

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER

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**BRC DTR Registered as a Charity**

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In Retirement: Revd Dr Peter Mason

**The Baptism of The Lord Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p164 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> January 2006**

**Entrance Antiphon:** When the Lord had been baptised, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on him. Then the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son; with him I am well pleased.

**Response to the Psalm:** With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: 'This is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world'. Alleluia!

**Preface of the Baptism of Our Lord p 162 Eucharistic Prayer I p 566 Memorial Acclamation IV**

**Communion Antiphon:** This is he of whom John said: I have seen and have given witness that this is the Son of God.

## Mass times and intentions for the coming week

### ST AMBROSE'S

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.30 am</b>	Clifton Donald Young RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Funeral: William Haughey RIP
	<b>6.50 pm</b>	Reception and Mass: Fr Fergus O'Connell
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Funeral: Fr Fergus O'Connell RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Funeral: John Toon RIP
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Adoration until 10.00 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Intentions of Peggy Baynton
	<b>7.10 pm</b>	Rosary <b>7.30 pm</b> Umberto Giannini RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	(Latin) Charles and Marie Evans RIP
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	John Weaver RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Kathleen Parry RIP

### OUR LADY'S

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Holy Communion (followed by Prayer Group)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Adoration until 8.30 pm. (Prayers for Vocations)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Adoration until 9.45 am
	<b>10.00 am</b>	John and Mary Hanrahan RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Patrick Keady RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	The People of the Parish

### SACRED HEART

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Intention as appointed by Fr Garrett
<b>Confessions:</b>	<b>St Ambrose's</b>	Saturday 11.45 am – 12.45 pm, 7.15 pm – 7.45 pm and by request
	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Saturday after morning Mass or as announced
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	By request

**Please pray for all in our communities who are sick, especially during the Rosary at St Ambrose's each Friday at 7.10 pm.** Barney Murray, May Claridge, Mary Collins, William Patrick Bannister, Anthony Piechowicz, Jumper Collins, Rosa D'Oriano, Elizabeth Westwood, Sylvia Jay, Marie Woodfine, Tony O'Dowd, Vera Farley, Gene Whitwam, Mary O'Connor, Martin Cahill, John Power, Eric Whittaker, Joan Whittaker, Daniel Cullen, Ada Wall, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Eric Turner, Lilian Insleay, Jean Legierski, Joan and Joe Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Mathilde Bono, Harold Hatton, Bill Nicholl, Mary Jones, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, Jo Collins, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Ann Edwards, Bill Pardoe, Kath Fisher, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thompson, Rita Vaccaro, Aniela Slyszyk, Pat Norris, Peter McQuillan, Sheila Dymow, Kitty Heffernan, Ivan Watton, Lucy Dudzinski, Pat Coffey, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Ann Weavers, Joanna Bonner, Phil Eady, Wyn Concannon, Eamon Dalton and Michael Davies.

### Ministries for the Coming Week:

<b>Church Cleaners:</b>	Team B	<b>Offertory Counters:</b>	Group 4
<b>Altar Servers at St Ambrose's</b>			
<b>Weekday mornings</b>		Jack Bennett, Luke Eaton	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Team B	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Team A	
<b>St Ambrose's</b>		<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Readers</b>
	<b>Saturday 6.30 pm</b>	J Nangle, M Weaver,	H Berry
	<b>Sunday 10.30 am</b>	R Barber, J Kowalik, P Lay, M Roy	N Murrhy
	<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	To be appointed	
<b>Our Lady's</b>			
	<b>Sunday 9.00 am</b>	H Bearne, V Page, B Taylor, L Whatley	J Page, M Hesketh

**PRAYER FOR PARISHES:** O God, the Creator and Giver of all things, bless our Parish in this united endeavour. Strengthen our faith, grant us the spirit of sacrifice so that, with Thy Grace, we may provide for the needs of our Parish, glorify Thee and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Moveable Feasts:** It is traditional to announce the moveable feasts for the coming year at about this time. They are as follows: Ash Wednesday (March 1<sup>st</sup>), Easter Sunday (April 16<sup>th</sup>), Ascension Day (May 25<sup>th</sup>), Pentecost (June 4<sup>th</sup>), Corpus Christi (June 15<sup>th</sup>), First Sunday of Advent (December 3<sup>rd</sup>). In addition, Confirmation (February 22<sup>nd</sup>), First Holy Communion (June 18<sup>th</sup>).

