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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR A

WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 9th 2017

Psaltar Week 2

CTS Sunday Missal p.233 (Procession at 11 a.m.) p.243 (Mass)

Response to the Psalm :

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation :

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on the cross. But God raised Him high, and gave Him the name which is above all names.

Preface of the Passion of our Lord : p.266

Eucharistic Prayer : II p.605

Mystery of Faith III

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK :

ST AMBROSE'S

Monday	7.30 a.m.	Jean Villa RIP
Tuesday	7.30 a.m.	Peggy Baynton RIP
	10.30 a.m.	Funeral : Maria Gualano RIP
Wednesday	7.30 a.m.	Theresa Baker RIP
Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Mass of the Last Supper, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Vigil until Compline 11.45
p.m.		
Friday	12 noon	Children's Stations of the Cross
	3.00 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday	8.30 p.m.	The Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Eastertide. (Domenico and Antonia D'Angelo)
Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Deceased of Bostock and Donigan Families
	6.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish

SACRED HEART

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Chrystyna (Intention)
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CONFESSIONS :

St Ambrose's – Wednesday 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. At other times, by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK :

All Easter Ministries have been designated

Altar Servers for morning Mass :

Volunteers, please.

Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

St Ambrose's :

Sunday 11.00 a.m.

A McDermott, M Martin, M Roy,

H Scott, R Tovey, C Vass

P. Collins, T Collins

Sunday 6.00 p.m.

J Gavan, M Hesketh, V Page,

T Rock, J Stanley

B Gavan, L Farmer

Sacred Heart

Sunday 9.00 a.m.

M Peyton, A Speers

B Mountain

Church Cleaners : Monday 10 a.m. All Groups plus extras.

Teas/Coffees : Volunteers, please

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, Anthea Matthew, 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, Doreen Reynolds, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, Tracey Smale, Nicky Souseman, 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

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS :

The Funeral Mass for **Maria Gualano** is on Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. prior to her burial in Wyre Forest Cemetery.

The Funeral Mass for **Michelina Di Rita** has now been re-arranged for the Tuesday in Easter Week at 10.30 a.m.

No date has yet been set for the Funeral of Gill Pardoe, whose sudden death was announced last week. It is likely to be after Easter. May they rest in peace.

CHURCH CLEANING : There will be a thorough church clean on 10th April (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.

CHOIR PRACTICE : There will be a final Choir Practice for the Easter Triduum on Monday from 7.15 p.m. It is very gratifying to see such growing interest in the provision of music for the Liturgy, and to note the increasing competence of our musicians. Thanks to all who are giving such loyal and enthusiastic support.

CONFESSIONS FOR HOLY WEEK : Please note that the final time for Confessions is on Wednesday 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. The ancient tradition of the Church is that Confessions are made during Lent and Passiontide, and not during the Easter Triduum. However, Confessions will be heard on request at any time before Easter. The remaining Services of Penance in our Deanery are at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch on Monday at 7.30 p.m. and at St Peter's, Bromsgrove on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

PASSOVER COMMEMORATION : This will take place in the Borromeo Hall on Wednesday at 7.00 p.m. Stephen, Nina and Aidan O'Reilly will be the host family, and Bernard Gavan has agreed to be the Narrator.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KIDDERMINSTER : Good Friday: The Walk of Witness will start at 11.00 a.m. from Baxter Church and will end back at Baxter for coffee and hot cross buns. 7.00 p.m. Evening Service at Baxter Church.

HOLY SATURDAY, 15th APRIL : The Easter Trail event in Brintons Park starts at 10.30 a.m. 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: 6.00 a.m. Sunrise Service on Broadwaters Park adjacent to St. Oswalds.

EASTER VIGIL BAPTISMS : Please pray during this week for **Victoria Fleming, Christine Horne, Linda Ingrassi and Keelan Murrphy** who will be baptised and received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil next Saturday; and for **Clarissa Carter and Amelie Horne**, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the same ceremony.

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT : Churches Together in Kidderminster and a trio of local Councillors are organising an Easter Egg Hunt in Brintons Park on Saturday. Please see the notice board for details.

PARISH RAMBLE SATURDAY 22nd APRIL : A 2½ mile walk around the top of Kinver Edge. No stiles. All are most welcome. Meet at 10.30 a.m. at the pull in where the road from Blakeshall meets Church Lane. OS ref. 834 829. Contact T Alexander Kidd.741794.

UBI CARITAS : On Sunday May 7th the Principal Celebrant of Mass at 11.00 a.m. will be **Bishop Philip Pargeter**, and at the conclusion of the Mass he will present the Diocesan **UBI CARITAS** award to **Maureen and Peter Bowdler, Jean Bullock, Anne Conway, Jane Da Costa, Patrick Hunt and Trevor Webb**. This is a huge honour for our Parish and we hope that very many will take the opportunity to attend, and to welcome Bishop Pargeter who, before his retirement, gave such kind support to us over many years. We should celebrate with these parishioners, and celebrate the contribution that all of us make to the life of our Parish. There will be a buffet lunch in the Adams Lounge and the Rectory garden afterwards.

FRIENDS of the HOLY LAND : Come and join us at the Granary Hotel Kidderminster for dinner with Don Maclean on 10th May 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start. Tickets £35 each including 2 course meal with welcome glass of wine/juice and entertainment by Don Maclean as he recalls 50 years in the world of showbusiness. Tickets available from Stephen Brown 01562 753422 or Maureen Brewer 01562 754322 **tickets on sale after Mass.**

THE SACRAMENT of HOLY ORDER : The third of our Sacramental Celebrations for this year will take place over two weeks in **May**. On Thursday May 11th we shall celebrate Priesthood in the Catholic tradition with contributions from three priests with different vocation journeys. **Fr Roger Raven**, a married former Anglican priest, **Fr Tomas Zuna** who was ordained last year, and **Fr Joseph Vu-Duc-Yen** who will tell the fascinating story of the Vietnamese refugees who founded their Chaplaincy in Birmingham. On Thursday May 18th there will be a reflection on **Ministry within the Christian Churches**, when we shall welcome **Revd. Hugh Burton** (Church of England), **Revd. Nick Collison** (the Methodist Church) and **Fr Craig Szmidt** (Catholic). Both evenings will begin at 7.30 p.m., and will end with tea and cakes in the Borromeo Hall following the Office of Compline. Posters are on display this weekend in our Churches, and will be available with flyers after Easter.

FOOD BANK : Thank you for your donations totalling 88.70 kgs for March. There has been an urgent appeal from the food bank for more donations as their stocks are running low because of an increasing demand for the service. Please be as generous as you can.

WOMEN'S AID COLLECTION : Many thanks to everyone who has contributed so generously to the collection; this is now completed.

FINANCES :

- i. The Offertory last week was £780.72. Thank you. (Loose plate £457.42. Envelope Scheme £323.30).
- ii. We acknowledge with gratitude a donation of £50 towards the cost of Easter flowers.
- iii. Once more the Whist Club has made a donation of £100. We are grateful for this loyal support.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge : Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513295817 or bookings.stambrose@gmail.com.

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 p.m. **Whist:** Every Wednesday, 2.00 p.m. 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 p.m. - late.