

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

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This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered Charity no. 234216

Third Sunday in Lent

Year: A

Week Commencing: March 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

Psalter Week: 3. CTS Sunday Missal p. 162. Preface of the Samaritan Woman p. 167. Eucharistic Prayer: II p 605. Mystery of Faith: II.

Response to the Psalm:

*O that today you would listen to His voice: harden not your hearts.*

Gospel Acclamation:

*Lord, you really are the Saviour of the World; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.*

Feast Days this Week:

**T.** St. Patrick.

**W.** St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

**Th.** The Solemnity of St. Joseph.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

**St Ambrose's**

Mon: 7.30 am.

Philip Hopkins RIP

Tues: 7.30 am.

Patrick Hefferman (Anniv)

12 Noon. Funeral: Delia Neip RIP

Wed: 9.15 am.

Rev. Thomas Ashcroft / Brigid Saporito (Anniv).

Thurs: 7 pm.

Iris Miller RIP

7:30 pm. Adoration until 8.35 pm. Compline

Fri: 8.30 am.

Ada Steward RIP followed by Adoration until 10:15 am

7:30 pm. Stations of the Cross

Sat: 9.00 am.

Joan Battye RIP followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions

Sun: 11.00 am.

The People of the Parish

6.00 pm. The Holy Souls

**Sacred Heart**

Fri: 10.30 am.

The Stations of the Cross

Sun: 9.00 am.

In thanksgiving (Kozicki)

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 11:45 – 12:45, and by request. Sacred Heart by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass:

A. Ciupa & O. Griffin

**NB: Because of official health instructions from the Bishop's Conference, only ONE Minister is permitted at each Mass.**

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers:

E. Buncl

Readers:

J. Walker & C. Villa

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers:

L. Farmer

Readers:

T. Collins & M. Weaver

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers:

M. Peyton

Readers:

J. Moore

Church Cleaners Team: A

Offertory Counters Group: 4

Tea/Coffee: [N/A. see CORVID-19 notice]

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:

Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jim Thomas, Nora Collins, Matteo Butera, Rosemarie Smith, Emilia Gissyng, Revd Fr Edward Sopala, Richard Bolton, Laura Reynolds, Fr Bruce Dutson, Tom Hopkins, Thomas Roy, Bernard Casken, Esther Sharp, Helena Collins, Margaret Tillott, Ken Dalby, Fr Richard Sharples, Peter Bowdler, Marion Birch, David Warr, Albert Barr, Pamela Mazzone and Eamon Dalton.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*: CORVID-19 [CORONAVIRUS]**

We have been advised by the Bishop's Conference of England & Wales that the following measures now apply:

1. Holy Communion **will NOT be received from the Chalice** until further notice

2. Holy Communion should **NOT** be received on the tongue. Ministers should, as far as possible, **avoid physical contact** with Communicants

3. The Sign of Peace **will NOT** be given

4. Holy Water stoups at the Church doors are to be emptied

5. The Collection baskets will not be passed around the Congregation. They will be offered by the Collectors

6. Those with cold or flu symptoms should **avoid being present** at Parish gatherings

7. We are asked to **suspend hospitality after Masses**, where multiple people touch cups, mugs, utensils, biscuits etc.

8. We are, at present, unable to provide sanitized gel dispensers, so we ask that those who have these products are sure to use them; that everyone, particularly Ministers of Holy Communion, are especially attentive to matters of hand hygiene. There are facilities in the Parish Hall and, if necessary, in the Rectory, prior to Masses

**Rest in Peace:** Delia Nepi's Funeral Mass is on Tuesday at 12 Noon. The Funeral of Carlo Roncella has been arranged for Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon, prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Robert Wright, Parish Priest of St. John Fisher's in Coventry, whose Funeral Mass is next Friday at 12 Noon. Please also remember Canon Peter Taylor, Parish Priest of St. Mary's the Mount in Walsall (1971 – 2012) for 41 years. I spent a very formative period with him before I was ordained a priest and learned a great deal from him. He was a very fine priest.

**Alterations to Mass Times:** Joseph and I have been invited to attend the Ordination of the Bishop of Northampton, and this will necessitate an early start. Next Thursday is the Solemnity of St. Joseph and I am anxious that as many people as possible have the opportunity to hear Mass. Therefore, Mass in our Parish will be at 7 pm, followed immediately by weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On **Friday** I will be attending the Funeral Mass of Fr. Robert Wright at St. John Fisher's in Coventry. Therefore, Mass will be at 8:30 am, with Adoration afterwards until 10:15 am. I am sorry for this inconvenience.