**In Peace:** Please pray for William Haughey, of Nightingale Court, who died shortly before Christmas. He had few relatives, so we would welcome parishioners at his funeral mass on Tuesday at 9.30 am. The body of Fr Fergus O'Connell will be received into the Church on Tuesday at 6.50 pm, and Mass will follow at 7.00 pm. After Mass, please join Fr O'Connell's family for refreshments in the Adams Lounge. The Church will remain open until 10.00 pm (Compline 9.45 pm). The Funeral Mass is on Wednesday at 11.30 am, with concelebrating Bishops and Priests, prior to burial at Oscott College Cemetery. John Toon died at home on Christmas Day, and he will be buried on Thursday, after Requiem Mass at 11.30 am. Antonetta Wiktor died in Worcester Hospital recently. Details of her funeral will be announced when available. Requiescant in Pace.

**Anniversary:** Next Friday is the anniversary of the death in 1900 of Fr Louis Torond (Parish Priest 1877 – 1883). RIP

**Coffee and Teas:** Provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30 am Mass today by CAFOD/Parent & Toddler Group and next Sunday by the UCM.

**Austerity Lunch:** The lunch in support of Christian Aid will be at St Barnabas Church Hall, Franche, today from 12.30 pm. A good opportunity to join with our fellow Christians in the town.

**Parish Pantomime:** 'Cinderella' – Saturday, 4 February 7.45 pm. Rehearsal at 2.30 pm today (Sunday) in the Borromeo Hall, and at 7.30 pm on Wednesday at 47 The Foxholes. Please try to be at one if not both rehearsals.

**Music for Middlebrows:** Our music appreciation group meets this evening in the Borromeo Hall to hear recordings of favourite male artists, chosen by participants. Everyone welcome for enjoyable music in good company.

**Union of Catholic Mothers:** meets on Monday at 8.15 pm in the Montini Room. New ladies will be made most welcome.

**It's the Mass that Matters**The proposed meeting on Tuesday, to study the Eucharistic Prayers, is postponed because of Fr O'Connell's funeral arrangements. We meet again at Our Lady's on 17 January.

**Property Matters:** Surveys have been carried out on both our Kidderminster Churches, and an informal survey at Tenbury. Reports have been received and, thankfully, no major problems have been discovered. Some maintenance work will be needed on all our buildings, and will be undertaken in the near future. I am very grateful to the Finance Committee for their advice in these matters.

**Sacristy Refurbishment:** As we reported before Christmas, VLM Carpentry will undertake the refurbishment of the Sacristy at St Ambrose's, together with decoration by Rob Howley, and electrical work by Trevor Thorpe. After Mass next Friday evening the Parish Priest will join John Cook and Vaughan Linden-Montrose for a site meeting. We hope work will begin during February.

**Friendship Club:** Meets on Wednesday, 18 January. Contact Marie Hesketh on K 748474.

**Peter Pan:** The coaches will leave St Pius X at 6.00 pm and St Ambrose's at 6.15 pm on Friday, 20 January for the Hippodrome in Birmingham. The coach fare will be £4.00.

**Parish Rambling Group:** Meet on Sunday, 22 January at 12.45 at the Dodford Inn, Dodford, nr Bromsgrove for lunch followed by a short stroll. Maps available from the back of Church.

**Bernard Hopkins Crib Memorial:** Sunday, 22 January in the Adams Lounge at 8.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

**Catholic Men's Society:** The Kidderminster Branch AGM will take place on Wednesday, 1 February at 7.30 pm in the Rectory. The meeting will be an open forum to discuss the Plan Events and dates for 2006. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

**Alton Castle:** The Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre at Alton Castle is to appoint a Centre Manager. Please see the noticeboard for details.

#### **Finances:**

i 2006 White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society opposes laws and public policies which violate innocent human life such as abortion, euthanasia and research on human embryos. SPUC's educational work also helps promote the pro-life message in schools and colleges across Britain and Northern Ireland. Please give generously to this very worth cause.

ii 200 Club Winners: the Christmas Draw winners are as follows:

First Prize £800:	No 102 Mrs F E Morris
Second Prize £100 each	No 194 Mr J Cook
	No 121 Mrs G Pardoe
	No 70 Mrs D Hughes
Third Prize £50 each	No 119 Mr J Page
	No 177 Mr D Modley
December winners are:	No 3 Mr T Ashcroft
	No 60 Mr A Gray

iii Thank you for last week's Offertory of £637.14. (Envelope scheme £194.20, Loose £442.94)

iv Donations for CAFOD were £19.72.