

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY Berrington Road Tenbury Wells
Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Revd. Peter Hesketh

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Ninth Sunday of Year A Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p. 639 Weekend: 5th/6th March 2011

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Mon: SS Perpetua and Felicity Wed: ASH WEDNESDAY – Day of Fasting and Abstinence

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7.30 am In Thanksgiving (Weaver)
Tues: 8.30 am Arthur Holdstock RIP
Wed: 10.00 am Liam Doherty RIP
Thurs: 11.30 am Grace Shipton RIP 7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Fri: 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm HOLY COMMUNION
Sat: 9.00 am (OLD RITE) Anna Kosciukiewicz 5.45 pm Gwynneth Broad RIP Sun: 9.30 am Intentions of George Watkins 6.30 pm The Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's

Mon: 7.30 pm HOLY COMMUNION
Wed: 7.30 pm Bernadette Redmond RIP
Fri: 9.00 – 9.45 am Adoration 10.00 am Andrew Mulligan RIP
Sat: 10.15 am Des McCullagh RIP
Sun: 5.00 pm The Intentions of James & Theresa Fahy 6.30 pm The Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart

Wed. 11.30 am Fr Derek Edwards RIP
Fri. 4.00 pm The Stations of the Cross
Sun: 11.30 am The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS

St Ambrose's: Saturday: 11.45 am – 12.15 pm; 6.30 – 7.00 pm and by request
Our Lady's: Saturday after Mass
Sacred Heart: By request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Altar Servers for Morning Mass: Ben Fox, Thomas Smith

Church Cleaners: Team D

Offertory Counters: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat. 5.45 pm C Ellwood T Webb
Sun. 9.30 am B Galvin, C Harler, D Holdstock, M Holmes

Readers

To be advised
P Young

Our Lady's

Sun. 5.00 pm M Bowdler, P Bowdler, J Da Costa, P Standing

K Nicholls, P Motteram

Sacred Heart

Sun. 11.30 am T Cole

B Mountain

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, Albert Barr, Peggy Baynton, Harry Berry, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Peggy Burke, Linda Button, Stephen Coates, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Mary Cull, Eamonn Dalton, Thomas Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Michelle Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Maura Furlong, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, George Humble, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Lee Mound, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Fedele Perri, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Pat Redmond, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Gianconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Lawrence Speers, Marie Stokes, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey, Assunta Vaccaro, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, Edith Wilkes and May Williams.

Entrance Antiphon: *O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone. See my hardship and my poverty, and pardon all my sins.*

Response to the Psalm: *Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*

Preface: *of Sundays VII p. 564* **Eucharistic Prayer:** *I p. 566* **Memorial Acclamation:** *IV*

Communion Antiphon: *I call upon you God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and hear my prayer.*

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no 234216

Ubi Caritas: Parishioners will be pleased to know that the Archbishop has agreed to make the Diocesan Award, **Ubi Caritas to Elizabeth and Norman Taylor** of our Tenbury Community, This is in recognition of their many years of service to the Church in Tenbury and for the exceptional success of their pioneering Catechetical work in the Archdiocese of Bamenda in the Cameroon Republic. The Award will be presented during Mass in St Chad's Cathedral on Wednesday, June 22nd at 7 pm. We shall run a coach to the Mass and we shall have our usual party in the Adams Lounge on our return from Birmingham. Further details to follow.

An enquiry: We have been asked to help an enquirer to discover the whereabouts of **Elizabeth Coyle (née Oakley)** who is believed to be a parishioner living in Cookley. Any help, please notify the Parish Priest.

Tenbury: We had a very useful meeting at Tenbury (attended by many parishioners) at which some future dates were set and some discussion about the building we have in Tenbury, and how it might be used more efficiently. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart will be on Friday 1st July with Mass in Tenbury at 7 pm followed by supper at Currall Hall by kind invitation of Patrick & Annie Holcroft. There will be a lunch party on Sunday September 11th (after morning Mass) and the Harvest Mass/Supper/Auction will be on Friday October 7th.

Baptisms: Today we have the last Baptisms before Easter – **Gianni Broscritto, Cavan Eddery and Fabian Hewston Parker** will be baptised by Revd. Peter Hesketh. Congratulations and welcome.

Prayers: Please remember one of our families who, last weekend, faced the sadness of the death of their child some months before the due date of birth.

Deceased parishioners: **Thomas Lee** of Arch Hill Court, died in Hospital last week, a few minutes after receiving the Apostolic Blessing. His funeral is at Stourbridge Crematorium next Friday. The Revd Peter Hesketh will officiate at the Funeral of **William Coleman** of Pineridge Drive. This will be at Stourbridge on Monday. May they rest in peace.

Anniversary: Next Friday is the Anniversary of the death in 2005 of **Fr Christopher Thornton** (Our Lady's 1983-1988).

Coffees and Teas: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am today by the Choir and next Sunday by the Ambrosians.

Cake Sale: The UCM is holding a cake sale today after 9.30 am Mass, the proceeds of which are in aid of their project for 2011 which is Sight Concern (supporting local blind).

Missa Cantata: There will be a Sung Mass in the Old Rite at St Mary's, Harvington today at 3 pm.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Monday 7th March at 2 pm. New members welcome.

