followed by watching until midnight
Good Friday: 3.00 pm The Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday: 8.30 pm The Easter Ceremonies & Mass
Easter Sunday: Normal Sunday service (Bewdley & Stourport)

Easter Services of Reconciliation (all at 7.30 pm)

Tues 23rd March: Sacred Heart, Droitwich
Thurs 25th March: St Wulstan's, Stourport
Fri 26th March: St. Ambrose, Kidderminster
Mon 29th March: St. Peter's, Bromsgrove
Tues 30th March: Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Redditch

White Flower Appeal

The annual appeal by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will take place here this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion; defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide; provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. This year's campaign includes a petition against adverts for abortion on TV. Please consider signing it and give generously to this worthy cause.

Quote of the Week

"Courage is fear that
has said its prayers!"
Anon

Are you Twentysomething? Congratulations! You are one of only 3% of people in their twenties who attend church in this country. **PROJECT 2030** is doing something about it. Pilgrimages, sporting holidays, retreats: all aimed at and for twentysomething Catholics. So if you know a twentysomething Catholic who thinks Church is too boring, or they have better things to do on a Sunday morning, then take a leaflet from the back of Church and pass it to them, or suggest they look at www.twentysomethings.eu. Being a Catholic is more than just Church on Sunday. Being a twentysomething Catholic can be really exciting. I wish I was that age again!

ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL - OUR INHERITANCE

The Catholic Women's League invites you to join them at their Annual Study Morning on Saturday **20th March** in the Grimshaw Room at St. Chad's Cathedral from 10:45am to 12:45pm, where Dr. Marie Rowlands will be giving a talk on the history of St Chad's Cathedral. Open to everyone; cost £3:00 incl. tea and coffee.

Please pray for the souls of those who have died recently: Anthony Connor, Fr. Andrew Masterson.
and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Fr Chris Thornton, Mary McAleese, Wilfred Mann, Arthur Jones, Cecil Pimlott, Zofia Stepa, Francis Brothy, Leon Mankowski, Joan Jankowski, Catherine Ward, Agnes Howell, Jim O'Driscoll, Nicky Haynes, Hugh Cloosterman, Walter Lowe, Walter Jones, Vera Wall, Gary Duguid, Michael O'Malley, John Dormer, Stuart Imrie, Winifred Whiteman, Stephen Cooke, Michael McSherry, Ann Jeffery, Patricia McGinley, Jimmy Forte.

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

We pray for all who are ill: David Barrett, Joan Buckley, Fr Benoy (Garo Hills), Emma Caldwell, Anthony Piechowicz, Margaret Payne, Margaret Darcy, Pat Meese, Anne Durnell, Bill O'Donnell, Michael Kerrigan, Mary George, Vicky Dunn, David Hooper, Therese Archer, Frederick Roberts, Richard Lindoe, Christopher Harris, John Ward, Jane Coy, Geoff Perryman, Fr Walter Bance, Stella Allin, Frances Hopla, Eileen Quinn, Alison Connor, Luke Caldwell, David Connolly, Therese Woodward, Ann Beaumont, Annie Egan, Jo Keane, Phil Eady, Bridie Phillips, Sheila Dickinson, Vera Smith, Sarah Dunne, Theresa Watts.

For those in nursing homes & the housebound: Mollie Jones, Mary Wood, Annie Coyle, Vera Conlon, Veronica Thompson, John Willett.
May the healing presence of Christ be with them. If you know of any parishioner who is ill please notify Deacon Pat via the Presbytery.