

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER
ST AMBROSE'S Birmingham Road Kidderminster DY10 2BY (01562 822839)
OUR LADY & ST PIUS Canterbury Road Habberley (01562 748474)
SACRED HEART & OUR LADY Berrington Road Tenbury Wells
 BRC DTR Registered as a Charity
 Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Fr Derek Edwards, Revd Peter Hesketh
 In Retirement: Revd Dr Peter Mason, Revd Thomas Ashcroft

Fifth Sunday in Lent Year C Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p 210 8th/9th March 2008

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.

Response to the Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Gospel acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Preface: of the fifth Sunday, p214 **Eucharistic Prayer, Memorial Acclamation:** as appointed by the Celebrant.

Communion Antiphon: He who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, said the Lord.

Feast Days this Week: **Sat:** Solemnity of St Joseph

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon	8.30 am	John Kerrigan (Anniversary)	
Tues	7.30 am	Francis Bohan RIP	9.15 am Ann Dalton RIP
Wed	7.30 am	Deceased of the Cruise family	8.30 am Norah Harris RIP
	10.30 am	Funeral: Peter Bennett RIP	
Thurs	8.30 am	Intentions of Peter and Clare Conway	7.30 pm Penance Service
Fri	7.10 pm	Rosary	7.30 pm Tom Healey (Anniversary)
Sat	12 noon	Intentions of Christine Hopkins	
	5.45 pm	Waclaw Gissyng RIP	
Sun	9.30 am	Clifford Patrick Ward RIP	

Our Lady's

Mon	7.30 pm	The Holy Souls	
Fri	9.30 – 10.15 am	Adoration	10.30 am Bill McGirr RIP
Sun	5.00 pm	Agnes Sidebottom RIP	6.30 pm The Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart

Sun **11.30 am** The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS:

St Ambrose's: 11.45 am – 12.45 pm, 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm and by request

Our Lady's: Saturday after morning Mass or as announced

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

7.10 pm: Mary Collins, William Patrick Bannister, Anthony Piechowicz, Jumper Collins, Elizabeth Westwood, Sylvia Jay, Marie Woodfine, Tony O'Dowd, Vera Farley, Gene Whitwam, Martin Cahill, Eric Whittaker, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Lillian Inasley, Jean Legierski, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Bill Nicholl, Mary Jones, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vaccaro, Pat Norris, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley, Jean McHugh, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean, Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Helen Drew, Simon Sadler, Con Griffin, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Nora Collins, Jennifer Bush, Anthony Georgieff, Joan Wareham, Steven Mitchell, Linda Button, Ellen Patton, Fernanda Maffei, Gertraud and Dominik Chrzan, Kathleen Mellso, Shirley Hale, Francesca Marciante, Pat Quinn, Frank Kane, Connie Maund, Fr David Higham, John Freeman, Eileen Postans, Joan Bone, Baby Holly, Janet Richards, Phil Eady, Joni Dunlea and Jim McHugh.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Church Cleaners: Team B **Offertory Counters:** Group 5 **Children's Liturgy:** to be appointed

Altar Servers:

Weekday mornings: Dylan Aresu and James Bennison

Sat 5.45 pm: Dylan Aresu, Guiseppe Cosenza, Ethan Davies, Aiden Jimenez, George Phillips, George Preston

Sun 9.30 am: Senior Servers, James Bennison, Reginald Greatbatch, Elliott & Harvey Kensall, Giorgio & Santino Scrocca

Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

Sat 5.45 pm A Harris, R Quinn M Weaver

Sun 9.30 am D Duncombe, B Galvin, A Hunt, J Villa L Harler

Our Lady's

Sun 5.00 pm M Bowdler, P Bowdler, V Page, J Scully C Villa, K Nicholls

Parish Prayer: 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.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for Wladyslaw Zachara, who lived in Barnetts Close, and who died last weekend. His cremation was in Stourbridge on Friday. The Funeral Mass for Peter Barnett, whose death was announced last week, will be on Wednesday, prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. We pray, also, for Bishop Kevin Dunn, a former priest of this Diocese, who was Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle since 2004. He died last weekend at the untimely age of 57 years. The Brothers of the Catholic Men's Society mourn the death of one of their most distinguished members, Brendan Walsh (of St Mary's Parish, Harborne). May they all rest in peace.

Anniversary: Tuesday is the anniversary of the death in 2005 of Fr Christopher Thornton (Our Lady's 1983–1988). Requiescat.

