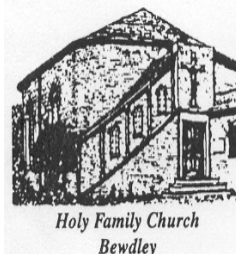


Saint Wulstan & Saint Thomas of Canterbury **Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn** **and** **The Holy Family Church,** **High Street, Bewdley.**

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9th May 2010
 Psalter Week 2

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

By the time you read this we shall know the result of the election. You may be elated or you may be depressed by it. As Christians we are called to live in this world with all its imperfections, but to sanctify this world by our lives of faith and holiness. We are like the yeast in bread which makes the whole loaf rise. To enable us to do this we are given one day a week which is especially holy, that is the first day of the week, Sunday. It was on a Sunday that Jesus rose from the dead, so we meet together every Sunday to do what he commanded us to do on the night that he was betrayed, to celebrate the Mass. This holy day with the Mass at its centre enables all time to be sanctified and for us to live every part of our lives in His presence, being witnesses to the world. It is important that we pray for those who have authority over us and especially those who have been given authority to govern us, so please pray for Her Majesty's government.

Easter tide is progressing and next Sunday we celebrate Ascension Day, now transferred from Thursday to the following Sunday and then we look forward in great anticipation to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit the following Sunday, which is Pentecost. I think you would find it very spiritually helpful to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for this feast so that there is no resistance in you in receiving the gift of the Spirit. May God fill you abundantly with faith and his blessings

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

Entrance Antiphon: Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth: The Lord has set his people free, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me keep my commandments, says the Lord. The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever, alleluia.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Sylvia Caldwell (B. & M. O'Donnell)

Sunday 9th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

B 8.00 am Betty McDowell (A. & T. McDowell)

S 10.00 am People of the Parish

Monday Monday of Easter week 6

S 10.00 am Anthony Connor (S.V.P.)

S 7.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

B 7.30 pm Vespers

Tuesday Tuesday of Easter week 6

B 10.00 am Maureen Barry (K. & M. Docherty)

Wednesday Wednesday of Easter week 6

S 10.00 am Kenn Welsh (Y. Welsh & family)

Thursday Thursday of Easter week 6

B 10.00 am Sylvia Caldwell (J. & M. O'Brien)

Friday St Matthias

S 7.00 am Connie Maund (V. Conlon)

S 10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday Saturday of Easter week 6

S 10.00 am People of the Parish

Saturday Vigil Mass

S 5.30 pm Douglas Wall (Stourport S.V.P.)

Sunday 16th May Ascension of the Lord

B 8.00 am Sylvia Caldwell (H. & H. Rimmer)

S 10.00 am John Ambler (Barney family)

S = Stourport **B** = Bewdley

Confessions: Weekdays & Saturday after 10.00 am Mass

Prayer Reparations for Child Abuse suffering

In response to the Appeal by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales for reparation and atonement, parishioners are urged to make time to pray each Friday during May for healing, forgiveness and renewed dedication. There is Mass at 7.00 am and Exposition at 10.00 am at St Wulstan's; or you may pray at home. Please also pray for Pope Benedict whose wise and courageous leadership is so important at this time.

Ministries for next week

15/16 May

5.30 pm

Readers

E. Round
 C. Round

Euch. Ministers

M. Carns, C. Round
 G. Rees, L. Grant

8.00 am

M. Fishwick
 H. Rimmer

S. Carlile

10.00 am

G. Crowe
 R. Galle

P. Baker, P. Seldon
 T. Maye, M. O'Shaughnessy

Dates for your Diary

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, MAY 9 - 15, 2010, house-to-house collections: A few more collectors are still required - if you can help please sign up at the back of the Church. Labelled packets of envelopes are ready for collection from the same place. After the money has been collected please return the unopened envelopes to the presbytery. Many thanks and good luck! . Any problems please contact Derek Smith 01299 403969. Also, there will be a **Special Service** here at St Wulstan's, **this evening, Sun 9th May**, 6.30 pm, led by Fr Stephen, to include a Christian Aid speaker and a video; house to house collectors are especially encouraged to come.

Soli on Sunday: the Soli House team will be coming to St George's in Worcester TODAY, Sun **9th May**, 2.30 - 8.00 pm. All young people of High School age are invited. Come along and join the team for a great day of faith filled fun, games and activities and 7.00 pm Mass.

Belmont Abbey, Hereford, torchlight procession in honour of Our Lady, Wed **12th May**, 9.00 pm. Tel: 01432 374735 for more information.

Catholic Men's Society will meet this Thurs **13th May** in the Conference Room at St. Wulstan's, 7.30 pm.

Celebration of Choral Singing, Handel's Messiah, **Sat 15th May**, 7.00 pm, St Mary's Church, Kidderminster, tickets £7.50 (£6.00 concessions). To be part of the choir contact Ann Lyman (01299 404226). All proceeds go to the restoration appeal for Trinity Methodist's.

