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# SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C Psalter Week 1 CTS Sunday Missal p. 479. Week ending April 27th/28th, 2013**

###### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: M. St Catherine of Siena, T. St Pius V, W. St Joseph the Worker, Th. St Athanasius, F. SS Philip & James, S. The English Martyrs.

###### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

**ST. AMBROSE’S**

**Monday 7.30 am** Mina May Carolan (Anniv)

**Tuesday 9.15 am** Intentions of Myrtle O’Mahoney

**Wednesday 7.30 am** Dave Harris RIP

**Thursday 11.00 am** Intentions of Hopkins Family **7.30 pm** Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45 pm)

**Friday 7.10 pm** Rosary **7.30 pm Holy Communion**

##### Saturday 9.00 am (Old Rite) Intentions of Con McCorriston & Family 5.45 pm Canon Jim Samuel RIP

**Sunday 9.30 am** Tom & Lizzie Neal RIP

**3.00 pm (Old Rite)** The People of the Parish **6.30 pm** May Devotions

**OUR LADY’S**

**Monday 10.00 am** **Holy Communion (Prayer Group)**

**Friday 9.00 am – 9.45 am** Adoration **10.00 am** Intentions of Joyce & Bernard Gavan

**Sunday 5.00 pm** Mary Roberts RIP **6.30 pm** May Devotions

**SACRED HEART**

**Sunday 11.30am** Chris Casken RIP

**CONFESSIONS**: **St Ambrose’s:** Saturday 11.45am-12.45pm, 6.30pm-7.30pm; and by request. **Sacred Heart:** by request.

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Altar Servers for morning Mass:** Ryan McCormack, Kacper Madjwaski

**Eucharistic Ministers Readers**

St Ambrose’s Saturday 5.45 pm: C Hopkins, B McFarland, R Quinn

Sunday 9.30 am: R Barber, C Duncombe, E Fox, M Roy, J Villa C Villa

Our Lady’s Sunday 5.00 pm: H Bearne, J DaCosta, V Page J Keetch, M Hesketh

Sacred Heart Sunday 11.30 am: W Moore

**Church Cleaners (St Ambrose’s):** Team B **Offertory Counters:** Group 2

**Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially**: Pope Benedict XVI, Dorothy Atwell, Albert and Elsie Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Matteo Butera, Linda Button, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Eamonn Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Joe Egan, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Victoria Fleming, Sheila Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Frances Graves, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Claire Hampton, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Rita Harrod, Jim Heffernan, Christine & Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Philip Hunt, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Ben Kelly, Marie Lane, Lynda Law, Felicity Librie, Audrey Little, Eleanor Lloyd, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Lynne Marshall, Lee Maund, Sheila Mikulicz, Peter Mullard, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Mary Nangle, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice ‘Myrtle’ O’Mahoney, Katherine O’Sullivan, Daniel Oxenham, Joyce Parker, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Janet Richards, Nancy Ruffinato, George and Sheila Rywacki, Harold Salter, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Pearl Stanley, Marie Stokes, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Peter Towers, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Edith Wilkes, May Williams, Julie Wright and Rene Yates.

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations, He has shown His deliverance. Alleluia!

**Response to the Psalm:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Jesus said: ‘I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.’ Alleluia.

**Preface II of Easter:** p. 561. **Eucharistic Prayer III:**  p. 611. **Mystery of Faith: I**

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in Him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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**FR PAUL CHAVASSE:** On Tuesday Fr Paul will be leaving us to take charge of the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Swynnerton, North Staffordshire. He has been with us for rest and recuperation since November last year. It has been good to have him with us, and we pray for his good health and future happiness.

**BAPTISM:** This afternoon **Harry Lee Cooper** will be baptized, and welcomed as our newest parishioner.

**LATELY DEAD:** Last Monday evening, **Tom Scanlon** of Stourport, died suddenly while playing bowls here at St Ambrose’s. He and his wife were members of our Wednesday Whist Drive. His family have asked that his Funeral should be at St Ambrose’s and it will take place on Tuesday, May 7th at 1.00 pm.

**MARIE FLANAGAN:** a very distinguished Papal Dame and a strong supporter of Catholic Education in the Diocese, and of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage died last week. The parish Priest will be attending her Funeral Mass at Holy Name Church, Great Barr, next Wednesday. Mr Clubley has kindly agreed to rearrange the School Mass for Year 5 – now on Tuesday at 9.15 am.

**COFFEES/TEAS:** Coffees and teas will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass today by the Parent & Toddler Group/Craft Group and next Sunday by the Children’s Liturgy Group

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Monday 29th April 2013 at 10.00 am in the Hall (Montini Room). New members welcome

**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS:** A group of Young Adults will meet on Monday at St George’s, Worcester (7 pm – 9 pm) to meet fellow Catholics and consider matters of Faith. All 18-30 years are welcome to participate.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Next meeting at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 1st May at Our Lady’s, Habberley. New members very welcome.

