

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

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

Psalter Week: IV. Sunday, March 30th 2025

Preface I of Lent Eucharistic Prayer III Acclamation I.
(at the 11 o' clock Mass; Reading, Gospel & Psalm of Year A)

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY *Lent Feria*

March 31st 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Three Mothers RIP followed by Pro-Life Rosary

TUESDAY *Lent Feria*

April 1st 8:30 am. Mass with Office of Morning Prayer; Adrian Bryan RIP
10:30 am. (The Birmingham Oratory) Funeral Mass of Anne Roebuck RIP

WEDNESDAY *Lent Feria with the Com. of St. Francis of Paola; hermit of the 15th century.*

April 2nd 8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9:15 am. Fr. Hubert Janssens (Anniv.)
4:30 pm. Reception of Leo Kealey RIP

THURSDAY *Lent Feria.*

April 3rd 7:30 am. Mass with Office of Morning Prayer; Int. of Fr. Gerard Kelly
8:50 am. (Winterfold House School) In Reparation
11:30 am. Funeral Mass: Leo Kealey RIP
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with The Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY *Lent Feria with the Com. of St. Isidore; 7th century Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

April 4th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Jean Werritt RIP
10:30 am. (Tenbury Wells) Stations of the Cross
1 pm. Funeral Service (No Mass) Anne Palfrey RIP
7 pm. The Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY *Lent Feria with Com. of St. Vincent Ferrer; Spanish preacher & missionary 15th century.*

April 5th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Fr. Thomas Waldron (Anniv.) followed by Rosary & Novena devotions

SUNDAY NEXT *The Fifth Sunday in Lent / Passion Sunday*

April 6th 8:15 am. (Tenbury Wells) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9 am. (Tenbury Wells) Donal Gilhooly RIP
11 am. Revd. John Williams (Anniv.)
6 pm. The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: 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: J & P Harler, Anne Colclough & Jo Walker

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. Sebin Jose 6 pm. N/A

READERS: 11 am. C. Vass 6 pm. N/A

CLEANING TEAM: D (Friday morning)

TENBURY: Additional minister: M. Harper Reader: C. Stanley

PARISH FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Leo Kealey RIP Reception: April 2nd at 4:30 pm.

Anne Palfrey RIP Funeral Mass: April 3rd at 11:30 am. Burial in Kidderminster Cemetery
(Funeral Service – not Mass) Friday, April 4th at 1 pm.

UCM: The Union of Catholic Mothers is handing out BOOKMARKS before Mass today to ladies for Mothers Day. We shall be selling raffle tickets from next Sunday for our Easter Hamper Raffle. Proceeds will go to the charity Night Shop.

SOUP & PUDDING LUNCH: The last in this series of Soup & Pudding luncheon will be in the Borromeo Hall after 11 am. Mass today. In the summer months we may have a PIZZA SUNDAY, and perhaps Salad Days.

KNIT & NATTER: Tuesday, April 1st from 2pm – 4 pm, open afternoon in the Borrromeo Hall. Drop in for a chat and a drink. Craft items will be on sale.

LENT MEETING: After another very special evening last week with Jerry Price, we have an important Lent theme on Tuesday when Fr. Philip Griffin from Our Lady & All Saints in Stourbridge will lead a workshop on the SACRAMENT of PENANCE (Confession). This will help all of us to prepare for Passiontide, and encourage us to return to the regular practice of this wonderful Sacrament.

This week Confessions will follow Mass on Wednesday (until 10:30 am.); during Adoration on Thursday (11:30 am. – 12:45 pm.) and as usual on Saturday (11:45 am. – 12:45 pm.)

MONTINI GROUP: Meet in the Adams Lounge on Tuesday at 4:15 pm to reflect on the lives and witness of the English Martyrs, at the time of the Reformation. Everyone is very welcome.

CMS: The next meeting of the CMS is on April the 2nd at 7.30pm in the Wheatley room, the topic is plan 3. The Eucharist. please read before hand this is an open discussion.

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 31st 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 faithful members of the decorating team who are making steady and noticeable progress. Please keep in touch with the WhatsApp group to discover what work is available, and the occasions when the team will be present in church. One or two very helpful suggestions have also been received and are being considered.

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 or come and speak to Cristiano, Miki (from Kidderminster) or Jude (from Tenbury Wells). To learn more please email us at 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, May 2nd 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 5th 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.

ST. AMBROSE'S COMPANIONS: Will **NOT** meet on Thursday, April 3rd because of a Funeral. However, we will be meeting on Thursday, April 10th in The Adams Lounge at 12:30 pm. please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided. If you are widowed or live alone you will be made very welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING: The 'big clean' for Easter will take place on **Saturday, April 12th** after morning Mass. We would be grateful to anyone who can come along to help, not just the regular cleaners. The 'A Team' is in need of a new member – we clean Wednesday mornings, every four weeks. The next date is April 23rd after Morning. if you'd like to help please just turn up. For more information contact Chris Vass on (01562) 630949 or 0752972521

THANKS: We are grateful to the Baby & Toddler Group for a donation to Parish Funds of £300. Such continuing help deserves the gratitude of all of us.

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, 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. Clebury 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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