

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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In Retirement: Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Dr Peter Mason.

In preparation: Charles Duncombe, Adam Nicholls.

**The Solemnity of the Ascension Psalter Week 3 Pope John Sunday Missal p.459. Week ending May 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Next Sunday is Pentecost Day**

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

**ST. AMBROSE'S**

Monday	7.30 a.m.	Maria May Carolan RIP	
Tuesday	8.30 a.m.	Anthony Cleary RIP	
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.	Intentions of Dr Peter Mason	
Thursday	8.30 a.m.	Intentions of Peter Conway	1.30 p.m. Funeral: Thomas Price RIP
	7.30 p.m.	Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45 p.m.)	
Friday	1.30 p.m.	Funeral: Joan Bone RIP	
	7.10 p.m.	Rosary	7.30 p.m. Margaret George RIP
Saturday	9.00 a.m.	(Old Rite) Bernard Donigan RIP	5.45 p.m. In Thanksgiving (Nicholls)
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Alfonso Salsano RIP	6.30 p.m. May Devotions

**OUR LADY'S**

Monday	7.30 p.m.	HOLY COMMUNION	
Friday	9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Adoration	10.00 a.m. Evelyn Stubbins RIP
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Gerry McGarry RIP	
Sunday	5.00 p.m.	Connie Maund RIP	6.30 p.m. May Devotions

**SACRED HEART**

Friday	3.30 p.m.	Rosary Devotions
Sunday	11.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish

<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>	<b>St Ambrose's</b> :	Saturday: 11.45am-12.45pm 6.30pm-7.00pm and by request.
	<b>Our Lady's</b> :	Saturday: after Mass.
	<b>Sacred Heart</b> :	By request.

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Altar Servers for morning Mass:** Cameron Smart, Edward Heywood

	<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>	<b><u>Readers</u></b>
St Ambrose's	Saturday 5.45 pm: E Fox, T Webb	H Berry
	Sunday 9.30 am: M Cleary, M Roy, M Holmes, A Hunt	L Harler
Our Lady's	Sunday 5.00 pm: H Bearne, J Gavan, V Page, P Standing	O DaCosta, M Hesketh
Sacred Heart	Sunday 11.30 am: N Taylor	Trina Cole

**Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's):** Team D

**Offertory Counters:** Group 7

**Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:**

Dorothy Atwell, Christopher Aylott, William Patrick Bannister, Peggy Baynton, Frank Bourke, Dorothy Breese, Linda Button, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Kitty Cooper, Mary Cull, Eamonn Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Muriel Godsell, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Veronica Jones, Julie Joyner, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Jean Legierski, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda & Michael Maffei, Natalina Maffei, Giuseppe Marciante Kathleen Mellisop, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Margaret Norris, Pa Norris, Bill O'Donnell, Bill Pardoe, Eileen Postans, Janet Richards, Gianconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keitl Southall, Laurence Speers, Marie Stokes, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey, Assunta Vaccaro, Patricia Virr, Joe & Joan Whitfield, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, and May Williams.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.

**Response to the Psalm:** God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

**Preface of Ascension I:** p. 401. **Eucharistic Prayer I:** p. 566. **Memorial Acclamation: IV.**

**Communion Antiphon:** I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.

**ASCENSIONTIDE BAPTISMS:** This afternoon, two families will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish – **Aston Joseph Mol-Farmer**, and **Erin Ava Mahoney**. We congratulate these families, and welcome the children who are to be baptised.

**ASCENSIONTIDE PASSING:** Please pray for **Thomas Price**, formerly of Low Habberley, who died on May 5<sup>th</sup>; and for **Joan Bone**, who has lived and worked in our Parish all her life. She died at home last Saturday. May they rest in peace.

**COFFEES AND TEAS:** will be provided in the Borrromeo hall after 9.30 am Mass today by the Children's Liturgy Group and next Sunday by the Choir.

**'PHARISEE':** The final presentation by New Life Together is at **St George's Church**, Birmingham Road at **6.30pm** this evening (Sunday).

**MAY DEVOTIONS:** This traditional Devotion will be in both our Kidderminster Churches on the Sunday evenings in May at 6.30pm.

**WHIST DRIVE/BINGO:** All are welcome to join our whist players every Wednesday in the Borrromeo Hall at 2.00pm. Experience is not necessary. A reminder also of Bingo in the Adams Lounge on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8.00pm.

**AMBROSIAN GROUP:** Please note that the Group will meet for their shared lunch in St Ambrose's Parish Hall on Thursday from 11.45am. Everyone welcome. Good food and even better company!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Thanks to all our parishioners who have agreed to pray for the children and the families who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time this year. The next meetings are on successive Thursdays, May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup> in the School Hall at 6.30pm.

