THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER

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OUR LADY & ST. PIUS, Canterbury Road, Habberley (01562 748474) SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

B.R.C.D.T.R. Registered as a Charity

Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Fr Derek Edwards

Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Peter Hesketh (Deacons) & In Retirement: Revd Dr Peter Mason

Solemnity of the Epiphany Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p.154 January 6th/7th 2007

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.

Response to the Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

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Eucharistic Prayer & Memorial Acclamation: As appointed by the Celebrant.

Communion Antiphon: We have seen his star in the east, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Feast Days this week: M. The Baptism of Our Lord. Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week

St. Ambrose's

Monday 8.30 a.m. Charles & Marie Evans RIP

Tuesday7.30 a.m.Holy Souls8.30 a.m. Clifton Donald Young RIPWednesday8.30 a.m.Mary O'Connor RIP7.00 p.m. Umberto Giannini (Anniv)

Thursday 8.30 a.m. Sarah Rogers RIP 7.30 p.m. Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45 p.m.)

<u>Friday</u> 10.00 a.m. Gary Graves RIP – FUNERAL MASS

7.10 p.m. Rosary 7.30 p.m. Evelyn Evans RIP 9.00 a.m. (Latin) John Weaver RIP 6.30 p.m. Ann Baylie's Intentions

Sunday 10.30 a.m. Margaret Tillott's Family

Our Lady's

<u>Saturday</u>

Monday 7.30 p.m. John & Mary Hanrahan RIP (Prayer Group)
Wednesday 7.30 p.m. Adoration until 8.30pm (Prayers for Vocations)

Friday 9.00 a.m. –9.45 a.m. Adoration 10.00 a.m. Intentions of Kathleen Kendal

Saturday 9.30 a.m. Intentions of Carmen Thomas Sunday 9.00 a.m. Deceased members of Power family.

Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30 a.m. The People of the Parish

Confessions: St Ambrose's: Saturday: 11.45am-12.45pm 7.15pm-7.45pm and by request.

Our Lady's: Saturday: after the morning Mass or as announced.

Sacred Heart: By request.

Please pray for all in our communities who are sick especially during the Rosary at St Ambrose's each Friday at 7.10 pm. Mary Collins, William Patrick Bannister, Anthony Piechowicz, Jumper Collins, Rosa D'Oriano, Elizabeth Westwood, Sylvia Jay, Marie Woodfine, Tony O'Dowd, Vera Farley, Gene Whitwam, Martin Cahill, John Power, Eric Whittaker, Ada Wall, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Eric Turner, Lillian Insleay, Jean Legierski, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Mathilde Bono, Bill Nicholl, Mary Jones, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, Jo Collins, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Ann Edwards, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vaccaro, Pat Norris, Ivan Watton, Lucy Dudzinski, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Phil Eady, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley, Margaret Grimley, Stella Griffith, Jean McHugh, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Rita Preston, Tom Healey, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean, Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Anne Stringer, Helen Drew, Simon Sadler, Con Griffin, Mike Oborski, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Bill Perry, Nora Collins, Jennifer Bush, Anthony Georgiess and Joan Wareham.

Ministries for the Coming Week

Church Cleaners: Team B Offertory Counters: Group 8

Altar Servers at St Ambrose's

Weekday mornings: Luke Farmer, Matthew Stride

Saturday 6.30pm: Team B Sunday 10.30am : Team A

Eucharistic Ministers Reader

St Ambrose's

Saturday 6.30pm: J Nangle, M Weaver C Atkins Sunday 10.30am: R Barber, D Duncombe, T Hart, C Vass C Kneuss

Children's Liturgy: To be appointed.

Our Lady's

Sunday 9.00am : B Gavan, J Gavan, J Scully, L Whatley O DaCosta, K Kelly

Parish prayer: O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless our Parish in this united endeavour. Strengthen our faith, grant us the spirit of sacrifice so that, with thy grace, we may provide for the needs of our Parish, glorify Thee and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<u>Moveable Feasts:</u> It is customary to announce the moveable feasts for the year at this time. They are as follows: **Ash Wednesday** February 21st; **Easter Sunday** April 8th; **Pentecost** May 27th; **Sacred Heart** June 15th; **First Sunday of Advent** December 2nd. In addition, **First Holy Communion Day** will be on June 10th, and a **Mass of Thanksgiving** will be on June 19th.

Altar Servers: Today Albert Barr and Martin Evans will receive the Bronze Medal of the Guild of St Stephen. Congratulations.

<u>Gratitude:</u> Marion Phillips has asked to stand down as Parish Renewal Co-ordinator. She has worked very hard during the past eighteen months, and has been responsible for many important initiatives. We all have cause to be grateful to her.

Baptism: This afternoon, Fr Edwards will baptise **William Shuttleworth**, the first Baptism of the New Year.

<u>Died:</u> Please pray for **Gary Graves**, who died in Hospital on December 30th. He was the son of Frances and Desmond Graves, who looked after us in the Rectory in the early years. May he rest in peace.

