

# **THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER**

ST. AMBROSE'S, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, (01562 822839)

OUR LADY & ST PIUS, Canterbury Road, Habberley (01562 748474)

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

B.R.C.D.T.R. Registered as a Charity

Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Revds Thomas Ashcroft, Peter Hesketh & In Retirement Dr Peter Mason (Deacons)

(Fr Philip Garrett; Resident in Tenbury Wells)

Passion Sunday Year B Psalter Week 2 Pope John Sunday Missal page 269 Weekend 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April 2006

**Entrance Antiphon:** Six days before the solemn Passover the Lord came to Jerusalem, and children waving palm branches ran out to welcome him. They loudly praised the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are you who have come to us so rich in love and mercy.

**Response to the Psalm:** My God, My God, why have you forsaken me..

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a Cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ king of eternal glory.

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**Memorial Acclamation :** III

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, if this cup may not pass, but I must drink it, then your will be done.

**Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week:**

## **St. Ambrose's**

**MON:** 9.00am Dave Harris RIP

**TUES:** 7.30am Kitty Heffernan RIP

**WED:** 9.00am Brigina Douglas RIP

**THURS:** 7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper (Les Colloins Anniv) Watching of the Altar of Repose until Midnight (Compline 11.45pm)

**FRI:** 10.30am Procession of Witness 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion 7.30pm An evening Oratory.

**SAT:** 8.30pm The EASTER VIGIL (Mass of the People of the Parish).

**SUN:** 10.30am Norman Smith-Shaw RIP

## **Our Lady's**

**MON:** 7.30pm Intentions of Pat Norris

**SUN:** 9.00am Tony Scully RIP

## **Sacred Heart:**

**SUN:** 10.30am Intentions as appointed by Fr Garrett.

## **CONFESSIONS:**

**ST AMBROSE'S:** }

**OUR LADY'S:** } At anytime during the week, by request

**SACRED HEART:** By request

Please pray for all in our communities who are sick, especially during the Rosary at St Ambrose's each Friday at 7.10p. 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, Bill Nicholl, Mary Jones, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, Jo Collins, May Hempsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Anne Edwards, Bill Pardoe, Aniela Slyszyk, Pat Norris, Peter McQuillan, Sheila Dymow, Ivan Watton Lucy Dudzinski, Pat Coffey, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Ann Weavers, Phil Eady, Eamon Dalton, Sheila Milulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vaccaro, Mary Cull, Yvonne Choyce, Jim Valentine, John Rogers, Amelia Gissyng Kathleen Whatley, Margaret Grimley and James Lloyd.

## **MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**CHURCH CLEANERS; TEAM C**

**ALTAR SERVERS** at St Ambrose's

Weekday Mornings: Alex Halford, Jack Bennett  
Separate lists for TRIDUUM

Sunday 10.30am: Team B

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

See separate lists for TRIDUUM

Sunday 10.30am: C Geraghty, R Grealy, C Kneuss, P Lay

Children's Liturgy: To be appointed

## **Our Lady's**

Sunday 9.00am: H Bearne, F Collins, A McDermott, B Taylor

**OFFERTORY COUNTERS: GROUP**

## **READER**

P Male

B Gavan, 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.**

**RIGHT TO LIFE** The Bishops of England & Wales, together with all the Christian Churches, the Jewish Community the Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus & Buddhists are united in opposition to the Lord Joffe Bill to legalise assisted suicide. Letters, pamphlets & other materials are being distributed at all Masses this weekend and I do urge everyone to respond by writing to members of the House of Lords & urge them to oppose the Bill, due for a Second Reading on 12<sup>th</sup> May. It does appear that the Government is giving tacit support to this disgraceful attack upon the dignity of human life. Please let all of us act without delay against this threat to life.

**ETERNAL REST** Please pray for ANNA WALKER, who was buried on Thursday after Funeral Mass at St Ambrose's. She was in her late forties. Also, our prayers and sympathy to John Nangle, on the tragic death of his brother, Patrick Joseph Nangle. May they rest in peace.

**COFFEE/TEAS** will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30am Mass today by FOSAS and on Easter Sunday by the Children's Liturgy Group.

