

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

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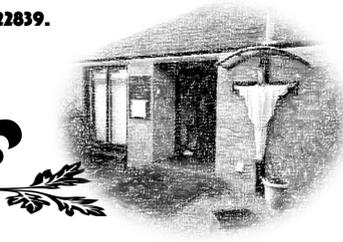
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**Parish Priest: Canon Douglas Lamb.**

Deacons: Revd. Adam Nicholls.      &      Revd. Charles Duncombe.

Parish Administrator & Secretary to Canon D. Lamb: Mr. Joseph Moran.

**PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS: MARY PRESTON. TEL. 0751-3295-817**



**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - LAETARE (A)**

**ONE BODY,**

**ONE SPIRIT,**

**IN CHRIST.**

Psalter Week IV.

Preface for the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Eucharistic Prayer II.

Acclamation II.

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

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**MONDAY**

**Lent Feria.**

March 16<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Pam O' Sullivan RIP *followed by Pro-Life Rosary*

11 am. **Funeral Mass:** Freda MAMCZASZ RIP

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**TUESDAY**

**Feast of St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland.**

March 17<sup>th</sup>

8:15 am. Mass with Office of Morning Prayer: Patrick Heffernan (Anniv.)

9:30 am. Confessions at Hagley School

7 pm. Office of Vespers / Evening Prayer

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**WEDNESDAY**

**Lent Feria. Commemoration of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, 4<sup>th</sup> century Bishop & Doctor of the Church.**

March 18<sup>th</sup>

8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9:15 am. Int. of Christina Geraghty & Bernie Galvin

10:15 am. Confessions in the School

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**THURSDAY**

**Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of Our Lady & earthly Father of Jesus.**

March 19<sup>th</sup>

8:50 am. (Winterfold House School) Mother Clare Agnes & Fr. Joseph Houghton (Anniv.)

11:15 am. Office of Morning Prayer

11:30 am. Neville Howard RIP

2 pm. (St. Chad's Cathedral) Diamond Jubilee of Monsignor Patrick Kilgarriff

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

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**FRIDAY**

**Lent Feria.**

March 20<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Phil & Chris Hopkins RIP

10:30 am. (Tenbury Wells) The Stations of the Cross

7 pm. The Stations of the Cross

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**SATURDAY**

**Lent Feria.**

March 21<sup>st</sup>

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Joan Battye RIP *followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions*

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**SUNDAY NEXT is the Fifth Sunday in Lent.**

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

11 am. Jack Connolly (Anniv.) (Catenian Mass for Vocations)

6 pm. Fr. Richard Manners (Anniv.)

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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. Cunliffe, B. Martin & C. Vass

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. T. Alexander      6 pm. L. Adams

READERS: 11 am. C. Ahu      6 pm. C. D' Angelo

CLEANING TEAM: A (Wednesday morning)

TENBURY: Additional minister: B. Peissel      Reader: C. Stanley

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PARISH ANNIVERSARIES: Of thy charity pray for the repose of the soul of the Rev. Thomas Ashcroft, Deacon of this Parish 2002-2015), who departed this life March 18th 2015. May he rest in peace.

FUNERALS: Please pray for Freda MAMCZASZ (Monday at 11 am.) and for Steve CAPPELLA (March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.) The Funeral of Pat NORRIS will be on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. at St. Wulstan's, Stourport-on-Severn. Clare CONWAY'S Funeral will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION (SPUC): To-day we will make the long-delayed WHITE FLOWER Collection to help SPUC in their work defending human life from conception to natural death.

**AT A GLANCE:**

- LENT EVENING PRAYER (4) Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the church at 7 pm.
  - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Parents) Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in the Adams Lounge at 7:30 pm.
  - DAY of RECOLLECTION Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> (Tenbury Wells) 11 am. – 3:15 pm.
  - FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> in the Rectory at 7:30 pm.
  - SOUP & PUDDING LUNCH Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall after 11 am. Mass
- UCM PROJECT: Tickets will be on sale after 11 am. Mass in the Adams lounge for an Easter Hamper. Proceeds in aid of the UCM Project - the Kidderminster Food-Bank.
- KNIT & NATTER: Meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall from 2-4 pm. We meet on the First and Third Tuesday of the month. Everyone is very welcome to join us. Any new type of handicraft would be much appreciated. Or just drop in and relax over a cup of tea and a chat.

