

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER
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This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Second Sunday in Lent Year A Psalter Week 2 CTS Sunday Missal p157 Week commencing 12th March 2017

Response to the Psalm: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Gospel Acclamation: **From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: " This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him."**

Preface of the Sunday: p160

Eucharistic Prayer: I p591

Mystery of Faith II

Feast Days this Week: Fri. St. Patrick S. St Cyril of Jerusalem

Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week:

ST AMBROSE'S

Monday	8.30 am	John and Rita Kerrigan
Tuesday	7.30 am	Redmond Family
Wednesday	9.15 am	Jean Villa RIP
Thursday	11.30am	Intentions of Rita Mackay
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 9.00 pm (Compline 8.45 pm)
Friday	9.30-10.15	Adoration
	10.30 am	Patrick Heffernan (Anniv)
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9.00 am	Tom Ashcroft (Anniv) /Brian & Joshua Martin RIP
		followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick 3.15pm Sung Vespers
Sunday	11.00 am	John Power RIP
	6.00 pm	The People of the Parish

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Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: **St Ambrose's:** Saturday, 11.45 am – 12.45 pm and by request **Sacred Heart:** By request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Thomas Wright, Connor Vessey

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
St Ambrose's:		
Sunday 11.00 am	P. Hunt, A. McDermott, M. Roy	C. Villa
	H. Scott, R. Tovey, C. Vass	A. Martin
Sunday 6.00 pm	M Bowdler, P Bowdler, N. Doherty	G. Amphlett
	R. Fox, L. Farmer	D. Robinson
Sacred Heart		
Sunday 9.00 am	E. O'Neill, M. Peyton	D. Lee

Church Cleaners: Team D (Friday, after Mass) **Offertory Counters:** Group 6 **Teas/Coffees:** Jo Walker, Bridget Power

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Aylott, Olena Barchuk, Albert and Elsie Barr, Keith and Marion Birch, Catherine Blount, Jennifer Bush, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Fr Paul Chavasse, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Maureen Connolly, Bunty Cook, Julie Cook, Derek Cooper. Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Eamonn Dalton, Sarah Dalziel, Angeline Doherty, Revd Patrick Duffy, Sr Maureen Fay, Lina Finella, Victoria Fleming, Catherine Freemantle, Martha Graham, Frances Graves, Fr Christopher Greaney, Diane Grovenor, Shirley Hale, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Canice Heavern, Cindy Jones, Georgina Jones-White, John Joyce, John Kean, Wendy Kowalewicz, Audrey Little, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Joe McLaughlin, Gaetana Maffei, Marjorie Male, Francesca Marciantie, Robert Matthews, Margaret Metcalf, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Pat Motteram, Sr Breda Murphy, Jacqui Murray, Kitty Murray, John Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Nichol, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Fr Denis O'Connor, Billie O'Keeffe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, Tracey Smale, Peter Strangward, Edward Sutton, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Lyndon Whatley, Edith Wilkes and Anne Youde.

Commemorative Booklet; The booklet to commemorate Father Lamb's 25 years as parish priest of St. Ambrose, and the 1620th anniversary of the death of St. Ambrose, is being prepared. If anyone has reminiscences of this time in the life of the parish, they would be welcome. If you would like your memories to be included, please send them to Pat Storey **by the end of March**. By post, to 10 Huntington Green, Ashford Carbonel, Ludlow SY8 4DN; or by email to paddy@surfanytime.net

Notice boards and other matters. Please may I remind everyone that nothing should be placed on notice boards, Church walls, or any other surface of Church property without the authorisation of the Parish Priest. Similarly, no pamphlets or leaflets of any kind should be left in the Church, or placed inside hymn books, or distributed in or around the Church without the same courtesy being observed. Everything unauthorised, no matter how worthy it may appear to be, will be removed.

Recently Deceased. The Funeral of MICHAEL KURCUS, who lived in Orchard Street and who died on February 19th will take place in Wyre Forest Crematorium on Wednesday at 11am. MICHELINA DI RITA, of Shrubbery Street and one of the most loyal supporters of the Tuesday night Bingo, died in Hospital on February 19th. Her Funeral has been arranged for Thursday March 23rd at 10.30am. Please pray for MICHAEL PUGH husband of Veronica (The Orchards, Franche). He died in the early hours of Wednesday morning. For some years, he was the town Mace Bearer. His Funeral arrangements have still to be made. A much loved member of the Italian community, PETRONILLA MARCIANTE, died peacefully at home on Thursday afternoon, after a long illness. May she rest in peace.

