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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Year A

Week commencing March 26th, 2017.

Psalter Week 4

CTS Sunday Missal p. 169

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Preface of the Sunday: p. 174.

Eucharistic Prayer II: p. 605.

Mystery of Faith: II

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

ST. AMBROSE'S

Monday	8.30 am	David Weaver RIP	
Tuesday	8.30 am	Jean Villa RIP	
Wednesday	9.15 am	Peggy Baynton RIP	1.30 pm Funeral: Petronilla Marciante RIP
Thursday	8.30 am	Private Intention	7.30 pm Holy Hour (Compline 8.45 pm)
Friday	Adoration	9.30 am – 10.15 am	Mass 10.30 am Eileen Kennedy RIP
	12.00 noon	Funeral: Kate Browne RIP	
Saturday	9.00 am	Intentions of Emma Dureen Conway followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick	
Sunday	11.00 am	Steve Woolley RIP & the Woolley family	3.00 pm Old Rite The People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	Redmond & Griffiths families	

SACRED HEART

Sunday 9.00 am Elizabeth Lamb RIP

CONFESSIONS:

St Ambrose's:

Saturday: 11:45am – 12:45pm, and by request. **Sacred Heart:** by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass:

Luca Barry, Jacob Hughes.

Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

St Ambrose's	Sunday 11.00 am:	E. Darbyshire, D. David, S. Elcock, C. Ellwood, E. Fox, B. Galvin.	C. Vass, M. Moran.
	Sunday 6.00 pm:	M. Stride, T. Webb, M. Bowdler, P. Bowdler, D. Duncombe.	B. Taylor, M. Weaver.
Sacred Heart	Sunday 9.00 am:	S. Coates, M. Harper.	A. Hughes.

Church Cleaners: Team B (Friday 1.30pm) **Offertory Counters:** 2 **Teas/Coffees:**

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 Marciante, 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'Keefe, 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.

'The mystery that we live in every Eucharist is rich in significance. The mystery of Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper can neither be separated from Good Friday nor the Easter Vigil; it is one mystery that unfolds in three days; the mystery of Jesus crucified, buried, and risen...'

Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini

Parish Housekeeper: I am very grateful indeed that **Marion Harper**, a member of our Tenbury Community, has agreed to become the Parish Housekeeper. She will be moving in shortly, within the next week or so. She will normally be resident from Saturday evening until Thursday mornings, though there will be some variation on occasions. I know that she will be made very welcome. Molly and I have been very grateful to the many parishioners who have looked after us, and have kept us supplied with a rich and varied diet. It will be good to have company in the house again.

Commemorative Booklet 2017: This is the third and probably last request for contributions from parishioners. Pat Storey will be happy to receive contributions from each of the parish groups, either from the leader or from one of the members. Just a few sentences will be fine. Could they please be sent to Pat by Easter (16 April). 10 Huntington Green, Ashford Carbonel, Ludlow SY8 4DN; or paddy@surfanytime.net. Please note that these requests for contributions are directed towards members of both Kidderminster and Tenbury Wells communities, in all the categories mentioned.

Funeral Arrangements: The Funeral of **Michelina Di Rita** did not take place on Thursday as previously arranged. At present, no alternative date has been notified.

Petronilla Marciante: Reception into Church: Tuesday March 28th 4.30 pm.
Funeral Mass: Wednesday March 29th 1.30 pm; Burial in Kidderminster Cemetery

Michael Pugh: Funeral Service: Stourbridge Crematorium Wednesday March 29th 11 am.

Kate Brown: Reception into Church: Thursday March 30th 5 pm
Funeral Mass: Friday March 31st 12 noon; Burial in Kidderminster Cemetery

Anniversary: Next Saturday is the anniversary of the death in 2004 of **Fr. Philip O'Reilly** who was assistant priest here 1966-1968. Subsequently he was Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale; and Corpus Christi, Coventry. May he rest in peace.