**AS OTHERS HAVE FOUND US:** During the Office of Vespers / Evening Prayer at 7 pm. on Tuesday, three of our own parishioners (Cris Crassus, Sarah Lemiech & Anne Nicholls) will speak of their experiences of the Catholic Church since they were received into Full Communion in our Parish. There will be an opportunity to meet and talk with them in the Adams Lounge afterwards.

**DAY of RECOLLECTION, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2026** at the Sacred Heart, Tenbury Wells – As part of our Lent observance, and to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation, we have a Day of Recollection in Tenbury Wells, to which the whole Parish is invited. The day will include a LECTIO DIVINA on Luke 1:26 – 38 (the account of the Annunciation); an afternoon reflection on the Stations of the Cross, concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer and Benediction. We hope to start at 11 am., and conclude by 3:45 pm. Intending participants from Kidderminster are asked to sign the list at the back of the church, with offers or requests of transport noted. I hope many will take the opportunity to prepare prayerfully for Easter.

**FULL COMMUNION:** Oskar HYAMS, of the Oaklands, Kidderminster, and a student at Cardiff University (where he has been prepared by the Catholic Chaplaincy) will be Baptised, Confirmed and received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil. He will be joining Mia BILES and Alec STEWART who will be Confirmed and received into Full Communion, and Lily EVANS-GRIFFIN, who is to be Baptised in preparation for her First Holy Communion in June. To-day, Mia and Alec will be celebrating the Second Scrutiny during Mass at 11 am.

**EPISCOPAL VISITS:** Our Area Bishop, Bishop David EVANS will join our Parish Community on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 2026. Mass will be at 12 noon in the Sacred Heart church, with lunch al fresco in the church grounds to follow.

On Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> the ARCHBISHOP will join us for Mass at 11 am. to celebrate the redecoration of our church. I hope we shall be able to enjoy a Parish Bonanza afterwards. A group of parishioners will be forming in the next few days to begin our preparations.

**PARISH CENTRE GARDEN:** Mary & Mick Preston would like to appeal for anyone with carpentry or general handy-man skills to repair and restore the wooden tables & benches in the Parish Centre Garden. Please see either Mick or Mary in the Parish Hall.

**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.

**CATENIAN BURSARY FUND:** Charlie Villa will give a pulpit address on behalf of the Catenian Bursary Fund after the Catenian Mass for Vocations at 11 am. Mass next Sunday.

**NATIONAL MEN'S PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE:** Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to [marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference](http://marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference) or contact [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

**THE FRENCH CONNECTION:** At the TOWN HALL on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. the Kidderminster Choral Society will give a performance of the beautiful *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, and the *Messe Solennelle* by Vierne; we are familiar with the *Agnus Dei*, which we sing at Mass here, in the arrangement by our Director of Music, Dr. Matthew Johnson. Please see poster for details and bookings.

**EASTER TRIDUUM:** Please note arrangements for the Easter Triduum –

**HOLY THURSDAY:** 7:30 pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper, Office of Mandatum & Procession to the Altar of Repose. Watching until Midnight concluded with the Office of Compline at 11:40 pm)

**GOOD FRIDAY:** 9:30 am. The Office of Readings & Morning Prayer. Family Stations of the Cross at 12 noon. 3pm. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 7:30 pm. The Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY:** 9:30 am. Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8:30 pm. The EASTER VIGIL

**EASTER SUNDAY:** 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) Mass for Easter Day. 11 am. Mass for Easter Day. NO EVENING MASS

**UCM AGM:** At the AGM of the UCM held on Monday last; the following Officers were elected: Co-Presidents: Danuta Duncombe & Miriam Cunliffe. Secretary: Christine Vass. Treasurer: Jan Richards.

**MARY'S MEALS:** We have received a message of thanks from Margaret Cook, Supporter Care Co-ordinator for Mary's Meals UK, for our donation of £539.30, following their recent appeal.

*Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Allsopp, Trina Cole, 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, Ian Postlethwaite, Mollie Long.*

**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](mailto:sg.stambrose.kidderminster@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the 'Diocesan Safeguarding team' can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns. This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216.