THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER

ST. AMBROSE'S, BIRMINGHAM RD, KIDDERMINSTER, WORCS. DY10 2BY (01562 822839) OUR LADY & ST. PIUS X, 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, (DEACONS) REVDS THOMAS ASHCROFT, PETER HESKETH. In Retirement Dr. Peter Mason.

Fourth Sunday in Eastertide Year C Psalter Week 4 Pope John Sunday Missal PG 447 Wk end April 28^{th/}29th 2007-Entrance Antiphon: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia. **Response to the Psalm**: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

Preface; Eucharistic Prayer; Memorial Acclamation (as appointed by the Celebrant)

Communion antiphon: The good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock, he is risen alleluia

Feast Days this week: T. St. Joseph the Worker, W. St. Athanasius Th. SS Philip & James, Apostles. F. English Martyrs Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week - St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30am Deceased of Kealey family

Tue. 7.30am Dave Harris RIP 9.15am Stella Griffith RIP Wed. 7.30am Intentions of Sr. Marie of the Rosary 8.30am Jo Collins RIP 8.30m

Thurs 8.30pm Ann Edwards RIP 7.30pm Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45pm)

Fri 7.10pm Rosary 7.30pm Hubertus Cloosterman RIP

Sat.. 9am (Latin) Intentions of Ann Harris 5.45pm Con Kelly RIP

Sun. 9.30am The People of the Parish 6.30pm May Devotions & Benediction

OUR LADY'S

Mon. 7.30pm Tom Healey RIP Wed. 7.30pm Adoration until 8.30pm

Fri. 9am-9.45am Adoration 10am James Lloyd RIP

Sat, 9.30am John Power RIP Sun. 5pm Fr. Kevin Cronin RIP

Sacred Heart.

11.30am Gertrude Girsch RIP

CONFESSIONS: St. Ambrose's: Sat. 11.00am-11.45am 6.30pm-7pm and by request;

Our Lady's: Saturday: After the morning Mass or as announced; TENBURY By Request

Please pray for all in our communities who are sick, especially during the Rosary at St. Ambrose's each Friday at 7.10pm. 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, 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, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Bill Pardoe, Lucy Dudzinski, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Phil Eady, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vacarro, Pat Norris, Ivan Watton, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, , Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley, Margaret Grimley, Jean McHugh, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, , Rita Preston, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean, Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Anne Stringer, Helen Drew, Simon Sadler, Con Griffin, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Bill Perry, Nora Collins, Jennifer Bush, Anthony Georgieff, Joan Wareham, Steven Mitchell, Thomas Anderson. Linda Button, Ellen Paton, Fernanda Maffei, Gertraud and Dominik Chrzan, Philomena Wooley, Margaret Whitfied.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

<u>Church Cleaners: TEAM A</u> <u>Offertory Counters; Group 8</u> <u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY; to be appointed</u> <u>ALTAR SERVERS ST. AMBROSE'S</u>

Weekday Mornings: Santino Scrocca, Thomas Griffin

Saturday 5.45pm TEAM B; Sunday 9.30am TEAM A 6.30pm May Devotions: Giorgio & Santino Scrocca, Thomas Griffin

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 5.45pm

T. Alexander, P. Stride

Sunday 5.00pm

D. Holdstock, P. Lay, C. Vass, J. Villa

Sunday 9.30pm

J. Norwood, K. Norwood, V. Page, L/Whatley

D. Reynolds

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.

REVISED MASS TIMES Sat. 5.45pm (St. Ambrose's) Sun. 9.30am (St. Ambrose's) 11.30am (Sacred Heart) 5pm (Our Lady's)

WELCOME A further Eastertide Baptism will take place in our Parish this afternoon when CIARAN LUKE JANES will be baptised by Fr. Derek Edwards.

<u>TĤANKS</u> We acknowledge with gratitude a gift to the Parish – a keyboard and amplifiers donated by Kidderminster Male Choir

WHAT HAPPENS AT MASS Forty-two copies were ordered, and are now available from our Churches.

COFFEES/TEAS will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30am Mass today by the Pre-School Group and next Sunday by FOSAS.

<u>VOCATIONS</u> Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Parish Priest will lead a Holy Hour of Prayer in St. Ambrose's at 6.30pm; followed by drinks in the Garden. We shall also pray for our two students at Seminary – Ben Kelly at Oscott and Robert Grealy at Valladolid. The Holy Hour will reflect on the lives of four priests who have influenced the vocation and priestly life of a fifth.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY The next Plan meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd May at St. Ambrose's Rectory at 7.30pm. We shall be discussing the Gospel for the following Sunday (John 13.32-35) All men of the Parish are invited to come along, whether they are members or not. Perhaps this period of Parish Renewal is the time to try something new.

