

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

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THE FIRST SUNDAY in LENT YEAR C
ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT,
IN CHRIST.

Psalter Week: I. Sunday, March 9TH 2025

Preface of the First Sunday in Lent

Eucharistic Prayer I

Acclamation II.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY *Lent Feria.*

March 10th 7:30 am. Mass with Morning Prayer; John Joseph Stubbins RIP followed by Pro-Life Rosary.
12 noon. (Our Lady of Lourdes, Great Billing) Funeral Mass: Betty Elwes RIP

TUESDAY *Lent Feria.*

March 11th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Fr. Christopher Thornton (Anniv.)

WEDNESDAY *Lent Feria.*

March 12th 8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9:15 am. Brenda Galvin RIP

THURSDAY *Lent Feria.*

March 13th 8:50 am. (Winterfold House School) Int. of Sr. Anastasia.
11:30 am. Fr. Vaughan-Lloyd (Anniv.)
4:30 am. Reception of the late Maria Cholowa RIP
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with The Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY *Lent Feria.*

March 14th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Decd. of the Hopkins Family
10:30 am. (Tenbury Wells) The Stations of the Cross
11 am. Funeral Service (Not Mass): Maria Cholowa RIP
7 pm. The Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY *Lent Feria.*

March 15th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Lucyna Skibinska RIP followed by Rosary & Novena devotions

SUNDAY NEXT *The Second Sunday in Lent*

March 16th 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) The People of the Parish
11 am. Decd. of the Doherty Family
6 pm. Int. of Philip, Judith & Paul Standing

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: M. Cunliffe, B. Martin & C. Vass.

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. S. Laskey 6 pm. L. Farmer

READERS: 11 am. A. Furman 6 pm. R. Young

CLEANING TEAM: A (Wednesday morning of March 12th)

TENBURY: Additional minister: M. Bowdler Reader: L. Taylor

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES: Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Christopher Thornton, priest of Habberley 1983-1988; who died March 11th 2005. May he rest in peace.

PARISH FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Maria Cholowa (Funeral Service – not Mass) on Friday at 11 am.

Joyce Taylor (Wyre Forest Crematorium) Tuesday, March 25th at 2:30 pm.

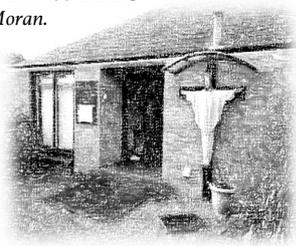
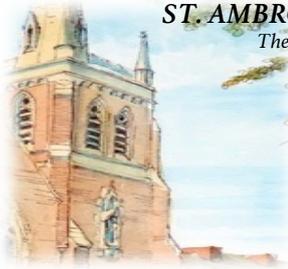
Anne Palfrey (Funeral Service – not Mass) Friday, April 4th at 1 pm.

RITE OF ELECTION: This afternoon, three of our parishioners who are to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil will be presented to the Archbishop at St. Chad's Cathedral during the Rite of Election. They will be accompanied by Deacon Adam Nicholls. Please pray for their perseverance in this good resolution. **MATTHEW HACKETT, ANNE NICHOLLS & DONNA PERRI.** They will celebrate the three Scrutinies in our Parish on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays in Lent.

UCM: Meet on Monday, March 10th in the Adams Lounge at 7:30 pm. All women of the Parish are most welcome.

WORCESTER DEANERY: The meeting of the clergy of the Worcester Deanery is at St. George's, Worcester, on Tuesday.

MONTINI GROUP: will meet in the Adams Lounge on Tuesday at 4:15 pm. to continue sharing thoughts about the Reformation – the Saints of the Counter-Reformation period and other relevant topics. Everyone is welcome.



LENT MEETINGS: The first meetings will be in the Adams Lounge on Tuesday at 7 pm. Unfortunately Revd. Christopher Henson has withdrawn because of a pastoral necessity in his own parish. We are very grateful to REVD NICK COLLISON, of Trinity Methodist Church, who has agreed, at very short notice, to share his Faith Stance with us. Nick has been in Kidderminster for several years, and has pioneered a ministry which now includes Baxter United Reform Church. This will be his second visit to us. He will be joined by GAIL BROWN, of the Harvington Parish, Gail had a Dental Practice in Kidderminster; and later taught Science & Religious Education at St. Augustine's School in Kidderminster and has some radical views on the Catholic Faith and Practice.

CMS: The next meeting of the CMS is on Wednesday the 12th of March, the subject matter is reconciliation/confession. The meeting will be held in the Wheatley room at 7.30pm, please read plan booklet prior to the meeting.

FRATERNAL: The Ministers of the Christian Churches in Kidderminster will meet on Wednesday in the Elim Church in Aggborough.

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

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.

PALMS, PODCASTS, AND PANCAKES – A WONDERFUL EVENING!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who joined us for our Palms, Podcasts, and Pancakes evening! It was a wonderful time of fellowship, delicious food, and meaningful discussions as we celebrated Shrove Tuesday and explored ways to enhance our social media outreach.

We're excited to continue growing our online presence and welcome input from all parishioners. Some fantastic suggestions so far include tracking school activities and publishing Father's homilies online. If you have ideas on how we can better share our faith and parish life—or if you'd like to get involved—we'd love to hear from you!

To share your thoughts, please email us at stambroseandsacredheart@gmail.com or come and speak to Cristiano, Miki (from Kidderminster) or Jude (from Tenbury Wells). **JOIN OUR WELCOMING COMMITTEE!** We want everyone who walks through our church doors to feel at home. That's why we're putting together a Welcoming Committee to greet the new faces at the start of Mass, offer guidance on available resources, and ensure they feel part of our parish family.

This is a simple yet meaningful way to serve—whether it's providing a warm greeting, helping newcomers find their way, or inviting them to enjoy tea and coffee after Mass. If you have a friendly smile and a heart for hospitality, we'd love to have you join us! To learn more or get involved, please email us at stambroseandsacredheart@gmail.com. St Ambrose On YouTube

We're excited to share that a large portion of our church's content will now be available on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@ParishofStAmbroseSacredHeart>. Over the next few months, we'll be documenting special parish events, community gatherings, and moments of faith that bring us together. From reflections and prayers to celebrations, parish group activities and outreach, our channel along with our wonderful Facebook page managed by Miki will be a hub for staying connected and growing in faith as a community. To learn more or get involved, please email us at stambroseandsacredheart@gmail.com.

FINANCE: Offertory Total: £303.45. Envelope Scheme: £115.

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 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, 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.