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Sunday, February 22nd 2026

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, IN CHRIST.

Psalter Week I.

Preface for the First Sunday in Lent.

Eucharistic Prayer I.

Acclamation II.

TIMES of HOLY MASS, FEAST DAYS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY Lent Feria.

February 23rd 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.
9 am. The Holy Souls *followed by Pro-Life Rosary*

TUESDAY Lent Feria.

February 24th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Decd. of the Salt Family
7 pm. Office of Vespers / Evening Prayer (Dr. Matthew Johnson)

WEDNESDAY Lent Feria.

February 25th 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9:15 am. Keith Weaver RIP

THURSDAY Lent Feria.

February 26th 8:50 am. (Winterfold House School) Delia Nepi (Anniv.)
11:15 am. Office of Morning Prayer
11:30 am. Brian Taylor RIP
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Office of Compline at 8:30 pm

FRIDAY Lent Feria.

February 27th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Int. of Sr. Mary Eithne Kissane
10:30 am. (Tenbury Wells) The Stations of the Cross
7 pm. The Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY Commemoration of St. Oswald, 10th century Bishop of Worcester (Lent Feria).

February 28th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Johnny Murrilhy RIP *followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions*

SUNDAY NEXT is the Second Sunday in Lent.

March 1st 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) The People of the Parish
11 am. Leo Kealey (Anniv.) / Angelo Vaccaro RIP *First Holy Communion Commitment Mass*
6 pm. Deceased of the Baker Family

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: A. Harris, J. Knowles, D. Brown.

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. S. Laskey 6 pm. N/A

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

CLEANING TEAM: B (Friday morning)

TENBURY: Additional minister: B. Peissel Reader: E. McEwan

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES: Of thy charity pray for the repose of Fr. George Brewster (1935-7), who died February 27th 1990; and for Fr. George Tarrant (1960-1), who died February 27th 2004. May they rest in peace.

NEXT SUNDAY: At all Masses, the charity 'Mary's Meals' will make an appeal.

LATELY DEAD: We pray for Christine Ganderton (Funeral, March 5th) and Freda Mamczasz (Funeral, March 16th). Please pray for Pat NORRIS, who died last Saturday evening after a very long illness. For many years, together with her husband Alan, she taught in our Parish School. May she rest in peace.

AT A GLANCE:

- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (MEETING) Monday in the Adams Lounge at 6 pm.
- LENT EVENING PRAYER (1) Tuesday in the church at 7 pm.
- DEANERY PASTORAL FORUM Wednesday at St. George's, Worcester at 6:30 pm.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (COMMITMENT MASS) March 1st in the church at 11 am.
- LENT EVENING PRAYER (2) Tuesday, March 3rd in the church at 7 pm.
- DAY OF PRAYER March 6th St. Chad's Church, Burcher Green at 11 am.
- LENT EVENING PRAYER (3) Tuesday, March 10th in the church at 7 pm.
- LENT EVENING PRAYER (4) Tuesday, March 17th in the church at 7 pm.
- DAY of RECOLLECTION Wednesday, March 25th (Tenbury Wells) 11 am. – 3:15 pm.

SOUP & PUDDING: Will take place after morning Mass today, including a game of Bingo. The next Soup and Pudding lunch will be on March 29th, so donations and bingo prizes for March will be very welcome.

UCM: Meet in the church at 7 pm on Monday for the Stations of the Cross, led by Rev Charles Duncombe. This will be followed by our meeting in the Adams Lounge. All ladies most welcome.

TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE: This quotation from the writings of St. Augustine should encourage all of us as we share in the Church's worship. We are very privileged to have DR MATTHEW JOHNSON as our Director of Music. He has an excellent understanding of the Liturgy of the Catholic Church, and ensures that our music tradition is in line with the expectation that the Church has for Parish worship. He has been very loyally supported by our parishioners who have joined the Choir, and sing under his direction and the range and scope of our music has added so much to the liturgical life of our community, both here and at Tenbury Wells. Please come to Evening Prayer on Tuesday at 7 pm. when Matthew will speak on the theme of St. Augustine's words; and will be available in the Adams Lounge afterwards to talk with us.

DEANERY PASTORAL FORUM: This will meet in St. George's, Worcester, on Wednesday evening after Vespers at 6:30 pm. We shall be represented by the Revd. Charles Duncombe, Sarah Laskey, Anne Nicholls and Canon Lamb.

IRISH CHARITY CONCERT in AID of KEMP HOSPICE and MACMILLAN: In St Ambrose Parish Hall, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, DY102BY. On Saturday 14th March 2026 7.30 pm. – 11 pm A celebration of Irish music, song and dance. There will be a Raffle during the evening for a range of exciting prizes! (Donation of Raffle prizes is requested!) Teas, coffee, sandwiches, rolls available to purchase! Admission Adults £10.00 Children under 16 £5.00 Bring your own drinks! Tickets available from Charlie Villa 07759629938 Sinead Maffei 07980846301 and Mary Preston 07513 295817.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The First Holy Communion Day this year will be on SATURDAY, JUNE 6th at 12 noon. The registration meeting will be in the Adams Lounge on Monday, February 23rd at 6 pm. It is important that all families intending to participate are present at this meeting. The Commitment Mass is on Sunday, March 1st 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 11th
Wednesday, March 18th Wednesday, April 22nd Wednesday, May 6th Wednesday, May 13th & Wednesday, June 3rd

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: will take place at St. Chad's Church, Burcher Green, DY10 3AY, on Friday 6th March at 11am. It originates this year from Nigeria, and everyone is welcome to join in this multi-cultural, multi-faith celebration. Feel free to bring your own tambourine and a friend. It will be followed by a light Nigerian style lunch.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: will hold a vigil of prayer from 8am to 8pm throughout Lent. If anyone can be a prayer partner to Madeleine Roy from 2pm-3pm on any Saturday from 28th February onwards please phone 07796671074. Transport will be provided. Otherwise, would you consider volunteering to do another hour that suits you for this most important cause of saving the life of the unborn?

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 Dutson, Ren Edward Evans, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Emilia Gissing, 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, Mollie Long.

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.

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