Holy Father's Mission Intentions for May

That all those involved in apostolic work may enliven the communities entrusted to their care with missionary enthusiasm.

Sunny Trust Update: Cyclone Disaster Fund

Fr Sunny emailed last week to say that a cyclone has hit parts of the Garo Hills causing 160 families to lose their homes (see photos on notice board). Bakdil has 50 workers helping with the clear up and providing essentials like food and medicine. Help is urgently needed.

The proceeds of last Friday's concert will go to the Emergency Appeal and we have received a generous cheque from the Bewdley Rotary Club. Fr Stephen has also allowed a special Emergency Collection THIS WEEKEND. Please give generously, as you always do when there is real need. Thank you.

World Communications Day - Sun 16th May

Papal message: "The Priest and Pastoral Ministry in a Digital World: New Media at the service of the Word" Pope Benedict XVI calls for priests to discover new digital possibilities to proclaim the Word of God and carry out their ministry:

"Using new communication technologies, priests can introduce people to the life of the Church and help our contemporaries to discover the face of Christ. They will best achieve this aim if they learn, from time of their formation, how to use these technologies in a competent and appropriate way, shaped by sound theological insights and reflecting a strong priestly spirituality grounded in constant dialogue with the Lord."

Please remember the work of Communications professionals. The Catholic Communications network provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales in promoting the Gospel in the media. The CCN depends on your generosity. Gift Aid envelopes available.

Bits and Pieces

Fr Stephen successfully completed the 23 mile sponsored "Care to Ride" bike ride in aid of **Fr Hudson's Society**. Thank you to everyone who sponsored him. Please give any outstanding monies to him directly or hand in at the Presbytery.

Chris Catchpole would like to thank everyone for their generosity in sponsoring him for the **London Marathon**. He has raised over £1500 for Multiple Sclerosis.

Collections: Last week's offertory collection came to £484.49. *Thank you for your generosity.* **This week** there is an emergency collection for Cyclone relief for the Sunny Trust (see box elsewhere for more news). **Next week's** 2nd collection is for Catholic Communications. There will also be a special collection on **23rd May** for the Papal Visit fund.

In Brief:... **Catholic Companion** for May, out now, £1.00...May edition of **Catholic Today**, your Diocesan Newspaper, out today, 50p.

Other News

2nd Friday Youth Mass Young Adults' Mass (18+) at St Michael's, Moor Street, **Fri 14th May**, 7.30 pm followed by social. *Claire.swaffield@bcys.co.uk*

Catholic Enquiry Office: "Seek, Explore, Find". FREE events run by the Catholic Communications Network aimed mostly at RCIA candidates. "Exploring Christian Faith" an afternoon event (1.30 - 4.30 pm) 17th October. Catholic Experience Weekends, 4th - 6th June 2010 or 21st - 23rd Jan 2011. All at the Franciscan Friary, Holywell (near the Wirrell). Tel: 01352 711053; www.pantasaph.org.uk or www.life4seekers.co.uk

B'ham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference

Mon 9th - Fri 13th August 2010, Paragon Hotel, Alcester Road, B12 0PJ. Enquiries to Ray Russell 0121 603 3842

Maryvale Institute's annual Novena & Pilgrimage to the shrine of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. Mass & Novena each evening 8.00 pm, 3rd - 11th June; Pilgrimage afternoon Sun 13th June 3.00 pm

We pray for all who are ill: David Barrett, Joan Buckley, Emma Caldwell, Anthony Piechowicz, Margaret Darcy, Pat Meese, Bill O'Donnell, Michael Kerrigan, Vicky Dunn, Therese Archer, Frederick Roberts, Christopher Harris, John Ward, Jane Coy, Geoff Perryman, Fr Walter Bance, Stella Allin, Alison Connor, Luke Caldwell, David Connolly, Therese Woodward, Ann Beaumont, Annie Egan, Jo Keane, Phil Eady, Bridie Phillips, Sheila Dickinson, Theresa Watts.

For those in nursing homes & the housebound: Anne Durnell, Frances Hopla, Vera Smith, Theresa Watts, 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 **Please Note:** This list has been recently reviewed and some names have been removed. If you feel there is someone missing who should be on this list please let Fr Stephen or one of the Deacons know.

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

and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Thomas Carney, Betty McDowell, Peter Wood, George Fieldhouse, Sylvia Hill, Kathleen Cutler, Bridget O'Mahoney, Bridget Troy, James Gorman, Eleanor Martin, Gertrude Korzuch, Lilian McDowell, Frederick Frank, T.H. Nicholson, John Ambler, Gertrude Popple, Jimmy Myers, Kevin Shearer, Ernest Evans, Peggy Dolan, Mary Cyhanchuk
Grant eternal rest, O Lord, to the souls of the faithful departed. Amen.