

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER
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Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare)

Year: C

Week Commencing: March 31st 2019.

Psalter Week: 4 CTS Sunday Missal: p. 221 Preface I of Lent: p. 555 Eucharistic Prayer III: p. 611 Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation: I shall leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

N.B. During Mass at 11 am (the Second Scrutiny) the readings and the Preface of the Mass are for Year A (p. 170-174).

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

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| Mon: 7.30 am | John & Rita Kerrigan RIP | | |
| Tues: 8.30 am | Intentions of Lilia Beecroft | | |
| Wed: 9.15 am | Andrew Neil RIP | | |
| Thurs: 11.30 am | Teresa Moule RIP | 7.30 pm Lent Service of Penance | |
| Fri: 9.30 am | Adoration until Mass | 10.30 am: Intentions of Clare Conway | 7.30 pm The Stations of the Cross |
| Sat: 9.00 am | Stephen Ratchford RIP | followed by Rosary and Novena Devotions. | |
| Sun: 11.00 am | Michela Butera RIP | 3.00 pm Old Rite. The People of the Parish | |
| Sun: 6.00 pm | Joe Farmer RIP | | |

Sacred Heart

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| Fri: 10.30 am | The Stations of the Cross |
| Sun: 9.00 am | Nora & Margaret Sheridan RIP |

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: J. Vessey, L. Vessey.

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| St Ambrose's: | Sun 11.00 am: | |
| | Eucharistic Ministers: | S. Elcock, M. Bradley, E. Buncle, A. Colclough, E. Darbyshire. |
| | Readers: | C. Vass, M. Tavares. |
| | Sun 6.00 pm: | |
| | Eucharistic Ministers: | B. Gavan, M. Harper. |
| | Readers: | F. Robinson, L. Farmer. |
| Sacred Heart: | Sun 9.00 am: | |
| | Eucharistic Ministers: | |
| | Readers: | P. Storey. |

Church Cleaners Team: C Offertory Counters Group: 3 Tea/Coffee: CMS

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jim Thomas, Olena Barchuk, Derek Cooper, Nora Collins, Matteo Butera, Rosemarie Smith, Emilia Gissyng, Joseph Kantorek, Rev. Fr. Edward Sopala, Richard Bolton, Julie White, Fr. Graham Wilkinson, Laura Reynolds, Alane Harvey, Fr. Bruce Dutson.

The Second Scrutiny: Today we have the Second **Scrutiny** (Community Prayer) for **Charlotte Pidgeon** during Mass at 11 am. She is to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil.

Additional Ministers of Holy Communion: Please pray for all our Ministers, renewing their commitment today, and especially for **Miki Day**, **Milosz Kantorek** and **Patricia Robinson** who are to be commissioned for the first time.

Funeral: Please pray for MARTYN STAIGHT whose funeral will be at Wyre Forest Crematorium on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Thanks: Fourteen parishioners were anointed during Mass in Tenbury on Wednesday afternoon during a very moving Liturgy. Thanks to all who made it possible for us to come together, and those who provided refreshments. Also, we acknowledge three bequests from the Will of Cecil Smith, husband of Rosemarie, £5000 has been left to the Parish, £5000 to CAFOD and £5000 to our Bamenda Fund. We are grateful indeed for these bequests; I have thanked Rosemarie and assured her of our prayers for Cecil. May he rest in peace.

St. Ambrose's Club: A Way Forward: Parishioners are invited to a meeting on Monday, April 1st at 7:15 pm in the Adams Lounge to discuss and participate in their club's financial viability and the way forward once the financial options have been presented. The meeting will finish no later than 8:15 pm.

School Library: Our oldest parishioner, and thereby possibly the oldest former pupil of St. Ambrose's School, **Mercy Ballard**, will perform the opening ceremony of the extension to the school library on Tuesday, April 22nd at 11:30 am and parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Mrs. Ballard is just a few months short of her 100th birthday, and this will be a great occasion for the school and for the Parish.

First Holy Communion: The next meeting of candidates, parents, catechists, teachers and clergy in preparation for First Holy Communion will be in the School Hall on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Service of Penance for Lent: There will be a Penitential Service with the opportunity for individual confessions at St. Ambrose's on Thursday at 7:30 pm. Visiting priests will be attending.

Craft Club: meet Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm. New members will be made most welcome.

Bible Study: Wednesday, April 3rd at the home of Teresa Alexander; 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster (741794) 2pm for 2:30pm start. All welcome. Just bring a Bible or a Sunday Missal.