**PARISH PASSOVER SUPPER** takes place this Wednesday at 7pm in the Borromeo Hall. Anyone who has signed the list but cannot now attend please contact Danuta Duncombe on K. 746748 so that correct numbers are catered for.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** The times of Holy Week Services (the Triduum) are as follows

Holy Thursday	7.30pm	The Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday	10.30am	Procession of Witness from Baxter Church Service at the Town Hall
	3.00pm	The Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion
	7.30p.m	United Service of all Christian Churches (St Ambrose's)
Holy Saturday	8.30p.m	The Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY** you are all invited to come to our Easter Bonnet Parade after 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Do join in the fun & bring your bonnet! There will be a children's Easter Egg Hunt if weather permits.

**EASTER MONDAY MEN'S COMMUNION** As usual, the Catholic Men's Society is promoting a Mass of Witness at St Chad's Cathedral on Easter Monday at 9.00am. Bishop Philip Pargeter will preside and preach. We are usually well represented by men & Altar Servers. Please meet at St Ambrose's at 8.00am for prompt departure. Transport is usually available. Ring Rectory for details.

**POPE BENEDICT XVI** the first anniversary of the election of Pope Benedict is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. There will be an evening Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.30pm followed by a shared supper of celebrations in the Adams Lounge.

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN** there is to be a dinner in the Borromeo Hall on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Her Majesty, the Queen. The Parish Priest is providing the wine, and a parishioner has kindly offered Champagne for the toast. Please sign the lists at the back of our Churches, to help with catering. The dinner will be preceded by Mass at 7.30pm.

**PARISH RAMBLE** 23<sup>rd</sup> April (due to the 3<sup>rd</sup> being Easter Sunday) approx. 3 miles, starting in Ombersley at 2.00pm. Park at the rear of the King's Arm's car park in the centre of the village. Any queries call K. 748511

**NEW LIFE TOGETHER** for their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year they are performing an anthology from previous presentations entitled 'Chords of Love' on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6l.30pm in St Ambrose's Church. All are welcome. See notice board.

**MUSIC FOR THE MIDDLEBROWS** it has become necessary to postpone the next planned evening of music, scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The new date will be published as soon as possible.

**THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB** meets on 26<sup>th</sup> April. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh on K. 748474.

**FRIENDS OF HAGLEY R.C. HIGH SCHOOL** present a Pamper evening by the Body Shop at Home on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm-10.00pm in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Room. Tickets £3 to include wine/soft drinks available by phoning 01384 828424. Proceeds towards a new Mini Bus. Please support this project.

**A GOLDEN TREASURY OF PIANO DUETS** in the Parish Centre on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Professional pianist will entertain for the evening. This event is subsidised by the local arts council so please keep the date free. Tickets available from Christine Hopkins after Mass on 01562 630479. £5.00 adults £2.50 children.

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** the Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham promoted by the Catholic Men's Society, takes place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. If sufficient parishioners would like to join the pilgrimage it is hoped to run a coach from Kidderminster. The pilgrimage is available to all parishioners. Would all who wish to go please put their names on the lists at the back of Church. A small deposit of £5 will be required by mid April to secure a place.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the Word (St Ambrose's)** Will all leaders try to attend a meeting in the Parish Hall after 10.30Mass on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**THE TABLET (The International Catholic Weekly)** this is the fourth and final week of the promotion when FREE copies of The Tablet will be available at the back of both Churches after all Masses. Details of how it will be possible to order a regular copy will be published on the Sunday after Easter.

**FINANCES;**

- i Thank you for the Offering last week of £728.14 (Loose £527.24; Envelope Scheme £200.90)
- ii Donations to CAFOD were £25.10
- iii On Good Friday, we have a collection for the Holy Places.
- iv The Collection next week-end is the traditional Easter Offering to the Clergy.
- v 200 Club Congratulations to this month's winners. John Parker (No. 122) and Jo Walker (No. 154)

**SOME STATISTICS:** A count was taken at all Masses in the last four weekends. The findings are as follows:

St Ambrose's 6.30pm.	The average attendance was 168	}	overall average 177
10,30am	The average attendance was 186		
Our Lady's 9.00am	The average attendance was 101		

A further count will be taken at the Masses during May.