

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

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY in LENT YEAR C**

**ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT,**

**IN CHRIST.**

Psalter Week: II.

Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

Preface of the Second Sunday in Lent

Eucharistic Prayer III

Acclamation III.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY** *Feast of St. Patrick; Patron of Ireland*

March 17<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Patrick Heffernan (Anniv.) followed by Pro-Life Rosary

**TUESDAY** *Lent Feria with the Com. of St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

March 18<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. John Power (Anniv.)

**WEDNESDAY** *The Solemnity of St. Joseph; Spouse of Our Lady*

March 19<sup>th</sup> 8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9:30 am. (Whole School) Fr. Joseph Houghton RIP

**THURSDAY** *Lent Feria.*

March 20<sup>th</sup> 8:50 am. (Winterfold House School) Mother Clare Agnes (Anniv.)

11:30 am. Deacon Thomas Ashcroft RIP

7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with The Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

**FRIDAY** *Lent Feria.*

March 21<sup>st</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Joan Battye RIP

10:30 am. (Tenbury Wells) The Stations of the Cross

7 pm. The Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY** *Lent Feria.*

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Jack Connolly (Anniv.) followed by Rosary & Novena devotions

**SUNDAY NEXT** *The Third Sunday in Lent*

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) The People of the Parish

11 am. Int. of Tim Yates

6 pm. In Thanksgiving

**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:

A. Harris, J. Knowles, M. Strangward

**ADDITIONAL MINISTERS:** 11 am. M. Roy

6 pm. L. Whatley

**READERS:** 11 am. N. Koremska

6 pm. N. Record

**CLEANING TEAM:** B (Friday morning of March 21<sup>st</sup>)

**TENBURY:** Additional minister: A. Stanley

Reader: J. Moore

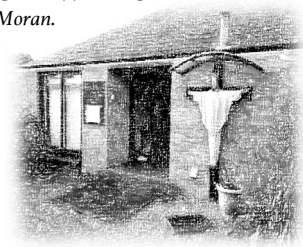
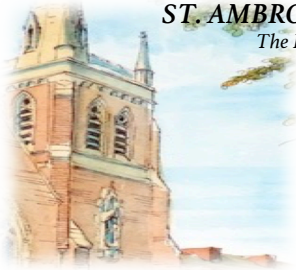
**PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:** Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Rev Thomas Ashcroft, Deacon of this parish 2002-2015. Who died March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015. May he rest in peace.

**LENT AT ST. AMBROSE'S:** 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

**SOLEMNITY of ST. JOSEPH:** Please make an extra effort to attend morning Mass on Wednesday to honour this greatest of Saints.

**GIFT AID:** Envelopes are now available from the back of the church.



**PARISH FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:**

Joyce Taylor RIP (Wyre Forest Crematorium) Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.

Leo Kealey RIP Reception: April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 pm.

Funeral Mass: April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 am. Burial in Kidderminster Cemetery

Anne Palfrey RIP (Funeral Service – not Mass) Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

**MISSALS:** The pre-ordered Missals printed with the new translation of the Readings are now available from the piety cupboard at the back of the church.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Will meet in the Rectory on Monday at 7:30 pm.

**LENT MEETINGS:** After an encouraging beginning to our series last Tuesday, the second meeting will be *in the church* on Tuesday at 7 pm. When we shall receive a visit and presentation from FR. NENAD, and three Cantors from the Serbian Orthodox Tradition. Fr. Nenad is the Parish Priest of the magnificent Serbian Orthodox Church of St. Lazar in Bournville, and is a truly inspirational Priest. There will be refreshments in the Adams Lounge after the presentation to give as many as possible an opportunity to meet him.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025:** The first meeting of parents to those who wish to prepare for First Holy Communion will be held in the Adams Lounge on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. This will give us an opportunity to explain the expectations we have of those who will be presenting their children for this Sacrament, and for any difficulties or questions to be resolved. The main expectation we have is that these families should be regular attenders at Sunday Mass.

**SOUP & PUDDING LUNCH:** The last in this series of Soup & Pudding luncheon will be in the Borrromeo Hall after 11 am. Mass on March 30<sup>th</sup>. In the summer months we may have a PIZZA SUNDAY, and perhaps Salad Days.

**TENBURY MEETING:** In recent months MARK PEYTON moved from Tenbury to live in Hereford, close to Belmont Abbey; and in near future WILLIAM & JENNY MOORE will be departing. All three played a major part in the organisation of Sunday Mass / Exposition / Stations of the Cross / Rosary etc., and so we need to plan for the future. Please try to attend the meeting at 6 pm. on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> in the church so that we can ensure that all necessary parts of our Sunday worship preparation will be covered.

**UNION of CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** At the Annual General Meeting last Monday evening, MIRIAM CUNLIFFE & DANUTA DUNCOMBE were elected as co-Presidents; CHRSTINE VASS was elected as Secretary and JAN RICHARDS was elected Treasurer.

**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.

**FOR THE FUTURE:** We hope to continue growing our online presence and welcome input from all parishioners. Some 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 please email us at [stambroseandsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:stambroseandsacredheart@gmail.com) or come and speak to Cristiano, Miki (from Kidderminster) or Jude (from Tenbury Wells). To learn more please email us at [stambroseandsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:stambroseandsacredheart@gmail.com). 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 Facebook page managed by Miki will be a hub for staying connected and growing in faith as a community.

**EASTER TRAIL ON HOLY SATURDAY:** If any parishioners are prepared to volunteer as car parking stewards, clue stewards to narrate the clues, and /or receptionists, please notify Fr. Lamb.

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	£75	No. 180	Mr John Taylor
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£50	No. 134	Mr Shybi Joseph
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£25	No. 24	Mrs Christine Ellwood

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The daily prayer vigil from 8am -8pm has begun at St Joseph and St. Helen's Church in Birmingham. If anyone is able to be my prayer partner from 2=3pm on Saturdays, 22nd or 29th March, or 5th April, please contact me. Madeleine Roy 01562 822189

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 Gissyn, 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 Wollosin.

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