**Craft Club:** meets on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall at 7:30 pm. New members always very welcome.

**Bible Study:** Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2 pm for 2:30 at the home of Teresa Alexander. 34 Aggborough Crescent. Kidd. (01562) 741794. New members are most welcome.

**First Holy Communion:** The next meeting of parents who are preparing their children for First Holy Communion will be in the Parish Hall (Borromeo Room) on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

**Ambrosian Group** meet for a shared lunch of Thursday in the Parish Hall. Anyone wishing to come is most welcome.

**The Stations of the Cross:** will be followed in both our Churches on Friday, in Tenbury at 10.30 am and in St Ambrose's at 7.30 pm.

**CMS:** The next meeting of the CMS will be a joint event with the UCM, who will participate in a discussion of the role of women in the Church, to be held in the Borromeo Hall on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Meeting:** There is to be a Parish Meeting to discuss our current financial position and the steps that are to be taken to address this difficult situation, especially in the light of the newly-imposed levies that the Diocese has put forward. The meeting will be in the Borromeo Hall on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. All the members of the Parish Clergy and all members of the Finance Committee will be present and a full balance sheet with analysis of the current trends in our financial resources will be laid before the meeting. We will do our best to answer whatever questions are forthcoming and we will be pleased to receive suggestions about fund raising and cost-cutting measures for the future. This is clearly going to be an important meeting and is open to everyone.

**Knock Shrine Pilgrimage April 20<sup>th</sup> 2020:** Fully escorted, £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, four nights in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions are also included, and lunches on days out. Wheelchair-accessible rooms. Single-room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on (01268) 762278 or 07740 175557, or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**Very Advance Notice:** There will be a Mass in Sacred Heart, Tenbury on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (St George's Day) during which we shall celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We hope that there will be tea served afterwards and we will conclude with a Community meeting to discuss plans for the year in Tenbury, and other matters of Parish interest.

**40 Days for Life:** During Lent there will be a prayer vigil at The Robert Clinic, Kings Norton. If anyone is available on Saturdays from 12-1pm to join Madeline Roy please contact her on K 822189 for further information. If you are able to support at any other time please contact Isabel on 07773 501721. Persistent prayer helped to close Calthorpe Abortion Centre and helped over 100 women to choose life, with the support they needed.

**Catholic Men's Society:** At the Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Men's Society Archdiocesan Council, four of our Brothers were elected to Office:

President: Br. Ray Barber

Vice-President: Br. Martin Grovenor

Secretary: Br. Joel Douglas

Treasurer: Br. Trevor Webb

**Pound Pots:** Those who have continued to support the Maintenance Fund by using the Pound Pot Scheme; now is the time to bring in your donations. If you wish to donate by cheque, please make these payable to *St. Ambrose's, Kidderminster*. Either hand in at the Rectory in clearly marked 'Pound Pot' or to Sylvia Kealey directly at the back of the Church.

**The NDE Choir** is proudly celebrating 30 years of song. You are invited to join us in a service of thanksgiving on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Methodist Church, beginning with refreshments at 6:30 pm for 7:30. If you would like to share the evening with us please let us know for catering purposes on 01562 748095. – Margaret Tillott.

#### Finances:

i Thank you for last week's Offertory of £743.02 (Plate £479.97, Envelope scheme £263.05).

ii. Sr. Reena Puthuserry thanks all parishioners for the warm welcome she received on her Mission Appeal, £439.31 was donated by St. Ambrose's to this cause.

iii. £30 was kindly donated to the Maintenance Fund.

#### Lent Guidelines:

A weekday Mass

A period of Adoration (Thursday, 7.30 pm, Friday 9.30 am)

The Stations of the Cross (Friday, 7.30 pm or private visit)

Join a Parish Group

Go to Confession (Saturday 11.45 am, March 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30 pm)

Daily Bible reading (perhaps the daily Mass reading)

A Lent book

A weekly donation to charity

#### St Ambrose's Parish Centre

Available for meetings, seminars, parties and functions of all kinds.

Contact: Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or at [bookings.stambrose@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.stambrose@gmail.com)

**Bingo:** Weekly on Tuesdays at 8.00 p.m.