

ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH KIDDERMINSTER & SACRED HEART CHURCH TENBURY WELLS

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THE PRESENTATION of the LORD

ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT,

IN CHRIST.

Psalter Week: IV Sunday, February 2nd 2025

Preface of the Feast Eucharistic Prayer I. Acclamation III.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY *Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr of 4th century Armenia.*
February 3rd 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Int. of Josephine & Syl Carr followed by *Pro-Life prayers* & the Blessing of Throats.

TUESDAY *Feria*
February 4th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Jessie Tolley RIP

WEDNESDAY *Memorial of St. Agatha; a 3rd century virgin and martyr of Catania, Sicily.*
February 5th 8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9:15 am. Int. of Teresa & Peter Hart
12:15 pm. Funeral Mass of MARION BIRCH RIP

THURSDAY *Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions; 16th century martyrs of Japan.*
February 6th 8:50 am. (Winterfold House School) Johnson Fund Int.
11:30 am. Int. of the Galvin Family
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with The Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY *Feria*
February 7th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9am. Graham Fieldsend RIP

SATURDAY *Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita; 20th century former slave, Religious Sister in Italy.*
February 8th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Int. of Christina Geraghty & family followed by *Rosary & Novena Devotions*

SUNDAY NEXT will be the *FIFTH SUNDAY of the YEAR*
February 9th 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) The People of the Parish
11 am. Int. of John & Theresa Hanrahan
6 pm. Johnson Fund Intention.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11:45 am. – 12:45 pm., and at any other time by request.

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: Judy & Peter Harler, Anne Collough, Jo Walker.

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. N. Doherty 6 pm. L. Whatley

READERS: 11 am. C. Villa 6 pm. N. Awolola

CLEANING TEAM: D (Friday morning)

TENBURY: Additional minister: B. Peissel Reader: A. Stanley

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES: Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Charles Ambrose Wheatley, Parish priest here 1885-1908, who died February 7th 1940. May he rest in peace.

FOR THE DEAD: Please pray for the repose of the souls of KATHLEEN HARRIS, who lived in the Gables Rest Home and died on January 12th at the age of 98 years (Funeral March 6th); of MARTIN O' TOOLE and MARION BIRCH. KATE MARSHALL, a former parishioner, died recently in California. May they rest in peace.

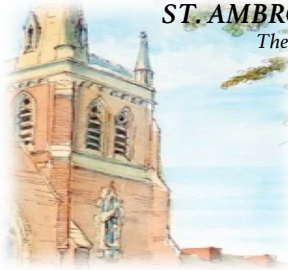
BLESSING of THROATS: for the Memorial of St. Blaise will be given after Mass on Monday.

MONTINI GROUP: We meet again on Tuesday at 4:15 pm., in the Adams Lounge to continue our reflections on life in the Church during the late Middle Ages.

KNIT & KNATTER: Meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall from 2 pm – 4 pm. We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join us. Just drop in and relax over a cup of tea and a chat.

COMPANIONS: Meet on Thursday, February 6th in the Adams Lounge at 12:30 pm for lunch and a chat. Please bring a packed lunch. Teas, coffees and biscuits are provided. Widows, widowers and those who live alone will be made welcome.

ADMISSION to the SACRAMENTS: A small group of parishioners will be meeting on February 11th in the Wheatley Room, to advise me on what policy our parish should adopt towards families who wish to celebrate the Sacraments.



SOUP & PUDDING: Thanks to those who supported last week's lunch and helped raise over £200. The next lunch, the last before Lent, is on February 23rd. If everyone who attends is able to bring soup (especially) or a pudding, it will be a bonanza event, will be even more enjoyable and raise even more for the Maintenance Fund.

CHURCH DECORATION: Thanks to the several volunteers who have worked so diligently in recent weeks. There is still some 'ladder' work to be done but other tasks like cleaning brasses, carefully cleaning the stained glass, some low level painting could well be tackled during a mornings work. Please volunteer even an hour or two, to give support and encouragement to the main team, and to enable the work to be completed sooner.

MASS FOR THE SICK: This has been arranged for Saturday, February 15th at 12 noon. The Principal Celebrant and Preacher will be FR. JAMES IPINLAYE of St. George's, Worcester, Chaplain to Worcester Royal Hospital. Please do contact anyone who may need the power of this Sacrament of Anointing or who may need the support of this sacrament; if possible to offer and/or arrange lifts. There will be a buffet luncheon in the Borromeo Hall after Mass. Further information from the Rectory. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are not always able to come to Mass because of old age or illness to join with the rest of us in a celebration of Our Lord's love. The Sacrament may be received by anyone suffering from particular or long term illness, old age, memory loss or emotional upset.