CMS: Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd April at 7.30 pm in the Montini Room. All men of the Parish, both young and old, are invited to join us and see what we are all about, you never know you just might feel at home.

Companions: St. Ambrose's Companions meet in the Adams Lounge on Thursday, April 4th 12pm – 2pm. Please bring packed lunch. Teas, coffees and biscuits are provided. We welcome those who are widows, widowers and who live alone.

Purple Veils: Next Saturday from 1 pm the purple veils will be placed over the statues and images in the church to mark the beginning of Passiontide. Any parishioner willing to help in this important task will be made very welcome.

SVP: The next meeting will be on Monday 8th April at 7.15 pm in the Wheatley Room.

Ambrosians: Shared lunch will take place on the second Thursday in April, April 11th. The change is necessary because the following week is an extremely busy one in the parish. Please make a note of the changed date. In May we should return to normal.

Walsingham: A few members of our Parish will be joining Redditch Parish on 11th May. If you would like to come along please contact Martin Grovenor (gettheplane37@gmail.com) or Ray Barber (rayb34@hotmail.com).

School Library: Parishioners who helped with the school library preparations are invited to the opening of the facility to be held in school on Tuesday 2nd April at 11.15 am.

The Union of Catholic Mothers Lenten Project: This year the UCM is collecting items for the **Kidderminster Foodbank**. A box is at the back of church in addition to the normal foodbank collection box. Among the items needed are toiletries, long life milk, fruit juice, small jars of coffee and tinned food especially meat, fruit, custard. Many thanks for your generosity.

Gift Aid: Would all parishioners who put their Offertory collection into Gift Aid envelopes please collect their new box of envelopes from the back of the Church. Please start using these new envelopes from the weekend of 7th April. Thank you to the 72 parishioners across the two churches who gift aid their Offertory donation. By using this scheme, we received from the Government an extra £5,170 last year for the parish. We need more parishioners who would like to help the parish in this beneficial way to join the Gift Aid Scheme. The only requirement is that you are a tax payer. Please phone Tim Yates on 01562 66201 or email tim.yates@blueyonder.co.uk for details. Thank you for your continued support.

200 Club: Following the draw during Whist last Wednesday, the lucky winners for March are:

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| 1 st | £75 | No. 60 | Mr. K. Flavin |
| 2 nd | £50 | No. 181 | Mr. J. Wilkes |
| 3 rd | £25 | No. 165 | Mrs. S. Hutchins |

Auction: Saturday, April 13th in the Parish Hall at 3 pm. Bring donations Friday 12th after 5 pm. then support the auction on Saturday. Bring along friends and neighbours and cheque books. All proceeds for St. Ambrose's Maintenance Fund.

Pound Pot: If you are unable to support Maintenance Fund monthly events but would still like to help, then why not have a 'pound pot' at home. One pound each week means a generous £50 at the end of the year. A great way to help the Maintenance Fund.

Church Cleaning: We shall have a 'big clean' on Monday, April 15th at 10 am. We ask that additional volunteers and the regular cleaners to come along to lend a hand.

Passover Commemoration: Wednesday 17th April 2019 at 7.00 pm. 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 7th April.

Be a Disciple for a Day: This is an invitation to celebrate Easter and the Lord's Resurrection by sharing an Emmaus walk whilst giving real and practical support to Christians who live where that event first took place. Our suggestion is that to raise funds for the Friends of the Holy Land, you sponsor yourself (or seek to be sponsored by others) to walk an Emmaus distance (we estimate between 6 and 9 miles) on the Saturday of the Easter Octave, April 27th. Please contact Deacon John O'Brien for more information: jmcobrien@btinternet.com.

50s and 60s Night in aid of Light of Maasai: with live music generously supplied by JDR. To fund the education of Ciara sponsored by St. Ambrose Parish. Saturday 4th May from 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall, with bar and raffle. £5 on the door. See the poster for information.

Finances:

Thank you for last week's Offertory of £855.49. Plate £558.89. Envelope: £298.90.

A donation of £300 was gratefully received.

There will be collection at Masses this weekend for emergency aid in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai.

Mite Scheme: warm thanks for £10 to this good cause. Please start saving your 5p pieces. Money can be left at the Rectory. We remember with gratitude Joe McLaughlin, a generous and regular contributor. May he rest in peace.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc.

Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 (bookings.stambrose@gmail.com)

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm.

Whist: Every Wednesday 2.00 pm. Learners most welcome.