

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

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY of YEAR C

*ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT,
IN CHRIST.*

Psalter Week: IV Sunday, February 9th 2025

Preface of Sunday VIII Eucharistic Prayer III. Acclamation III.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY *Memorial of St. Scholastica, Sister of St. Benedict.*

February 10th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Jessie Tolley RIP

TUESDAY *Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of Prayer for the Sick.*

February 11th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Int. of Charlie Villa family

WEDNESDAY *Feria.*

February 12th 8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9:15 am. Int. of Joyce & Bernard Gavan

THURSDAY *Feria.*

February 13th 8:50 am. (Winterfold House School) Johnson Fund Int.
11:30 am. Int. of Loll & Veronica Calley & family
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with The Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY *Feast of SS Cyril & Methodius; Saints of Eastern Europe. Patrons of Europe.*

February 14th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9am. Alan Bullock RIP

SATURDAY *Memorial of Our Lady*

February 15th 12 noon: Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick (Int. of Ethel Thomas)

SUNDAY NEXT will be the *SIXTH SUNDAY of the YEAR*

February 16th 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) The People of the Parish
11 am. George Watkins RIP
6 pm. Toni Unwin (Anniv.)

CONFESSIONS: No Midday on Saturday (Mass for the Sick). At any other time, by request.

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: M. Cunliffe, B. Martin & C. Vass.

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. E. Fox 6 pm. N. Jose

READERS: 11 am. M. Cunliffe 6 pm. C. Flavin

CLEANING TEAM: A. Morning, Wednesday, February 12th

TENBURY: Additional minister: M. Harper Reader: J. Reilly

REQUIESCANT: Please pray for two of our Tenbury Community who have, recently, been bereaved: Benedict PEISSEL, whose mother, Geraldine Mary, died last week; and Maggie WOLLOSHIN, whose mother, Betty Elwes, died peacefully early in this week. Mrs. Peissel's Funeral is to be near her home in Banbury, and Mrs Elwes will be buried with her family at Great Billing, Northamptonshire. Martin O' TOOLE's Funeral will be in St. Mary's, Tenbury, on Monday, February 17th prior to cremation at Wyre Forest. The Funeral service for KATHLEEN HARRIS (neé Grossi) will be in St. Ambrose's on March 6th, after which she will be buried in Kidderminster Cemetery. Parishioners and former pupils of Hagley School will be sad to hear of the recent death of BRIAN STONE, Head of Religious Studies for many years. His Funeral will be on February 20th at Our Lady & St. Kenelm's, Halesowen.

CANDLEMAS: Several people have commented on the beauty of both our liturgies last Sunday. Grateful thanks to our choirs, servers and other participants who do so much to beautify what we do.

UCM: The next meeting for the members of the UCM will be on Monday, February 10th 2025 in the Adams Lounge, starting at 7:30 pm. All women are welcome to join us to find out more about our organisation.

WORCESTER DEANERY: The clergy of the Worcester Deanery will meet on Tuesday at St. Joseph's, Malvern.

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

CMS: The first meeting of the CMS this year will be held on Wednesday 12th of February at 7.30pm in the Wheatley room, the discussion theme is bulletin 1 from the new plan book. Baptism! This is a open discussion, please read beforehand.

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.

40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: This takes place in St. John Henry Newman's Chapel at Littlemore, Oxfordshire, on Friday, February 28th – Sunday, February March 2nd. Adoration is from 7 am – 9 pm each day, with opportunities to celebrate the Divine Office. Further detail 01865 779743 or littlemore@newman-friends.org.

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. .

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.

ST AMBROSE AND ST WULSTAN'S COMMUNITY EVENT: Where: St Ambrose Catholic Primary School. When - Friday 10th March 2025. Time: 3 - 6pm. We want to help our local families and community by offering a Spring Community Cafe.

There will be free refreshments, a bouncy castle and ice-cream van (chargeable), mental health professionals, local community support, health specialists, youth workers and our safer neighbourhood team. All families are welcome to attend.

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.

IRISH CHARITY CONCERT in aid of Kemp Hospice and Brain Tumour Research In St Ambrose Parish Hall, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, DY102BY. On Sat 15th March 2024 7.30pm – 11.00pm A celebration of Irish music, song and dance.

There will be a Raffle during the evening for a range of exciting prizes! Teas, coffee, sandwiches, rolls available to purchase! Admission Adults £10.00 Children under 16 £5.00 Bring your own drinks! Tickets available from Charlie Villa 07759629938 , Sinead Maffei 07980846301 and Mary Preston 07513 295817.

200 CLUB: Following the recent Draw in the Parish Centre the lucky winners for January 2025 are:

1 st	£75	No. 215	Mr Peter Harler
2 nd	£50	No. 8	Mrs Heath Drew
3 rd	£25	No. 21	Mrs Helen Drew

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, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Emilia Gissyng, 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, Alysia 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. Clebury 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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