PALMS, PODCASTS & PANCAKES: At the recent meeting JUDE MAHONEY, of our Tenbury Community, gave an extremely informative and exciting outline about a future parish website, and spoke of how we can improve and enhance our communications both within the parish and with the wider community. It will be an important means of evangelisation. He is to work with MIKI DAY (who runs an excellent Facebook page for our parish). CRISTIANO CRASSUS, and, I hope, with Joseph Moran, to establish this new website.

On Shrove Tuesday at 7 pm. in the Adams Lounge, we shall burn the palms from last year to provide ashes for the following day; JUDE will introduce the website project, and we shall have a Pancake Party. Everyone is welcome and invited.

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGES: CRISTIANO CRASSUS has kindly agreed to plan and arrange two pilgrimage for this Holy Year – one to the shine of St. John Henry Newman (near Oxford) and also to the Shrine of Our Lady at Evesham. Details to follow.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: will begin with an informative event at St Joseph and St. Helen's Church Hall on Sunday 2nd March at 3pm. It will be followed by 40 days of Prayer Vigil from 8am - 8pm outside that Church during Lent. We are all called to be involved in the protection of life from conception to natural death and you are invited to be a prayer partner at the vigil or to commit to personal prayer. For further information please contact M. Roy 07796671074 or P. Young 07866806660.

CONCERT of HOPE at ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL, BIRMINGHAM: You are invited to a Concert of Hope at St Chad's Cathedral on 27th February, featuring classical, folk and choral music by a range of musicians and singers as well as dance displays. The concert begins at 7pm, with doors open from 6:30. Tickets are £25. All proceeds will go towards supporting vulnerable Christians in the Holy Land.

LENT at ST. AMBROSE'S: The programme is now confirmed as follows:

MARCH 11th – MATTERS of FAITH: led by Gail Brown of Harvington and the Revd. Christopher Henson, Vicar of Romsley.

MARCH 18th – THE ORTHODOX TRADITION: introduced by Father Nenad, Priest at the Serbian Orthodox Church in Bournville, accompanied by Cantors.

MARCH 25th – MUSIC in my LIFE: An evening with Jerry Price, Head of Music at Winterfold House School, who has established a very high standard of performance, almost second to none.

APRIL 1ST – THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Fr. Philip Griffin, Parish Priest of Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge, will lead a workshop in this sacrament to help us prepare for Easter.

APRIL 8TH – MAGGIE WOLLOSHIN: of our Tenbury Wells community will speak of the spirituality of Lourdes, her work with MOTHER TERESA, her support of a victim of clergy abuse, and accompanying the last weeks of the life of a much loved family member.

PARISH FINANCES:

Offertory (total all): £511.55

LEPRA: £194.75 was contributed from our parish.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Joyce Berry, Maria Cholowa, Trina Cole, Clare Conway, Olive Cooke, Alan Cunningham, Michael Dunne, Fr. Bruce Dutson, Betty Elwes, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Emilia Gissynge, Margaret Grimley, Lola Hartland, Kathleen Hegarty, Annie Holcroft, Margaret Holmes, Christine Hopkins Boban Joseph, George William Kawooya, Shirley Keogh, Joan Kinsella, Pam Lay, Francesca Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Alycia Matthews, Sharon Matthews, Sheila Mikulicz, James McCarthy, John Nangle, Brigid Nestor, William Nixon, Bridget Power, Veronica Pugh, Amanda Rattigan, Sarah Rejman-Greene, Fr. Tony Rohan, Jackie Sands, Helen Simoneau, Anthea Speers, Lawrence Speers, Liz Steadman, Ray Stride, Joyce Taylor, Jim Thomas, Margaret Tillott, Jill Tombs, Christopher Tovey, Frances Tovey, Lynn Tovey, Lyndon Whatley, Fran Oborski, Gareth Whatley, Michael Williams, Catherine Malcolmson-Priest, Ethel Thomas, Ren Edward Evans, Ian Page, Jan Richards.

WEEK-END MASSES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:

Ludlow: Sat 6 pm./Sun 11 am. Cleobury Mortimer: Sun 9 am. Stourport: Sat 5:30 pm./Sun 10 am. Stourbridge: Sat 5 pm./ Sun 8:30 am & 11 am. Harvington: Sun 8:30 am. & 10:30 am. Droitwich Spa: Sun 8:30 am. 10:30 am & 6 pm. Bromsgrove: Sat 6 pm. / Sun. 8:30 am & 10:30 am.

Parish Safeguarding: St Ambrose's: Peter Harler & Niall Doherty. Tenbury: Maggie Wolloshin.

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