**REPARATION:** Please help to atone for the sins against children and other vulnerable people by praying before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday at Our Lady's: 9.00 - 9.45am, Mass 10.00am; St Ambrose's: 6.00 - 7.10pm, Mass 7.30pm; or by joining in the Rosary Devotions in Tenbury at 3.30 pm.

**FAGGOT & PEAS SUPPER (Dr Peter Mason's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday):** A faggots and peas supper will be held in the Borrromeo Hall on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 7.45pm to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dr Peter Mason. Please sign lists at the back of our Churches and a contribution of £3 is requested to cover expenses. The Adams Lounge will, of course, be available for drinks.

**THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** meets again on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh K. 748474.

**YEAR FOR PRIESTHOOD:** This week, please pray for these Priests of our Diocese:

**Mon: Fr Joseph Wairagn**, on the staff of St Elizabeth's in Coventry.

**Tue: Fr Richard Walker**, the Vice-Rector of Oscott College.

**Wed: Fr Brian Wall**, Parish Priest of St Maria Goretti, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

**Thur: Fr John Walsh**, a Beda contemporary of Fr Lamb, now Parish Priest of Pershore.

**Fri: Fr Thomas Walton**, at St Francis of Assisi in Sheffield.

**Sat: Fr James Ward**, at present on sick leave, from the Parish in Kingswinford.

**Sun: Mgr Paul Watson**, Director of the Maryvale Institute.

**THE GARDEN PARTY:** As part of the **Year for Priesthood**, I have been asked to host a rather stylish Garden Party in the Rectory Garden on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. I hope to be joined by Fr Bruce Dutson from Halesowen, and Fr Jan Gora, our Polish Chaplain. We hope to start at 4.00pm with High Tea and Pimms being served; there will be some garden stalls and raffles and an **Ascot Race Evening** will commence at 6.30pm for those who fancy a flutter. The evening will end in typical fashion with **Last Night Of The Proms**. I am grateful for the opportunity to open our house and garden to those who would like to celebrate the **Year For Priesthood** in a relaxed and sociable way with fellow parishioners. Donations of raffle prizes will be welcomed, and ladies attending are invited to wear outlandish hats. Thanks to those who have inspired this idea which I hope will be a happy occasion for all of us.

**MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT:** This will take place on Saturday/Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> June. Places are limited but if you are interested, please contact Peter Young (K. 750529) or Ray Barber (K. 630740).

**EVESHAM PILGRIMAGE:** The Pilgrimage this year will be on 12<sup>th</sup> June and will be led by the Abbot of Downside. Please see notice board for details.

**VISIT TO OSCOTT COLLEGE:** On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, the Parish has kindly been invited to visit St Mary's College, Oscott to see the museum and take part in evening prayer before returning home. The numbers are restricted to 50, so booking is a must and on a first come first served basis. If you are interested, please sign the list at the back of church. Further details will be announced in the near future.

**FINANCES:**

- i Next week, in all the Parishes of England & Wales, there will be a Collection to contribute towards the forthcoming visit of His Holiness, Pope Benedict. This will be very significant for our Archdiocese because one of the main reasons for the Pope's visit is the Beatification of Cardinal Newman, within this Diocese. Next week there will be a letter from Cardinal O'Brien and Archbishop Nichols, together with gift aid envelopes and prayer cards. We are asked to be as generous as possible in preparation for this historic occasion.

- ii A Collection today for the work of the Church in the media.

- iii Thank you for the collection last week of £1017.23 (Loose £702.23, Envelope Scheme £315).

- iv The winners of the prizes for the April Draw 2010 were Teresa Hunt (No 82) and Sheila Wareham (No 158).

Congratulations. It is not too late to take out membership.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Today there is a Mass of Thanksgiving in Tenbury to mark the Golden Wedding Anniversary of **Liz and Norman Taylor**, who have been dedicated parishioners in Tenbury for many years, and who pioneered the Maryvale Catechetical Programme in the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Republic of Cameroon, Africa, which is still supported by our Tenbury Community. We hope that Liz and Norman have many happy years ahead.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR THE POPE'S VISIT:** God of truth and love, your son, Jesus Christ, stands as the light to all who seek you with a sincere heart. As we strive with your grace to be faithful in word and deed, may we reflect the kindly light of Christ and offer a witness of hope and peace to all. We pray for Pope Benedict and look forward with joy to his forthcoming visit to our countries. May he be a witness to the unity and hope which is your will for all people. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Church, *pray for us.*

St Andrew, *pray for us.*

St George, *pray for us.*

St David, *pray for us.*