

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

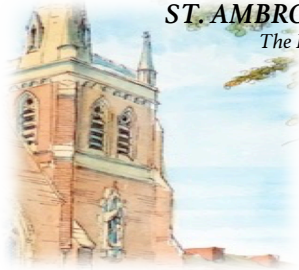
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The EIGHTH SUNDAY of YEAR C

Quinquagesima

ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT,

IN CHRIST.

Psalter Week: IV. Sunday, March 2nd 2025
Preface & Eucharistic prayer IV Acclamation II.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY *Feria.*
March 3rd 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Kate Marshall RIP family followed by Pro-Life Rosary.

TUESDAY *Feria.*
March 4th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Jane Reed RIP

WEDNESDAY *ASH WEDNESDAY; Lent begins. Day of fasting & abstinence.*
March 5th 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9:30 am. (Whole School) James Alphonsus Greene (Anniv.)
11:30 am. (Tenbury Wells) Int. of the Durkan Family
4 pm. Reception: Kathleen Harris RIP
7:30 pm. Canon Peter Taylor (Anniv.)

THURSDAY *after Ash Wednesday*
March 6th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Brenda Galvin RIP
11 am. (Funeral Service – not a Mass) Kathleen Harris RIP
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with The Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY *after Ash Wednesday; SS Perpetua & Felicity, Roman Martyrs)*
March 7th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Int. of Sheila Mikulicz
10:30 am. (Tenbury Wells) The Stations of the Cross
7 pm. The Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY *after Ash Wednesday; St. John of God, 16th century Patron of the Sick and Infirm)*
March 8th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. John Kerrigan RIP followed by Rosary & Novena devotions

SUNDAY NEXT *The First Sunday in Lent*
March 9th 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) Fr. Thomas Fullerton (Anniv.)
11 am. Leo Kealey RIP / Fr. John Daley (Anniv.)
3 pm. (St. Chad's Cathedral) The Rite of Election
6 pm. The People of the Parish

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

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: J & P Harler, A. Colclough, J. Walker.

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. J. Knowles 6 pm. M. Day

READERS: 11 am. G. Hodgkinson 6 pm. D. Gillett

CLEANING TEAM: D (Friday morning of March 7th)

TENBURY: Additional minister: M. Harper Reader: S. Thomas

****Correction to Previous edition:** The collection for St. Chad's Cathedral Maintenance will be taken at the end of Mass **today**.

PRAYING for the DEAD: Please pray for one of our most active and faithful parishioners LEO KEALEY, who died in hospital on Friday morning. He was over 90 years of age and has served our Parish well.

Please pray for JOYCE TAYLOR (mother of Joy Farmer) who died on Tuesday morning in hospital, after several years of ill health. We received news of the death of ANNE PALFREY, of Vine Street. Her Funeral will be in St. Ambrose's, early in April.

CELEBRANT'S CHAIR: The handsome recently installed Celebrant's Chair is a gift to the Parish of Mrs Madeline Gould, of Hagley, please pray for the donor.

WALK with ME: The Lent edition of WALK WITH ME is available at the back of our churches. Please pay for them via the church collection.

COMPANIONS: Meet on Thursday at 12:30 pm at THE LAND OAK, not the Adams Lounge as is customary. If you are widowed or live alone you will be made most welcome.

KNIT & NATTER: meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall from 2 pm – 4 pm. We meet on the First & Third Tuesdays of the month. Everyone is welcome, just drop in and relax over a cup of tea and a chat.

MISSIO: Red box subscribers are invited to collect the magazine from the back of our churches.

WORLD BOOK DAY – A message from Miss Brewer - at *St Ambrose Catholic Primary School* on Thursday. We would like to invite parishioners into school for a cup of tea and a biscuit at 10.15am. Our School Reading Ambassadors would love to read some of their favourite stories to you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 will take place on Friday at 10.30am. Kidderminster Elim Church and at 6pm Franche Community Church. The ecumenical Service is written by the women of the Cook Islands and the theme is *"I made you wonderful"*. It is a very beautiful and timely focus on the sanctity of life, created by God, and should be supported by everyone concerned by the rising tide of destruction of life by personal choice. Please see the Posters in Church and the Borromeo Hall for further information. Madeleine Roy madeleinetom@aol.com

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.

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.

LENT AT ST. AMBROSE'S: Lent begins on Wednesday, with a day of fasting and abstinence. Please let us try to spend a fervent Lent and the following suggestions may help:

- *attend morning Mass on a day or so each week*
- *choose ONE book from Scripture for daily reading / study*
- *attend the Stations of the Cross, or to pray them on your own*
- *perform an act of self-denial or of charity each day*
- *attend the Lent meetings in our parish*
- *offer some time each week to help in the church decoration*
- *receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession)*
- *to make a commitment to one of our parish groups*

LENT MEETINGS: will be at 7 pm on each Tuesday as follows:
March 11th JOURNEYS in FAITH: Gail Brown & Revd. Christopher Henson
March 18th JORNEYING IN THE ORTHODOX TRADITION: Fr. Nenad
March 25th A JOURNEY IN MUSIC: Jerry Price
April 1st THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Fr. Philip Griffin
April 8th A JOURNEY TO LISTENING: Maggie Wolloshin
Details will be given each week in the newsletter and on the website.

CHURCH DECORATION: Thanks to the hard work of all involved, especially Mark and Abigail Farmer, decoration progress is currently running ahead of schedule. The main body of the church and sanctuary remains an on-going project. After Easter the Piety Stall and Confessional areas will be decorated and more volunteers are always welcome. Over the summer recess of the choir it is hoped that the Choir Loft may be cleaned. Anyone with experience or who is comfortable with ladder and scaffold work is also welcome, please make yourself known to Fr. Lamb or contact the Rectory leaving your details.

THANKS: Lyndon and Jacqueline Whatley would sincerely like to thank Fr. Lamb and all those who offered prayers and get well wishes during their son's recent illness.

200 CLUB: On behalf of Canon Lamb and the 200 Club I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our friends and parishioners who have either renewed or just joined the 200 Club. We have had a record uptake this year, so we will be able to provide more funds to help Canon Lamb run the Parish than ever before. Thank you all.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Joyce Berry, Trina Cole, Clare Conway, Olive Cooke, Alan Cunningham, Michael Dunne, Fr. Bruce Dutton, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Emilia Gissying, 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, 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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