Catechumens/Candidates: Today is the Third Scrutiny Mass in which we pray for Cheryl Manley and Kate Oxenham, who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil; and, together with Andrew Evans and Lisa Walker, they will receive the Easter Sacraments in Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

Coffees/Teas: Provided in the Adams Lounge after 9:30 am Mass today by the Parents & Toddlers Group, and next Sunday by FOSAS.

Austerity Lunch: There will be a lunch in support of Christian Aid today from 12:30 pm at St Barnabas's Church, Franche.

Stations of the Cross: At Our Lady's this evening at 6.30 pm. Adam Nicholls will lead the Stations of the Cross.

Kidderminster Deanery: The Clergy of the Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at St Peter's, Bromsgrove.

Called to be Saints: The final gathering of this session will, appropriately, consider our Patron, St Ambrose. We meet in Church at 7.45 pm on Tuesday, and our meeting ends with Night Prayer.

Friendship Club: Meets at Habberley on Wednesday, 12 March. For catering numbers 'phone M Hesketh on K 748474.

Faith Schools: The Catholic Men's Society will discuss this topic at the next meeting. This will be held at Our Lady and St Pius X on Wednesday, 12 March at 7:30 pm. This topic is highly relevant in today's society. The meetings are open to all men of the Parish who would like to come and join us for an evening.

Whist Drive: In the Adams Lounge on Wednesday, 26 March at 2:00 pm. Unfortunately, the Adams Lounge is not available until then. Bingo continues as usual each Tuesday and Saturday in the Adams Lounge at 8:00 pm.

Service of Penance: The Service of Penance for Lent in our Parish will be in St Ambrose's next Thursday at 7:30 pm, with visiting priests available for individual Confessions. This is the best possible preparation for the wonderful Services of Holy Week and Easter.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: Next meeting Friday, 14 March at 8 pm in the Rectory. New members welcome.

St Patrick's Night: This will be celebrated on Friday, 14 March (7:30 pm – late) in the Adams Lounge, and will be hosted by Martin and Liz as usual, although dancing will be limited. Alternative entertainment has been arranged and will prove to be as enjoyable as in previous years.

St Joseph's Day: Saturday, 15 March. Mass will be at 12 noon, followed by lunch in the Adams Lounge to celebrate this important saint's day. Please sign lists at the back of both Churches. Cost £3.50 (three-course meal). All welcome.

Parish Ramble: Sunday, 16 March, 12:30 pm. Meet at Ribbesford Church. Walk approximately two hours ... could be muddy. Any queries 'phone Bernard Page on K637456.

Passover: The Passover Supper is being held in the Adams Lounge on 19 March at 7:00 pm. There are still a few places left and tickets are available from UCM Members after each of the Sunday Masses. We respectfully request that a donation towards the cost of the food is made when taking a ticket. All surplus money donated towards Parish needs.

Services for Holy Week:

Holy Thursday (20 March)	Mass of the Last Supper	7:30 pm
Good Friday (21 March).	Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion	3:00 pm
Holy Saturday (22 March)	The Easter Vigil	8:30 pm

Ecumenical Services for Good Friday: The Walk of Witness will begin at Baxter Church at 10:30 am; and the Evening United Service will also be at Baxter Church at 7:30 pm.

Crystal Rose: Friday, 28 March. An evening of entertainment with this ever-popular lady singer. Once again, we will invite donations for the evening.

25th Anniversary of St Ambrose's Pre-School Playgroup: On 25 April 1983 St Ambrose's Playgroup opened its doors to its first intake of pre-school children following a year of planning and training by its initiators and first supervisors, Betty Martin and Chris Vass. Since then the Playgroup has seen many changes, and has evolved into the Pre-School, which has recently been given an outstanding Ofstead report. Betty and Chris are keen to organise a celebration/reunion to mark this date, on Saturday, 26 April. We should like to hear from anyone at all connected with the Playgroup/Pre-School over the past 25 years, and ask you to contact either Betty (K745051) or Chris (K630949)/email: chris.vass@blueyonder.co.uk.. More details nearer the time.

Finances:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £1,081.76 (envelope scheme £331, loose £750.76).
- ii. Donations to CAFOD were £18.38
- iii. Collection today for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral.
- iv. We acknowledge with gratitude two further donations to the Parish, one of which was made by a person who visited the Parish on the day of the financial appeal. The Parish Priest is particularly grateful for the very positive response, and for the continued generosity of our parishioners.

Stop Press: The copies of 'Mere Catholicism' by Fr Ian Ker are now available and should be collected at the Church from which they were ordered. £10.50 per copy, please. Cheques payable to 'The Parish of St Ambrose'.