**GOOD SHEPHERD MASS:** The Parish Priest will accompany a representative group of children from our School who will present the Lenten Alms Collection at St George’s, Worcester during Mass on Thursday at 1.00 pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The next meeting in preparation for First Holy Communion will be in the School Hall on Thursday at 6.30 pm.

**EVENING OF REPARATION FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH:** The Year of Faith Evening of Prayer for May will be held next Thursday at 7.30 pm. We shall think particularly of those who are sick, and everyone who is concerned about sick members of families and friends may find it helpful. We shall begin with a brief reflection, followed by a period of Adoration during which there will be an opportunity to go to Confession. At about 8.30 pm there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, and this will be followed by Intercessory Prayer and the Office of Compline and Benediction. It is hoped that our Additional Ministers of Holy Communion will take the opportunity to reflect on their Ministry during this evening of reflection.

**KIDDERMINSTER TO KENYA:** A fund raiser for **Light of Maasai** will be held at St Ambrose’s School on Friday May 3rd 8 pm – 9 pm. Beverley’s Zumba Gold. Please see notice board for details or [www.lightofmaasai](http://www.lightofmaasai).

**OLD RITE MISSA CANTATA:** There will be a Sung Mass in the Old Rite next Sunday at 3.00 pm here at St Ambrose’s. Everyone welcome.

**ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE:** Fr Lamb has recently received a legacy from Mrs Kathleen Brophy, to use at St Ambrose’s Church for whatever purpose he sees fit. It will be used to ensure the refurbishment of the laneway beside the Church. The paving stones will be reset, damaged ones replaced and the ramp made secure. The work will begin during the week beginning May 6th and this will necessitate the closure of the laneway from the Birmingham Road to the entrance to the Adams Lounge. There will be no access to/from either Church or School via that laneway during the whole week. Entry to the School for everyone will be in Leswell Street, and to the Church through the main entrance. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience but this work is long overdue and is very necessary.

**MAY DEVOTIONS:** During the Sundays in May there will be devotions in honour of Our Lady in both our Kidderminster Churches at 6.30 pm, except on Sunday May 12th when we shall have our May Procession through the grounds of St Ambrose’s. **Mrs Sheila Skitt** has kindly consented to crown the Statue of Our Lady on behalf of the whole Parish at the conclusion of the Procession, and I do hope that this will be a fine act of public witness of our love for Our Lady and our recognition of the honour which is her due.

**COMMUNITY MEETING AT TENBURY:** Members of our Tenbury Community are invited to meet in the Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday May 14th at 7.00 pm to plan a Calendar of Events and discuss any other items associated with our parishioners who worship there.

**FROM BELMONT ABBEY:** This year we are again running a retreat day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. It will provide a chance for them to pause and reflect on their ministry as well as giving them an appreciation of their role in the Church and a deeper insight into what it means to give to another the greatest gift we can give, namely the Eucharist. It will also give an opportunity to spend time in prayer and so be renewed in their commitment to serve God and his Church. This year the day will be led by Dom Simon McGurk, Cathedral Prior of Coventry and Parish Priest of Weobley and Kington. Dom Simon has served in our dependant Monastery of the Incarnation in Peru and as Prior Administrator of St Anselm in Washington and so brings with him a wealth of experience in the right exercise of lay ministry within the Church. As well as reflective input from Dom Simon, the day will also include the celebration of Mass. For lunch, bring sandwiches, tea and coffee are provided. If there is sufficient interest, we may be able to arrange transport. Please indicate on the lists in our Churches by **next weekend.**

**FINANCES:**  **i 200 Club Results:** The February & March draws took place after 5.00 pm Mass at Our Lady &

St Pius X Habberley on Sunday 21st April. Numbers were drawn by Mrs Ellen Lloyd and witnessed by V. Whatmore. **February**: £75 prize – No. 160 – Clare Saich; £30 prize – No. 16 – Paul Morrison; £30 prize – No. 70 – John Keetch. **March:** £75 prize – No. 145 – M. B. Morris; £30 prize – No. 96 – Molly Lamb; £30 prize – No. 176 – J. J. McLaughlin.

**ii** **Friends of the Holy Land:** Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Dinner at La Brasserie. We made a profit of £1150.00. It was a most enjoyable evening and Don McClean the after-dinner speaker was excellent.

**iii** The offertory last week was £947.12 (Loose £598.62; Envelope Scheme £348.50). Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

**iv** Thanks to all who attended the Parish Sunday Lunch last week, which has contributed a further £200.00.

**v** Collection today (deferred from last week) for the Clergy Training Fund.

**BORROMEO HALL/ADAMS LOUNGE:** Available for functions of all kinds: parties, receptions, etc. Please contact Mary Preston (07513 295817) or Margaret Blizard (07742 730680).

**EVERY FRIDAY:** Folk Music in the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists. Free admission 8.00pm – late.

**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY:** For this initiative I am grateful that Brian Taylor has agreed to join Chris Harvey in co-ordinating our response.