

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

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Palm Sunday Year A Psalter Week 2 Pope John Sunday Missal p262ff 16th/17th April 2011

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon	9.00 am	Eric Baker RIP
Tues	9.00 am	Intentions of McElhinney family
Wed	9.00 am	Heavern family
Thurs	7.30 pm	The Mass of the Last Supper (Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight, Compline 11:45 pm)
Fri	12 noon 3.00 pm	Children's Stations of the Cross Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord
Sat	8.30 pm	The Easter Vigil
Sun	9.30 am	Fedele Perri RIP

Our Lady's

Mon	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Sun	5.00 pm	Rita Kerrigan RIP

Sacred Heart

Fri	11:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Sun	11.30 am	The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: **St Ambrose's:** Sunday 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm, Wednesday 6.00 pm and by request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

		Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
	Easter Vigil details overleaf		
St Ambrose's	Sun 9.30 am	M Fox, M Holmes, P Hunt, P Lay	to be notified
Our Lady's	Sun 5.00 pm	M Bowdler, P Bowdler, J da Costa, P Standing	M Hesketh, K Nicholls
Sacred Heart	Sat 11.30 am	N Taylor	to be notified
Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's):		Team E	

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, Dora Jeffrey, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Terry McCormick, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Lee Mound, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Pat Redmond, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Giaconda 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.

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 up, and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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

Thanks: Our kneelers have now been refurbished, and many of our benches have been repaired. All of us are in debt to the excellent team of men who have worked together and completed this work in less than a month. Congratulations to Dino D'Angelo, Neil Darbyshire, Dino David, Brian Martin, Anthony Quinn, Dermot Scully and Trevor Webb.

Anniversary: Wednesday is the anniversary of the death in 1955 of Sister Catherine McGrann (Headmistress 1910 – 1937).

Teas/Coffees: Provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass today by the Pre-School Group. We should be grateful for volunteers on Easter Sunday.

The Stations of the Cross: this evening at 6.30 pm in both our Kidderminster Churches (with Benediction at St Ambrose's). There will be Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart, Tenbury on Good Friday at 11.00 am; Children's Stations of the Cross at St Ambrose's on Friday at 12 noon.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Monday, 18 April at 2.00 pm. New members welcome.

Penitential Services: The remaining Services of Penance in the Deanery are at St Peter's, Bromsgrove on Monday and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch on Tuesday. Both Services at 7.30 pm. Please see overleaf for local Confession times in Holy Week.

Ambrosian Group: The group will meet for their shared lunch on Thursday at 11.45 am in St Ambrose's Parish Hall. New members will be very welcome.

Easter Triduum (and other Holy Week events):

Wednesday 20 April	Passover Commemoration	Borromeo Hall	7.00 pm	
Thursday 21 April	The Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Ambrose's	7.30 pm	Readers: C Stanley, C Atkins
	Thanks to those who have agreed to participate in the Office of Mandatum (Jamie Bishop, Dean Coombes, Robbie Dalziel, Ben Gualano, Ben Lawrence, James McNabb, Joseph Moran, Martin Neale, Lawrence Park, Clive Smith-Shaw, Ricardo Sorano, Gianluca Swain)			
	Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight (Compline 11.45 pm)			
Friday 22 April	Procession of Witness	From Baxter Church	10.30 am	
	Children's Stations of the Cross	St Ambrose's	12 noon	
	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion	St Ambrose's	3.00 pm	Readers: J Moore, B Gavan
	Evening Service	Trinity Methodist Church	7.30 pm	
Saturday 23 April	The Easter Vigil	St Ambrose's	8.30 pm	Readers: L Harler, J Keetch, H Cahill, M Hesketh
	Our Catechumens will be baptised: Dean Coombes, Sarah Hempstock, Shiraz Hempstock, Jade McNabb, James McNabb, Joseph Moran, Katherine O'Sullivan, Clive Smith-Shaw and Joanne Tarnowski. Together with our Candidates (Holly Gualano, Liam Gualano, Susan Meekings and Christine Neale) they will be Confirmed, and received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.			

Easter Monday Men's Communion: The Annual Mass for the men of the Diocese will be offered in St Chad's Cathedral at 9.00 am on Easter Monday by His Grace the Archbishop. Once again, we have been asked to provide the Altar Servers, and the Brothers of the Catholic Men's Society, which promotes this Mass, will be attending. A convoy of cars leaves St Ambrose's at 8.00 am and all men of the Parish are welcome to come along.

Royal Wedding: On the evening of the Royal Wedding Day, Friday, 29 April, from 6.00 pm, the ladies of the Union of Catholic Mothers will hold a Soirée in the Rectory Garden, with tea, sandwiches and cake. Ladies attending are invited to come in Fancy Dress (with a royal theme), and the Parish Priest will be the Quiz Master later in the evening, before we conclude with a sing-song of an appropriate kind. The bar will be open all evening, and we hope it will bring a day of celebration to a happy end. Would parishioners who wish to attend please indicate on the list at the back of the church, for numbers. Everyone welcome.

New Life Together 25th Anniversary: Saturday, 7 May, 7.30 pm. Roger Jones's new musical 'Two Sisters and a Funeral', the story of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, will be performed at Trinity Methodist Church by soloists and the New Life Together choir. Tickets £7.50 from Chris Vass (K630949) or Denise Holdstock (K67539).

Bible Reading: As we announced some weeks ago, there is to be a continuous Bible Reading during the first week in May. We have been allocated Thursday, 12 May (2pm–7 pm) and Friday, 13 May (3pm–4pm). The reading will be at the front of St Ambrose's, and I hope that we shall have plenty of volunteers, taking our turn with members of other Christian Churches in the town. Anyone prepared to take part is asked to sign lists in our Kidderminster Churches this weekend.

Austerity Lunch: The next Austerity Lunch in support of Christian Aid is at St Barnabas, Franche, on Sunday, 8 May, from 12.30 pm. Please see notice board for details.

Finances:

- i We have received letters of thanks from the Schools in Uganda we helped as a result of the appeal made by Miss Jean Johnson earlier in the year. We sent £533.67.
- ii A parishioner made a very generous donation to Focus Africa. I would be grateful to know where exactly I should send it so I ask the parishioner to make him/herself known to me with further instruction. Thank you.
- iii Thank you for the offertory last week of £985.74 (Envelope scheme £357.50, Loose £628.24)
- iv Donations to CAFOD were £31.20
- v Our subscribers to the Priests' Training Fund have raised £144.50.
- vi Thanks to those who donated in memory of Fr Derek Edwards. So far we have £163.43 with a little more to be added.
- vii A collection will be taken up on Good Friday for the Holy Places
- viii Next Sunday is the customary Easter Offering for the Parish Clergy