We offer our sympathies to **Patricia Virr** on the recent death of her brother, **David**.

Anniversary: Next Saturday is the anniversary of the death in 1900 of Fr Louis Torond (Parish Priest 1877-1883).

<u>Aid to the Church in Need:</u> A representative of this important work in the Church will speak at all Masses this weekend. It may be that it can be a renewed focus for our charity in the Parish.

<u>Coffees/Teas:</u> will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30am Mass today by the Pre-School group and next Sunday by FOSAS. <u>PACT Meeting:</u> The next meeting for residents of Greenhill is in The Polish Club on Monday at 7.00pm.

<u>Basics of Catholicism:</u> Our group reconvenes at Our Lady's on Tuesday at 7.30pm to discuss Old Testament Matters. Everyone welcome.

<u>Scripture Study:</u> The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th January at 7.30pm in the Rectory. Please feel welcome to join us. <u>Friendship Club:</u> will meet on Wednesday 10th January at 12.30pm. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh on K. 748474.

Marriage Preparation: A reminder for couples whose weddings are during 2007 that Marriage Preparation commences on Thursday 11th January at 7.30pm in the hall at Our Lady & St Pius X. Couples who have not already confirmed their attendance should ring 01299 269233.

St Vincent de Paul Society: The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Friday January 12th at 8.00pm in the Hall/Rectory. New members welcome. Thank you.

Austerity Lunch: A reminder that the next Austerity Lunch is on Sunday January 14th at St George's from 12.30pm.

<u>While Shepherds Watched:</u> This popular Christmas musical by Roger Jones will be performed by the New Life Together choir in St Ambrose's **next Sunday**, 14th January, at 6.30pm. All most welcome.

<u>Catholic Men's Society:</u> VERY IMPORTANT – The Kidderminster Branch AGM will take place on Wednesday 17th January 2007 in St Ambrose Rectory at 7.30pm. Would all Brothers please make a special note of this date in their diaries. Please make every effort to attend. Any issues can be discussed and any ideas for 2007 would be most welcome. Any men of the Parish who would like to know a little more about our Society are most welcome to come along.

Tenbury Parish Meeting: There will be Mass in the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday January 20th at 10.30am followed by coffee and a community meeting to discuss the possibilities of establishing groups of parishioners to be responsible for pastoral matters, for the fabric of our Church and the social life of the community.

Parish Ramble: The next ramble is on Sunday 21st January at 12.45pm starting from the Vine Inn at Clent.

<u>Music for Middlebrows:</u> The next evening gathering will be on Sunday, January 21st in the Borromeo Hall from 7.45pm when we shall listen to music composed by **Antonin Dvorak**. This will certainly be a pleasant, tuneful evening – an easy introduction to music. All welcome.

<u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:</u> There is a different format for our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year, with visiting Ministers leading prayers at noon in four of our Churches. The list is as follows:

 $\begin{array}{lll} 12.00 \ Prayer \ and \ Worship \\ Monday \ 22^{nd} \ January \\ Tuesday \ 23^{rd} \ January \\ Wednesday \ 24^{th} \ January \\ Thursday \ 25^{th} \ January \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{lll} 12.30 \ Soup \ and \ roll \ lunch \ for \ all \\ St \ Ambrose - \ led \ by \ Pam \ Garrud \\ Trinity \ Methodist - Hugh \ Burton \\ St \ George's - Gerald \ England \\ Salvation \ Army - Jack \ Bentham \\ \end{array}$

Area Mass for Greenhill Parishioners: Parishioners living in the Greenhill area of the Parish are invited to come together for Mass in St Ambrose's on Wednesday, January 24th at 7.30pm. There will be a small gathering afterwards. Letters of invitation will be made available, and we hope that parishioners who live in Greenhill will assist in their distribution, merely putting them through designated letterboxes. We hope that these opportunities during the year will be fruitful in deepening our friendship, and exploring new possibilities in the life of our Parish.

<u>Fairtrade Banana Campaign:</u> The sale of Fairtrade bananas in the Borromeo Room after Mass on Sundays is aimed at helping to safeguard the livelihoods of small farmers in Costa Rica, the Windward Islands, Ecuador and Ghana. The bananas are sold singly at supermarket prices. Please support.

<u>Finances:</u> i A Collection will be taken up today for **Pro Life Charities**.

- ii Thank you for the Offertory last week of £728.64 (Envelope Scheme £198.45, Loose £530.19)
- iii CAFOD contributions were £34.12.
- iv Winners of the prizes for the Christmas Draw 2006 in the 200 Club were as follows: P Ward (No 156) wins £800; J Cook (No 194), Hopkins family (No 81) & M Woodfine (No 85) each win £100. The winners of the prizes for the monthly Draw in December were J Bullock (No 193) and JJ & CJ Stubbins (No 143). They win £50 each. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who supported the 200 Club during the year.