Second Scrutiny: Today during Mass at 11.00 am we shall pray for **Victoria Fleming, Christine Horne, Linda Ingrassi and Keelan Murrhy**, all of whom are to be baptised at the forthcoming Easter Vigil.

Mother's Day Memories: There will be a Remembrance Service for Mother's Day at the Wyre Forest Crematorium and Cemetery today 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.

The Union of Catholic Mothers: meets on Monday in the Borromeo Hall at 7.30 pm.

West Mercia Women's Aid: The UCM are continuing to collect toiletries and small toys, etc., for the women and children in the Refuge. Please place in the box at the back of church.

Friendship Club: meet for lunch on Wednesday 29th March. Please contact Marie Hesketh (07716 783747) or Joyce Gavan (01299 401793).

First Holy Communion: The next meeting for those preparing for Holy Communion (candidates, parents, catechists, teachers and clergy) will be in the School Hall on Wednesday March 29th at 6.30 pm.

Lent Talks: The fourth in the series of Lent talks **Faith and Politics** is by Paul Denham, and will be given at Franche Baptist Church on Wednesday at 7.30 pm. Mr Denham is an Elder of the United Reformed Church and is a Magistrate, and an elected County Councillor.

Holy Hour: The next Holy Hour, as we approach Passiontide, will be on Thursday March 30th from 7.30 pm. It will end with the Night Office of Compline.

Marriage Preparation: Next Saturday, Maureen and Peter Bowdler will be spending time with couples preparing for marriage in our Parish. They will be in the Borromeo Hall from 9.30 am and we should support them with our prayers.

Old Rite: Next Sunday at 3.00 pm there will be Sung Mass in the Old Rite. This Mass fulfils the Sunday obligation. Books are available, and tea and coffee and cake are served afterwards in the Wheatley Room.

Lent Services of Penance: Four Services of Penance for Lent have been arranged in our Deanery as follows:

Tuesday April 4 th St Ambrose's Kidderminster	7.30 pm	Friday April 7 th	Sacred Heart, Droitwich	7.30 pm
Monday April 10 th Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch	7.30 pm	Tuesday April 11 th	St Peter's, Bromsgrove	7.30 pm

Priests from the Deanery will be available at each Service for individual confessions. Please try to attend, in order to receive the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for the great ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter.

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 10.00 am 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. Thanks to Stephen, Nina and Aidan O'Reilly who have agreed to be the host family this year.

Churches Together in Kidderminster: Good Friday: The Walk of Witness will start at 11.00am from Baxter Church and will end back at Baxter for coffee and hot cross buns. 7.30pm Evening Service at Baxter Church.

Holy Saturday 15th April: The Easter Trail event in Brinton Park starts at 10.30am. This year there are more activities and a more Christian focus. Youth for Christ are providing hot drinks and a 'Jesus' tent space for prayer and quiet reflection. There will also be Circus Skills, Face Painting, Pancake Tossing as well as the Easter Trail. Suitable for children up to 12 years. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. All activities are free. **Easter Day:** 6.00am Sunrise Service on Broadwaters Park adjacent to St. Oswalds.

Family Fun for Easter Sunday: The Parish Centre will be open after Mass on Easter Sunday for a wide range of activities including an Easter Bonnet Parade, an Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Party Games and Disco. Please see the notice board for details.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers: St Ambrose School would be grateful if parishioners would donate any vouchers in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

St. Ambrose Red Mission Boxes: Total for 2016 was £3,543.00. Thanks to all Box holders. See notice board.

Eucharistic Ministers: Please collect your copy of the rota for April from the back of church today.

Finances:

- i **St. Patrick's Night Party:** Many thanks to Martin and all who attended. We had a wonderful happy night and raised £200 for the Hospice.
- ii Thank you for the offertory last week of £961.69. (Loose £558.79, Envelope Scheme £402.90.)
- iii There is a retiring Collection today for the **East Africa Crisis Appeal**, where so many millions are facing starvation.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or bookings.stambrose@gmail.com.

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, 8.00pm-late.