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race: 8th March 10 am – 12 Kidderminster Town Centre: just bring a frying pan. The races start in Worcester St and end outside Town Hall as follows: 10 am Mums & Toddlers; 10.20 Ladies, 10.40 Gentleman 11.00 Over 60s, 11.15 Relays (teams of 3). Entry fee £1. Mayor of Kidderminster is taking part. The event is organised by Trinity Methodist church towards the restoration appeal. Please contact Ann 01299 404226 or Paul K. 824450 if you wish to take part to give an idea of expected numbers. Coffee and pancakes also in the Corn Exchange.

Faith Journey: We resume on Tuesday at 7.45 pm in the Montini Room to hear about the Teaching Church and to discuss some disputed and difficult questions. As is traditional, we shall end this meeting with pancakes, courtesy of Jennifer Bush.

Ash Wednesday: Ashes will be blessed and imposed at all Masses on Wednesday, the first day of Lent, a day of fasting and abstinence. Please try to begin Lent by attending Mass, and by resolving to be as fervent as possible in the days of preparation for Easter.

Novena to St Joseph: 10 – 18th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Each year the Mill Hill Community prepares for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary work of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena booklet to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr Denis Treacy, Mill Hill Missionaries, PO Box 3608, Maidenhead SL6 7UX or email novena@millhillmissionaries.com.

Irish Night Party: Get ready for St Patrick's Day- Friday 11th March. Hosted by the very popular Martin Stooke; everyone welcome to come and enjoy Riverdance, music, dancing, Irish coffee. Tickets £4 (to include light refreshments) available this week.

Rite of Election: This is an important moment in the preparation of those who are to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil. Our candidates will be attending St Chad's Cathedral next Saturday at 2 pm to meet and pray with the Archbishop.

Please pray for **Dean Coombes, Lian Gualano, Sarah & Shiraz Hempstock, Jade & James McNabb, Susan Meekings, Joseph Moran, Christine Neale, Katherine O'Sullivan, Clive Smith-Shaw and Joanne Tarnowski.**

Stations of the Cross: This beautiful Lent devotion will be in both our Kidderminster Churches on the Sunday evenings of Lent at 6.30 pm; and on the Fridays of Lent at 4 pm in the Sacred Heart, Tenbury.

Kidderminster Operatic and Dramatic Society : Crazy for You is being performed at the Rose Theatre by Kidderminster Operatic and Dramatic Society –10 – 19 March 7.30pm with a matinee at 2.30pm March 19th. Tickets £10.00 Mon-Fri; £8.00 Sat matinee; £12.00 Sat evening. Box Office: K 743745 or book online at www.rosetheatre.co.uk.

Lent Groups:

Church	Venue	Time	Start date	Leader
St Ambrose's	69 Baldwin Road	Wed 2 – 3.30 pm	16 th March	Tess & Peter Grantham
Foley Park Methodist	Foley Park Methodist Church	Tues. 7.30 pm	15 th March	Church members
Broadwaters LEP	Broadwaters Methodist Church	Tues. 7.30 pm	15 th March	Revd Rose Lawley
Kidderminster West Team	Vicarage, 9 Sutton Park Road	Wed. 7.30 pm	16 th March	Revd Dave George
Kidderminster West Team	Vicarage, 33 Lea Bank Avenue	Thurs. 1.30 pm	17 th March	Revd Derek Arnold
St Mary's	7 Kings Road, DY11 6YU	Wed. 2.30 - 4 pm	16 th March	Canon Owain Bell, Sue Bullock
St Barnabas, Franche	Vicarage, 50 Nursery Grove	Wed. 7.00 pm	16 th March	Church members

Catholic Men's Society: the next meeting will be in the Rectory on Wednesday March 16th when Br. Ray Barber will introduce the plan discussion topic FORGIVENESS.

Supper Soup Lunch: at the home of Jennifer & John Williams, 54 Nursery Grove, on Friday March 25th 12 noon – 2 pm. All proceeds to Christian Aid. (please confirm to K. 740913).

Quiz and Curry Night: There is to be a Quiz and Curry Night in the Borromeo Hall and Adams Lounge on 25 March from 7.30 pm. Tickets £4 for curry (please sign the lists in Church to help caterers) and £1 for Quiz registration.

Come and Sing Faure 'Requiem' and Vivaldi 'Gloria' May 21st 2011. Please see notice board for details.

Finances: i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £981.90 (Loose £668.90 Envelope Scheme £313). ii. Donations to Bamenda were £4.53 and to CAFOD £5. iii Thanks to our subscribers of the Priests' Training Fund for their contribution of £62 i.v. Our total for the Catholic Education Service is £205.68 v. We thank the Ambrosian group for their donation of £175. vi. A retiring collection today for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral. vii. The 200 Club Draw was made last week at Tenbury and the winners were no 65 Bernard Grovenor & no 141, a new member, Mrs Ethel Thomas. There have been many new members and others who have rejoined and, though the membership is not quite complete, it is very much stronger. Thanks to David Gillett for his enthusiastic administration and to the many new members from our Tenbury Community and patrons of the Adams Lounge.