

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER
ST. AMBROSE'S, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 2BY. (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, Fr Derek Edwards

Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Peter Hesketh (Deacons) & In Retirement: Revd Dr Peter Mason

Seventh Sunday of Year C Psalter Week 3 Pope John Sunday Missal p. 894 February 17th/18th 2007

Entrance Antiphon: Lord, your mercy is my hope, my heart rejoices in your saving power. I will sing to the Lord for his goodness to me.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment..... Alleluia!

Preface, Eucharistic Prayer & Memorial Acclamation: As appointed by the Celebrant.

Communion Antiphon: I will tell all your marvellous works. I will rejoice and be glad in you, and sing to your name, Most High.

Feast Days this week: **W. Ash Wednesday, Th. The Chair of St Peter.**

Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week

St. Ambrose's

Monday	8.30 a.m.	Intentions of the Byrne family	
Tuesday	7.30 a.m.	Catherine Kelsall RIP	8.30 a.m. Elsie Reynolds RIP
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Tessie Schiavone RIP	7.30 p.m. In Thanksgiving (Lil Cook)
Thursday	8.30 a.m.	Intentions of Sr Veronica O'Sullivan	7.30 p.m. Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45 p.m.)
Friday	7.10 p.m.	Rosary	7.30 p.m. Gary Graves RIP
Saturday	9.00 a.m.	(Latin) Giuseppe di Paola RIP	6.30 p.m. Michael Downs & Con Kelly RIP
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Kathleen Rocheford (Anniv)	6.30 p.m. The Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Sheila Beahan RIP (Prayer Group)	
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Marie Beahan RIP	7.30 p.m. The Stations of the Cross (Ashes distributed)
Friday	9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Adoration 9.30 a.m. David Weaver RIP	7.30 p.m. Area Mass (Habberley) Nora McHale RIP
Saturday	9.30 a.m.	Mary Ellen Hill RIP	
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Ruth Salter RIP	

Sacred Heart

Sunday	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
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Confessions: **St Ambrose's:** Saturday: 11.45am-12.45pm 7.15pm-7.45pm and by request.

Our Lady's: Saturday: after the 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, Rosa D'Oriano, Elizabeth Westwood, Sylvia Jay, Marie Woodfine, Tony O'Dowd, Vera Farley, Gene Whitwam, Martin Cahill, John Power, Eric Whittaker, Ada Wall, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Eric Turner, Lillian Inslay, Jean Legierski, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Mathilde Bono, Bill Nicholl, Mary Jones, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, Jo Collins, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Ann Edwards, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vaccaro, Pat Norris, Ivan Watton, Lucy Dudzinski, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Phil Eady, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley, Margaret Grimley, Stella Griffith, Jean McHugh, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Rita Preston, Tom Healey, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean, Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Anne Stringer, Helen Drew, Simon Sadler, Con Griffin, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Bill Perry, Nora Collins, Jennifer Bush, Anthony Georgieff, Joan Wareham, Steven Mitchell, Thomas Anderson, Linda Button and Ellen Patton.

Ministries for the Coming Week

Church Cleaners:	Team D	Offertory Counters:	Group 6
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Altar Servers at St Ambrose's

Weekday mornings: Ethan Davies, Luke Farmer

Saturday 6.30pm: Team B

Sunday 10.30am : Team A **6.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross:** Adrian & Jared Kraemer, Mel Kimberley

Eucharistic Ministers

Reader

St Ambrose's

Saturday 6.30pm :	C Hopkins, B McFarland	E Manley
Sunday 10.30am :	A Colclough, B Galvin, C Kneuss, J Villa	S DeBeer

Children's Liturgy: To be appointed.

Our Lady's

Sunday 9.00am :	F Collins, J Norwood, K Norwood, J Scully	M Loftus, C Cassidy
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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.

Baptism: Today is the last Baptism before Easter, when the Revd Tom Ashcroft will baptise **Elisha Sweet Pee**. Please pray for her and for her family.

Marriage: The first wedding in our Parish this year takes place next Saturday, when Dr Peter Mason will officiate at the marriage of **Luisa Butera** and **Ross Bradley**. May God bless them in the years ahead.

Recently Deceased: Last Sunday **Mike Oborski**, Honorary Polish Consul, and long time County and District Councillor, died in Hospital, after a lifetime of dedicated public service. His funeral will be a Civic Mass in St Ambrose's on Friday, March 2nd at 12 noon, prior to burial in the Cemetery. A longtime friend of the Parish Priest, **Nora McHale**, died recently in Coventry after many years of painful and distressing suffering, during which she was nursed with exemplary care and patience by her husband, Chris. Also, a school contemporary, **Paul Norris**, died in tragic circumstances recently. May then rest in peace.

Happy Birthday: We congratulate **Stella Griffith** on her 90th birthday. Her sons invite us to join the family in the Hall after Mass for a small celebration.

Church Cleaning: WE NEED YOU to help keep our churches clean and beautiful. Could you spare one hour, once a month to do some light hoovering and dusting? All materials supplied. We desperately need one or two people to join an existing team and would welcome three or four people to form new groups. If you feel you might be able to help, please ring K.60072 (Habberley), Judy Harler K.746563, Margaret Holmes K69783 or the Rectory, for more details without obligation.

