



Sunday, January 25th 2026

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

(YEAR A)

ONE BODY,

ONE SPIRIT,

IN CHRIST.

Psalter Week III.

Preface of Sundays I & Eucharistic Prayer I.

Acclamation I.

TIMES of HOLY MASS, FEAST DAYS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY
January 26th

Memorial of Ss. Timothy & Titus; Bishops & disciples of St. Paul.

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. Intentions of Nicola Avery *followed by Pro-Life Rosary.*

2:15 pm. Funeral Mass: Keith WEAVER RIP

TUESDAY
January 27th

Memorial of Bl. Edward Oldcorne (English Martyr) & St. Angela Merici (16th century Foundress of the Ursuline Sisters)

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. Annie Gilmartin (Anniv.)

4:30 pm. Reception of the Body of Johnny Murrihy RIP

WEDNESDAY Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Dominican Friar & Doctor of the Church

January 28th

8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9:15 am. Holy Souls

11 am. Funeral Service (not a Mass) Johnny Murrihy RIP

THURSDAY Feria

January 29th

8:50 am. (Winterfold House School) Decd. of the Baker Family.

11:15 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

11:30 am. Int. of Lyndon Whatley

3:30 pm. (St. Michael's, Stourport-on-Severn) Funeral: Brian TAYLOR RIP

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

FRIDAY

January 30th

Feria

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. Int. of Christina Geraghty.

11:30 am. Funeral Service (not a Mass): Irka PARKES RIP.

SATURDAY

January 31st

Memorial of St. John Bosco; 19th century Apostle of Youth, Founder of the Salesian Order.

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. Intentions of Clare Conway *followed by Rosary & Novena devotions.*

SUNDAY NEXT is the Fourth Sunday of the Year.

February 1st

9 am. (Tenbury Wells) The People of the Parish

11 am. Franco Sulla RIP

6 pm. Intentions of Sarah & Rejman Greene

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11:45 am. – 12:45 pm. & at any other time by request.

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am. Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: (New rota forthcoming.)

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. E. Fox 6 pm. N/A

READERS: 11 am. M. Weaver 6 pm. N/A

CLEANING TEAM: B (Friday morning)

TENBURY: Additional minister: B. Peissel.

Reader: A. Stanley.

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for Ethel THOMAS, who died at St. Paul's, Selly Park, last weekend. Her husband, Richard, died a few months ago. They were regular members of our 11 am congregation until ill-health overcame them during the past year. We remember Johnny MURRIHY. Keith WEAVER, Brian TAYLOR and Irka PARKES, all of whose Funerals are during the coming week. The Funeral of Cavan GILCHREEST will be in Stourbridge Crematorium on February 2nd. May they all rest in peace.

AT A GLANCE:

- SOUP & PUDDING LUNCH
- UNION of CATHOLIC MOTHERS
- MONTINI GROUP
- UCM CAKE SALE
- MASS FOR THE SICK
- SHROVETIDE QUIZ NIGHT
- TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE
- AS OTHERS SEE US (I)
- AS OTHERS SEE US (II)
- AS OTHERS FIND US
- DAY of RECOLLECTION

Today (Sunday) at 12 noon in the Borromeo Hall.
Monday at 7:30 pm. in the Adams Lounge.
Wednesday at 4:30 pm in the Adams Lounge.
After 11 am. Mass on Sunday, February 8th.
Saturday, February 14th in the church with lunch to follow.
February 17th in the Adams Lounge at 7 pm.
Tuesday, February 24th in the church at 7 pm.
Tuesday, March 3rd in the church at 7 pm.
Tuesday, March 10th in the church at 7 pm.
Tuesday, March 17th in the church at 7 pm.
Wednesday, March 25th (Tenbury Wells) 11 am. – 3:15 pm.

DEANERY REORGANISATION: All the parishes in the Deanery are being asked to plan for a future with fewer Priests, fewer buildings and smaller congregations while trying to preserve and enrich our pastoral life and our communities. We are asked to form 'clusters' – ***for us this will be formed of Kidderminster, Stourport on Severn, Harvington, Bewdley and Tenbury Wells, which in 2030 is likely to be a SINGLE PARISH with a Parish Priest, and possibly a retired Priest, to assist.*** This will obviously affect all of us. I am meeting soon with Fr. Richard Sharples, and it is important that we discuss the future with our parishioners. There will be a CONSULTATIVE MEETING in the Adams Lounge on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7 pm for about 1 hour. Invitations have been given to previous consultors but I must stress that this is an OPEN MEETING which all may attend.

LENT DAY of RECOLLECTION: There will be a Day of Recollection on Wednesday, March 25th in the Sacred Heart Church, Tenbury Wells. It will be the Solemnity of Annunciation of Our Lord. We shall meet at 11 am. and after a reflection, Mass will be offered at 12:15 pm. Participants are invited to bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be available; after which we shall work with the Stations of the Cross, a period of Eucharistic Adoration, the Office of Evening Prayer, and Benediction, to end the day at about 3:15 pm.

