



**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026**

**Septuagesima**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**(YEAR A)**

**ONE BODY,**

**ONE SPIRIT,**

**IN CHRIST.**

Psalter Week IV.

Preface of Sundays V.

Eucharistic Prayer III.

Acclamation I.

***TIMES of HOLY MASS, FEAST DAYS & INTENTIONS***

**MONDAY**  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord – Candlemas.**

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. Blessing & Procession of Candles (Holy Souls / In Thanksgiving) *followed by Pro-Life Rosary.*

11:40 am. (Stourbridge Crematorium) Funeral: Cavan GILCHREEST RIP

**TUESDAY**  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Commemoration of St. Blaise; a 4<sup>th</sup> century Bishop & Martyr, traditionally in Armenia.**

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. Helen Dyke RIP *with the Blessing of Throats*

**WEDNESDAY FERIA.**

February 4<sup>th</sup>

8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9:15 am. Intentions of Kate Werrett.

**THURSDAY**  
February 5<sup>th</sup>

**Memorial of St. Agatha; a 3<sup>rd</sup> century Martyr of Sicily.**

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. Anthony O' Dowd RIP

4 pm. (Winterfold House School) Confirmation – Bishop David Evans (Harkin family)

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

**FRIDAY**  
February 6<sup>th</sup>

**Memorial of St. Paul Miki & the 16<sup>th</sup> century Martyrs of Japan.**

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. Intentions of Ann Harris.

**SATURDAY**  
February 7<sup>th</sup>

**Our Lady.**

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. Intentions of Anne Colclough (U.C.M.) *followed by Rosary & Novena devotions.*

**SUNDAY NEXT is the Fifth Sunday of the Year – Sexagesima.**

February 8<sup>th</sup>

9 am. (Tenbury Wells) Deceased of the Baker Family.

11 am. Kitty Heffernan (Anniv.)

6 pm. The People of the Parish.

**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: M. Grovenor & G. Nixon.

**ADDITIONAL MINISTERS:** 11 am. A. Goode      6 pm. D. Gillett

**READERS:** 11 am. C. Vass      6 pm. R. Young

**CLEANING TEAM:** C (wb. February 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**TENBURY:** Additional minister: A. Stanley      Reader: M. Bowdler.

**PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:** Of thy charity pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Charles Ambrose WHEATLEY, a Priest of this Parish 1885 – 1908, who departed this life February 7<sup>th</sup> 1940. May he rest in peace.

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for Cavan GILCHREEST (Funeral on Monday) and for Ethel THOMAS and Christine GANDERTON who have died recently. May they rest in peace. The Funeral of Ethel THOMAS will be on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. prior to burial at Wolverly.

## AT A GLANCE:

- PARISH CONSULTATIVE MEETING Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm. in the Adams Lounge.
- UCM CAKE SALE Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> after 11 am. Mass.
- MASS FOR THE SICK Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> in the church with lunch to follow.
- SHROVETIDE QUIZ NIGHT February 17<sup>th</sup> in the Adams Lounge at 7 pm.
- TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> in the church at 7 pm.
- AS OTHERS SEE US (I) Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the church at 7 pm.
- AS OTHERS SEE US (II) Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in the church at 7 pm.
- AS OTHERS FIND US Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the church at 7 pm.
- DAY of RECOLLECTION Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> (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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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:

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| 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 (I)                       | Mr. Rick Cotterill, Deputy Head of Winterfold House School.          |
| TUESDAY | MARCH 10th    | As Others See Us (2)                       | Canon Robert Jones; (retired) Archdeacon of Worcester Cathedral.     |
| 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.

LENTEN STATIONS: There will be Stations of the Cross on the Fridays in Lent at St. Ambrose's 7 pm. & Tenbury Wells 10:30 am.

UCM CAKE SALE: There will be a cake sale in the Adams Lounge on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

SOUP & PUDDING: Joy Farmer has requested Bingo donations for the next Soup & Pudding lunch.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES: Joy Farmer has requested donations of pancake fillings and pancake batter for Shrove Tuesday.

KNIT & KNATTER: Meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall from 2 pm – 4 pm. We meet on the First & Third Tuesdays of the month. Everyone is very welcome to join us. We made the Nativity that was placed in St. Joseph's Chapel for Christmas which the children loved. Any new type of handicrafts would be much appreciated; or just drop in and relax over a cup of tea and a chat.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: The next meeting of the CMS is on Wednesday 4th February at 7.30 in the Wheatley room, the plan subject is *Six Going on Seven* please read prior to the meeting. This booklet is for 26/27 so it was decided that we leave the Christmas bulletin to a more appropriate time. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

COMPANIONS: St. Ambrose's Companions meet on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in the Adams Lounge at 12:30. If you are a widow, widower or live alone you will be made very welcome.

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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')

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 Doohan, 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.

This Parish operates in accordance with 'Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures' at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Peter Harler, Niall Doherty & Maggie Wolloshin (Tenbury Wells). They can be contacted at: sg.stambrose.kidderminster@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the 'Diocesan Safeguarding team' can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns. This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216.