Coffees/Teas: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30am Mass today by the Children's Liturgy Group and next Sunday by the Choir.

Parish Ramble: Today meeting at 12.45pm at the Wyre Forest Visitor Centre for a ramble approximately one and a half hours. For further information contact P & M Bowdler 01299 269233.

Welcome: The Parish Priest has been invited to take part in the Licensing of **Revd Rose Lawley** as Team Vicar and part time Industrial Chaplain at St Mary's tomorrow (Monday) at 7.30pm.

Cardinal Newman: The Musical Oratory to mark the 206th anniversary of the birth of Cardinal Newman takes place in the Birmingham Oratory on Tuesday at 7.30pm. Prayers will be said for the Cardinal's Beatification. Any wishing to join a party travelling to the Oratory, please meet at St Ambrose's at 6.30pm.

Ash Wednesday: The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses on that day, and after Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's on Wednesday evening.

Catholic Men's Society: Our first plan meeting of 2007 will be on Wednesday 21st February in St Ambrose's Rectory. We shall be discussing Bulletin 1. All men of the Parish are invited to come along and share a little in their Faith. Any newcomers will be made most welcome. Perhaps this period of Parish renewal is the time to try something new?

Ecumenical Lent Groups: The groups begin this week. They are as follows:

The group sponsored by Trinity Methodist Church meets at 504 Chester Road South on Thursdays at 10.15 for 10.30am and will be led by the Revd Mary Austin. First meeting 1st March.

The group sponsored by Broadwaters Methodist Church and St Oswald's Church will meet in Broadwaters Methodist Chapel on Tuesdays at 7.30pm and will be led by Revd Rose Lawley, new Team Vicar in the Parish Church Ministry with special responsibility for St Oswalds. First meeting 27th February.

The group sponsored by St Ambrose's will meet at 69 Baldwin Road on Mondays at 2.30pm and will be led by Peter and Tess Grantham. First meeting 26th February.

The group sponsored by St Mary's will meet in the Vicarage, 22 Roden Avenue on Wednesdays at 2.30pm and will be led by Canon Owain Bell. First meeting 28th February.

The group sponsored by St Barnabas' will meet at 44 Nursery Grove on Fridays at 7.30pm and will be led by a member of St Barnabas. First meeting 2nd March.

First Holy Communion: The first Family Meeting, parents and children, will take place in the School Hall next Thursday at 6.30pm. It is most important that families play their full part in the preparation of the children for these sacraments.

Area Mass: Next Friday at 7.30pm the Parish Priest will offer Mass at Our Lady's for those who live on the Habberley Estate and its environs. Invitations are going out this weekend to those we know of, but we rely on fellow parishioners to bring this to the notice of neighbours and friends who may not be on our Parish lists. A social gathering with light refreshments will follow.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Friday 23rd February 2007 at 8.00pm in the Hall/Rectory. New members welcome. Thank you.

Rite of Election: Next Sunday **Miriam Cunliffe** and **Katie Magee** will join Catechumens and Candidates from across the Diocese and the Rite of Election in St Chad's Cathedral, at which the Archbishop will preside.

Music for Middlebrows: Our music appreciation group meets next Sunday in the Borromeo Hall at 7.45pm to listen to piano music by **Frederic Chopin**, and other music by composers with the initial letter 'C'. We spend about 2 hours very pleasantly and everyone is welcome to join us.

Kidderminster Operatic & Dramatic Society: presents 'Anything Goes' by Cole Porter at the Rose Theatre from Thurs 1st March to Sat 10th March at 7.30pm with a 2.30pm Sat matinee on 10th March. Tickets from the Box Office on K. 743745 between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

Lent Retreat Week: Thanks to all, in our three churches, who have pledged to spend a short period of family prayer in their homes on **Monday March 12th**. This is open to all parishioners and suggestions for prayer will be made available soon. Posters detailing the various Retreat Services are available today. Please be generous in displaying them, and finding suitable places where they may be displayed. Personal Calendars of the Retreat week will be distributed next week.

Fairtrade Banana Campaign: The sale of Fairtrade bananas in the Borromeo Room after Mass on Sundays is aimed at helping to safeguard the livelihoods of small farmers in Costa Rica, the Windward Islands, Ecuador and Ghana. The bananas are sold singly at supermarket prices. Please support.

- Finances:**
- i Thanks for last Sunday's offertory of £786.16 (Envelope Scheme £212.50, Loose £573.66).
 - ii Donations for CAFOD were £7.63.
 - iii Collection next Sunday for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral.
 - iv Thanks to those who play Whist for a donation of £100 to Parish Funds. Please do support the **Whist Drive**, each Wednesday at 2.00pm in the Borromeo Hall; and the **Bingo** in the Adams Lounge every Tuesday and Saturday at 8.00pm. All welcome.
 - v **Lourdes Fund.** A donation of £10.00 from a generous parishioner is very gratefully acknowledged.