LENT: On four Tuesday evenings there will be the Office of Vespers / Evening Prayer in the Church at 7 pm. During the Office there will be a series of Guest Speakers, and the programme will be as follows:

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24th 'To Sing is to Pray Twice' (St. Augustine)

Dr. Matthew Johnson, Director of Music at St. Ambrose's.

TUESDAY MARCH 3rd As Others See Us (1) Mr. Rick Cotterill, Deputy Head of Winterfold House School.

TUESDAY MARCH 10th As Others See Us (2) Canon Robert Jones, retired Archdeacon of Worcester.

TUESDAY MARCH 17th As Others Find Us Sarah Lemiech, Anne Nicholls, Cris Crassus. (Three new parishioners)

There will be light refreshments in the Adams Lounge after each Service, with an opportunity to meet our Speakers and chat with them. This is a slight variation on last year's 'Journey of Faith' series.

READERS ROTA: The new rota starting in February is now available at the back of the church. Please can all readers ensure that they pick up a copy, and if you are unable to read on your allocated date, arrange to swap with another reader. Many thanks.

UCM: Meet on Monday at 7:30 pm. in the Adams Lounge. All ladies are most welcome to join us.

UCM CAKE SALE: There will be a cake sale in the Adams Lounge on Sunday, February 8th after 11 am. Mass. Proceeds are in aid of our 'Project' which is the Kidderminster Food Bank. Donations of home-made cakes will be most welcome, these can be dropped off in the morning before Mass.

A NOTE ON PARKING: Please be aware that there will be on-going maintenance work on St. Ambrose's Parish & School car park over the coming weeks. The car park itself will NOT be closed entirely, but please note that spaces may be limited by construction work.

200 CLUB: We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has either renewed their membership or has joined for the first time. It is not too late to renew, join or take out extra numbers in the 200 Club, don't forget that all monies raised go to help the Parish. The monthly prizes are £75, £50 and £25 along with the Big Christmas Draw with prizes of £400, £200 and £100. Please consider paying by standing order, it's easy to do and it saves relying on memory each year. New members to the 200 Club will always be welcome, just fill in the form at the back of church and put on the collection plate or hand in to the Rectory. Any queries please contact Martin Grovenor using the details on the application forms.

MASS FOR THE SICK with the SACRAMENT of ANOINTING: (See 'At a Glance') To celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, there will be a Mass on Saturday, February 14th with the Sacrament of Anointing. This will be at 12 noon in St. Ambrose's. Please make this known as widely as possible, and try to ensure that anyone who wishes to receive this Sacrament has the opportunity to attend. Please also be generous in offering transport to and from our church. There will be a Buffet Lunch afterwards in the Adams Lounge.

SHROVETIDE: On Shrove Tuesday, February 17th in the Adams Lounge at 7 pm. there will be a QUIZ NIGHT with pancakes and the burning of palms in preparation for the following day. It will be good if all parish groups would form teams (of 4 members) and other groups of parishioners also. It is intended as a social gathering (£4 per team) to bring together as many of us as possible. We may also have a raffle, but it is the coming together which is most important. (See 'At a Glance')

THANKS: Many thanks to the Toddlers Group for a further donation to the Parish of £200.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Allsopp, Trina Cole, Clare Conway, Olive Cooke, Alan Cunningham, Charlotte Doolan, Michael Dunne, Fr. Bruce Dutton, Ren Edward Evans, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Emilia Gissyn, Margaret Grimley, Lola Hartland, Kathleen Hegarty, Annie Holcroft, Margaret Holmes, Bill & Christine Hopkins, Shirley Keogh, Joan Kinsella, Pam Lay, Francesca Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Catherine Malcolmson-Priest, James McCarthy, Sheila Mikulicz, John Nangle, Brigid Nestor, William Nixon, Fran Oborski, Ian Page, Bridget Power, Veronica Pugh, Amanda Rattigan, Sarah Rejman-Greene, Jan Richards, Jackie Sands, Thomas Smith, Anthea Speers, Liz Steadman, Ray Stride, Jim Thomas, Margaret Tillott, Jill Tombs, Christopher Tovey, Lynn Tovey, Lyndon Whatley, Michael Williams, Michele Butera, Margaret Strangward, Jennifer Bush, Yvonne Pathe, Alberto Maffei, Sarah Ballentine.

WEEK-END MASS TIMES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:

Ludlow: Sat 6 pm./Sun 11 am.

Stourport: Sat 5:30 pm. & Sun 10 am.

Harvington: Sun 8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

Bromsgrove: Sat 6 pm. / Sun. 8:30 am & 10:30 am.

Cleobury Mortimer: Sun 9 am.

Stourbridge: Sat 5 pm./ Sun 8:30 am. & 11 am.

Droitwich Spa: Sun 8:30 am. 10:30 am & 6 pm.

Warndon (Worcester): Sun. 5 pm.

