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**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Sexagesima**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

**ONE BODY,**

**ONE SPIRIT,**

**IN CHRIST.**

Psalter Week I.

Preface & Eucharistic Prayer IV.

Acclamation II.

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

**MONDAY**

**Feria.**

February 9<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. Kevin McGloin RIP *followed by Pro-Life Rosary.*

**TUESDAY**

**Memorial of St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict.**

February 10<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. Kevin Coyne RIP

11 am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Deanery)

**WEDNESDAY Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.**

February 11<sup>th</sup>

8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9:15 am. Keith Weaver RIP

11 am. Funeral Mass: Ethel THOMAS RIP

**THURSDAY**

**Feria.**

February 12<sup>th</sup>

8:50 am. (Winterfold House School) Brother Michael O' Connor RIP

11:15 am. Office of Morning Prayer

11:30 am. Deceased of the Burke Family

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

**FRIDAY**

**Feria.**

February 13<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.

9 am. The Holy Souls.

**SATURDAY**

**Feast of SS. Cyril & Methodus; Patrons of Europe.**

February 14<sup>th</sup>

12 noon MASS for the SACRAMENT of the SICK (Alan Bullock RIP)

**SUNDAY NEXT is the Sixth Sunday of the Year – Quinquagesima.**

February 15<sup>th</sup>

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

11 am. Graham Fieldsend RIP

6 pm. Toni Unwin (Anniv.)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday NO MID-DAY (Mass for the Sick) At any other time by request.

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am. Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: J & P Harler, A. Colclough & J. Walker.

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. A. Harris. 6 pm. J. Kuruvilla.

READERS: 11 am. F. Smardz. 6 pm. C. Flavin.

CLEANING TEAM: D (Friday morning)

TENBURY: Additional minister: M. Bowdler. Reader: J. Hughes.

AT A GLANCE: - UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in the Adams Lounge at 7:30 pm.

- WORCESTER DEANERY MEETING (CLERGY) Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Ambrose's.

- 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.

- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION February 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Adams Lounge at 6 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. 9.15 am.

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for Ethel THOMAS whose Funeral will be on Wednesday at 11 am. prior to burial at Wolverley; and for Christine GANDERTON who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**WELCOME:** Next Sunday, during Mass at 11 am. Nick AWOLOLA and Tina PAINTERFIELD will be confirmed and received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

**MASS TRANSPORT REQUEST:** An elderly man has recently moved into our Parish who has previously served as an Additional Minister of Holy Communion in other Parishes, and who was a daily Communicant for most of his life. He would ideally like to come to Mass here on Sundays. He is mobile, and he lives in Berrington Court on the Silverwoods Estate (off the Stourport Road). Offers of transport, please, to Canon Lamb.

**CAKE SALE:** Today in the Adams Lounge after morning Mass in aid of the Union of Catholic Mothers project – the Kidderminster Food Bank.

**UNION of CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** Meet on Monday at 7:30 pm. in the Adams Lounge. All ladies of the parish are most welcome.

**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 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.

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

**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.

**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. Donations of pancakes etc. will be welcome.

**200 CLUB DRAW:** Following the Draw at the recent meeting of the UCM the lucky winners for January 2026 are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£75	No. 35	Mrs Clare Conway
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£50	No. 30	Mr Raymond Barber
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£42	No. 42	Mrs Denise Holdstock

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The First Holy Communion Day this year will be on SATURDAY, JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The registration meeting will be in the Adams Lounge on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm. It is important that all families intending to participate are present at this meeting. The Commitment Mass is on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 am., and again, everyone will need to be present. The meetings for parents will be in the Adams Lounge at 6 pm. on the dates as follows: Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>    Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>    Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>    Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**PARISH REORGANISATION MEETING SUMMARY:** At a Parish meeting convened in the Adams Lounge on February 3<sup>rd</sup> Canon Lamb outlined the situation of the future Parish reorganisation. The floor was then opened the comments. Many points were raised, including the future of parish groups, the necessity of envisioning a future with far fewer priests and fewer Masses. The desire to keep a distinct local character to each parish was reiterated; and that things like parking arrangements for larger, less frequent, congregations would need to be addressed.

*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 Doochan, Michael Dunne, Fr. Bruce Dutson, 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, Ian Postlethwaite.*

**WEEK-END MASS TIMES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:**

<b>Ludlow:</b> Sat 6 pm./Sun 11 am.	<b>Stourport:</b> Sat 5:30 pm. & Sun 10 am.	<b>Harvington:</b> Sun 8:30 am. & 10:30 am.	<b>Bromsgrove:</b> Sat 6 pm. / Sun. 8:30 am & 10:30 am.
<b>Cleobury Mortimer:</b> Sun 9 am.	<b>Stourbridge:</b> Sat 5 pm./ Sun 8:30 am. & 11 am.	<b>Droitwich Spa:</b> Sun 8:30 am. 10:30 am & 6 pm.	<b>Warndon (Worcester):</b> 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.