Anniversary: Yesterday was the anniversary of the death in 2005 of Fr. Christopher Thornton, former Parish Priest of Our Lady & St. Pius X, Habberley, and Parish Priest 1983-1988. Next Sunday is the anniversary of the death in 2015 of Deacon Tom Ashcroft, who served in our Parish after his Ordination in 2002. May they rest in peace.

Foodbank Thank you for your generous donations in February. A total of 99.70 kgs was received. At present there is a shortage of the following items; toileteries(shower gel, shaving foam, razors) washing up liquid, long life milk and tinned potatoes.

Union of Catholic Mothers meets on Monday at 7.30pm. We will meet In Church for Stations of the Cross followed by our meeting in Borromeo Hall.

Kidderminster Deanery. The clergy of Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at the Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich. The subject for discussion will be the pastoral care of those recently married.

Bible Study. You are most welcome to join us to discuss next Sunday's Mass readings. Wed. 15th March, 2pm for 2.30pm start at the home of Teresa Alexander, 34 Aggborough Cres. Kidd 741794.

Churches Together in Kidderminster: The second Lent Talk will take place on Wednesday evening in Holy Innocents, Foley Park. The Revd Rachel Parkinson speak on Faith and Easter.. The talk begins at 7.30 pm.

Town Clergy: Ministers of the Town Churches will be meeting for lunch on Thursday at the home of the Revd John Williams, retired Pastor of Franche Baptist Church.

CAFOD Mass: Bishop Robert Byrne invites priests and people from our Deanery to gather for Mass next Thursday at 7.00 pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Redditch. This has been arranged by the Redditch CAFOD group. Fr Lamb will have some spaces in his car if there are parishioners who wish to attend.

Catholic Men's Society: The St Ambrose's Branch will meet in the Wheatley Room on Wednesday, 15 March at 7.30 pm for an open discussion on the relationship between Faith and Austerity. All men in the Parish are warmly invited to attend. The AGM will be at St. Wulstan's Stourport next Sunday at 3pm.

Ambrosian Group meets on Thursday 16th March at St. Ambrose Parish Hall for their monthly shared lunch (after the 11.30 Mass) All retired, semi retired parishioners very welcome.

St Patrick's Charity Night: Friday, 17 March. In aid of Kemp Hospice at St. Ambrose Church Hall. 8pm to late. Music by Martin Stooke. Prize for best-dressed Irish costume.. Do come along and join the fun. Admission £5 if showing something green, otherwise £6. American buffet. .

Parish Walking Group: On Saturday, 18 March a walk from Blackstone car park Bewdley at 10.30 am, lasting around 1½ hours. Contact Bernard Page (K637456) for more details.

Choir Practices and Workshop Day. Music rehearsals for Lent and Easter continue next weekend on Saturday 18th March with a workshop day 10.30-3.30pm (please bring something to share for lunch). The day concludes with sung vespers at 3.45pm open for all in the parish to attend. The final two choir practices are on Mondays 3rd and 10th April at 7.15pm. The choir extend a warm welcome for anyone to join them for Lent and Easter, and in their practices. For more information contact Matthew Johnson after Mass or at mdj1985@gmail.com.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul The next meeting will be on Monday 20th March at 7.15pm in the Adams Lounge.

Mother's Day Memories: There will be a Remembrance Service for Mother's Day at the Wyre Forest Crematorium and Cemetery on Sunday, 25 March at 3.00 pm. It will be led by the Revd Alex Vaccaro, and will be followed by afternoon tea. Please see noticeboard for details.

Church Cleaning. There will be a thorough church clean on April 10th (Monday of Holy Week) to prepare the church for the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Please could we ask for volunteers in addition to the regular church cleaners to meet at 10am if you are able to help.

Passover Commemoration: Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 7pm. Lists are available at the back of both Churches for the names of parishioners who wish to attend the Passover Commemoration. Please indicate if you prefer a vegetarian option. Lists will remain open until Sunday 2nd April.

Good Friday. The Bach St. John Passion will be sung in St. Anne's Church, Bewdley, on Good Friday at 7.30pm. Please see notice board for details.

- i The collection last week at Tenbury for the local charities (viz. Shoot for the Stars/Mandy Davies Support Group) raised £69.50
- ii Thank you for the Offertory last week of £753.66 (Loose £421.43; envelope scheme £332.23)
- iii The Cathedral Maintenance Collection was £91.--
- iv £63.31 was donated to CAFOD.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817.

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm.

Whist: Every Wednesday 2.00 pm. Please come along and support the Parish Centre.

Folk Music: In the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists on the second and fourth Fridays of every month. Admission free 8.00 pm – late.