

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

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY in LENT YEAR C

ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT,

IN CHRIST.

Psalter Week: III. Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025

Preface II of Lent Eucharistic Prayer II Acclamation II.

(at the 11 o' clock Mass; Reading, Gospel & Psalm of Year A)

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY

*Lent Feria*

March 24<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Rita Kerrigan (Anniv.) followed by Pro-Life Rosary

TUESDAY

*The Solemnity of the Annunciation*

March 25<sup>th</sup>

8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9:15 am. David Begley (Anniv.)

2:30 pm. (Crematorium) Funeral of Joyce Taylor RIP

WEDNESDAY *Lent Feria*

March 26<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am. Mass with Office of Morning Prayer; David, John & Martin Weaver RIP

11 am. (Oulton Abbey, Staffordshire) Memorial Mass of Dame Benedicta Scott RIP

THURSDAY

*Lent Feria.*

March 27<sup>th</sup>

8:50 am. (Winterfold House School) Fr. John Joe Donnelly (Anniv.)

11:30 am. Int. of Dr. Kevin O' Connor

1:30 pm. (School) Confessions

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

with Confessions from 7:30 pm. – 8:15 pm.

FRIDAY

*Lent Feria. Twenty-Four Hours for the Lord*

March 28<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Brian & Margaret Young RIP followed by Adoration until 10:30 am. with Confession available.

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

3 pm. The Stations of the Cross with Adoration

6:30 pm. Confessions until the conclusion of the Stations of the Cross

7 pm. The Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY

*Lent Feria.*

March 29<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Maria Cholowa RIP followed by Rosary & Novena devotions

SUNDAY NEXT *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 30<sup>th</sup>

9 am. (Tenbury Wells) C.V.S. (Anniv.)

11 am. The People of the Parish

6 pm. Joyce Taylor RIP

CONFESSIONS: Thursday 7:30 pm. – 8:15 pm., Friday 9:30 am. – 10:30 am. & 6:30 pm. – 7:30 pm., Saturday from 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:

C.M.S. & Alberto Maffei

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS:

11 am. C. Vass

6 pm. N. Jose

READERS:

11 am. T. Alexander

6 pm. N. Awolola

CLEANING TEAM:

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TENBURY:

Additional minister: B. Peissel

Reader: W. Moore

Parish Anniversaries: Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Walter Hofler, priest here 1915-1938, who died March 25<sup>th</sup> 1949 & for Fr. Michael Power, priest here 1869-1870, who died March 29<sup>th</sup> 1918. May they rest in peace.

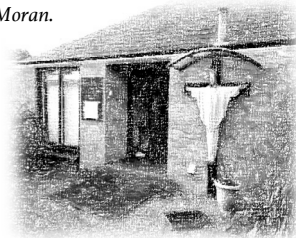
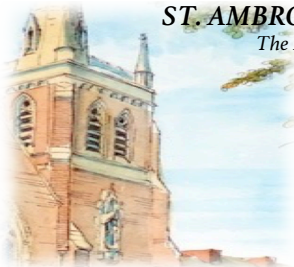
SOLEMNITY of the ANNUNCIATION: Please make a special point of hearing Morning Mass on Tuesday to celebrate the Incarnation of Our Lord in this important moment in Christian history.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS for the LORD: This is a recently introduced initiative for parishes during Lent, and we are asked to mark it in a particular way. Please see the schedule given above in the Mass times.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: I am very grateful to CRISTIANO CRASSUS, who has agreed to be co-opted to the Parish Finance Committee.

UCM: Meet for the Stations of the Cross in the church at 7 pm. on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners are welcome.

SOUP & PUDDING: Will be taking over the Tombola Stall so please keep donating; all donations to Joy Farmer or handed in to the Rectory. The Tombola will be drawn once a month.



LENT MEETING: Last Tuesday was a memorable evening for the life of our parish with the visit of Fr. Nenad Popovic from the Serbian Orthodox Church in Birmingham. On Tuesday of this week we will welcome Jerry Price, the Head of Music at Winterfold House School, who will share some of his favourite music with us, with some reflections from his own life and experience. He is a brilliant musician who has achieved wonderful performance standards right across the school. After the interval, he will perform on his Saxophone. Please try to come to celebrate the relationship we now have with Winterfold school.

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

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.

SOUP & PUDDING LUNCH: The last in this series of Soup & Pudding luncheon will be in the Borromeo 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.

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.

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

ECUMENICAL GROUP MEETING: Isabel Vaughan-Spruce of 40 Days for Life will join our monthly meeting on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

AWAKENING: (Evangelisation & Healing Convention) We are asked to draw attention to this event which is held at the Bethel Convention Centre in West Bromwich on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 4 pm. offering the opportunity for praise & worship, talks, Mass, Confession, Prayer Ministry and Healing Adoration. A leaflet & magazine are at the back of the church.

THE CHURCHES OF KIDDERMINSTER EAST: are seeking to appoint a Finance Officer (part time, 10 hours per week – flexible on days and times, £13.47 per hour) with finance and payroll experience (or a fast learner!) and good IT skills. More information and application pack available from the Parish Office on [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk) or 01562 822131.

IRISH CHARITY CONCERT: Thanks to the enthusiastic and generous support from parishioners, family and friends, we raised £1,813.30, at the Concert on Saturday 15th March. Each Charity, Kemp Hospice and Brain Tumour Research, will receive £906.65. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

MITE SCHEME: closed in January 2025; in 14 years we raised £2,265 (about £160 a year), mostly from spare coins, a huge thank you to all parishioners; even one five pence coin was a lifeline to a sick child. ***I am please to announce that St. Ambrose's Mites have been welcomed as benefactors by Aid to the Church in Need; £45 has already gone to help a needy family in the Holy Land. Please continue saving 5p coins or any spare cash for the many worthy causes helped by ACN.*** Please leave all coins at the Rectory or contact Jennifer Bush on 01684 563241. Thank you!

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 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, Jim Thomas, Margaret Tillott, Jill Tombs, Christopher Tovey, Frances Tovey, Lynn Tovey, Lyndon Whatley, Fran Obofski, 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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