UNIONOF CATHOLIC MOTHERS MEETS ON Monday at 8.15pm in the Borromeo Hall

"SILENCE" this much acclaimed film about the life of a Carthusian Monastery will be shown on Monday in St. Anne's Church, Bewdley at 7pm. Those attending are recommended to take a cushion.

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SCRIPTURE STUDY next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st May in the Rectory at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

<u>GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION</u> The Parish Priest will accompany a representative group of our children and the Head Mistress, Mrs. Yates to the Annual Good Shepherd Mass at St. Catherine's in Birmingham when the Lenten Alms for Fr. Hudson's Society will be presented to Bishop Pargeter on Wednesday.

<u>WHIST DRIVE</u> Please don't forget to support the Whist Drive, held every Wednesday in the Borromeo Hall at 2pm. Bingo is in the Adams Lounge on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 8pm.

STOURPORT CHORAL & OPERATIC SOCIETY present "The Showman and the Showboat" (the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and a concert version of Showboat) at Kidderminster Town Hall on 3rd & 4rth May. Tickets £10 ££8 concessions) available from the Rose theatre box office K. 743745 Mon-Sat 10-4pm. Ask about our special discount too! **PACT MEETING** for residents of Greenhill will be at the Polish Club on Tuesday, May 8th at 7pm.

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER Day of Eucharistic Adoration to pray for vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese will be in St.Ambrose's on Wednesday May 9th. As always, it is important that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended at any time during the day. Lists are at the back of St. Ambrose's and we ask parishioners to be generous in spending some time in prayer for this very important intention.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION in honour of Our Lady at Belmont Abbey is on Wednesday 9th May at 9pm. This is the final opportunity to sign lists indicating intended attendance, as an appropriately sized coach will be booked early in the week. Departure will be about 6.45pm

<u>WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE</u> Saturday 12th May. The Catholic Men's Society will be joining the Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage on this day and it is hoped to run a coach from our Parish. Please give this serious consideration, it is a wonderful Pilgrimage, spiritually uplifting and in an idyllic setting. Please sign lists at the back of our Churches to enable us to book the right size of coach. Cost approx. £15.

ELGAR COUNTRY As is well known, this is the 150th anniversary of the birth of the Catholic Worcestershire composer, Sir Edward Elgar. Two Elgar lovers have spent the last thirty years visiting parishes and other groups, speaking about him and illustrating this talk with excerpts of his music. They give that service free, but if a collection is made they donate the proceeds to charity. They will be in St. Ambrose's Borromeo Hall on Tuesday May 15th at 7.30pm. They come to us highly recommended.

CHRISTIAN AID WEK In two weeks we will see the Annual Street Collection for this worthwhile charity. St. Ambrose's along with St. George's and Milton Hall Baptist Church is responsible for the Greenhill Ward while St. Pius & St. John's for the Habberley/Blakebrook ward. Collectors are needed for both areas but if you live in any road in Kidderminster that does not have a collection and would like to help, please contact Peter Grantham (A.K.A. The Banana Man) on 01562 824523.

FOSAS QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 19th May in the Parish Hall 7pm till late. Teams of four at £2.50 per player. Please come and join in.

DEANERY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY The Parishes in the Deanery are invited to St. Mary's Studley for a procession in honour of Our Lady on Sunday, May 20th at 3pm. The Parish grounds and conservatory will be available for picnics from 1pm and the procession will be from the Catholic Church across the fields to the Anglican Church (also St. Mary's) We are assured that it will not be too taxing. Please indicate on the lists so that we may know whether or not to hire a coach.

- FINANCES i. Thank you for last week's Offertory £760.35 (Envelope Scheme £189.40 Loose £570.95)
 - ii. A retiring collection today for the Priests Training Fund.
 - iii. We acknowledge gratefully a further donation from the Whist Drive £100
 - iv. Donations to CAFOD were £4.50.
 - v. Our Lady's Hymn Book Dedication Appeal: To help raise money to cover the cost of our new hymn books, would you like to dedicate a hymn book in memory of a loved one? Each hymn book cost £5 and you are welcome to dedicate as many hymn books as you like at £5 each. Special forms will be available at the back of church this evening and for the next two weeks.

A REQUEST The Parish Priest may well have visitors to the Parish in mod-June (18th-20th) some of whom may be travelling long distances. It will not be possible to accommodate them all in the rectory, and he would appreciate any offers of help for one/two nights.