

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH, KIDDERMINSTER

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OUR LADY & ST PIUS X, Canterbury Road, Kidderminster, DY11 6DR (01562 748474)
SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells.

Parish Clergy: Fr. Douglas Lamb, Revd Peter Hesketh

In Retirement: Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Dr Peter Mason. In Formation: Charles Duncombe & Adam Nicholls.

Fourth Sunday in Lent Year A Psalter Week 4 Pope John Sunday Missal p.204 Week ending April 2nd/3rd 2011.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Mon: St Isidore Thurs: St John Baptist de la Sake

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

ST AMBROSE'S:

Monday: 7.30am Arthur Holdstock RIP

Tuesday: 8.30am Grace Shipton RIP

Wednesday: 9.15am Eric Baker RIP

Thursday: 11.30am : Michela Butera RIP 7.30pm Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45)

Friday: 7.10pm Rosary 7.30pm HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday: 9am (Old Rite) Bill O'Donnell RIP

5.45pm Joe Farmer RIP

Sunday: 9.30am Johanie Geraghty RIP

6.30pm The Stations of the Cross.

OUR LADY'S:

Monday: 7.30pm HOLY COMMUNION

Friday: 9.00-9.45am Adoration 10am Bill Nicholl (Anniversary)

Saturday: 10.15am Intentions of Vincent Kealey

Sunday: 5pm Tony Yeo RIP

6.30pm The Stations of the Cross.

SACRED HEART:

Sunday: 11.30am The People of the Parish.

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 11.45-12.45pm, 6.30pm – 7pm; and by request.

Our Lady's: Saturday after Mass.

Sacred Heart: By request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Dominic Ford, Aiden Preedy

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's: Saturday 5.45pm E. Darbyshire, A.Nicholls.

Sunday 9.30am M. Bradley, A Colclough, C Geraghty, A Hunt

Our Lady's: Sunday 5pm H Bearne, B Gavan, J Gavan, B Taylor,

Sacred Heart: Sunday 11.30am T.Cole

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's) Team C Offertory Counters: Group 3

Please pray for our parishoners who are sick. And for all who have need for our prayers, especially:

Dorothy Atwell, Christopher Aylott, William Patrick Bannister, Albert Barr, Peggy Baynton, Harry Berry, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Peggy Burke, Linda Button, Stephen Coates, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Mary Cull, Eamon Dalton, Thomas Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Michelle Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Maura Furlong, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, George Humble, Dora Jeffery, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda & Michael Maffei, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Lee Mound, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Pat Redmond, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Giaconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Lawrence Speers, Marie Stokes, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey, Assunta Vaccaro, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, Edith Wilkes, May Williams.

Readers

To be appointed

D.Reynolds

B Taylor, C.Villa

P.Storey

Entrance Antiphon: *Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.*

Response to the Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

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Communion Antiphon: *The Lord rubbed my eyes: I went away and washed; then I could see, and I believed in God.*

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no. 234216

ANNIVERSARY: Today is the anniversary of the death in 2005 of Sister Mary Modwena of Jesus, who was born in this parish and was a convert to Catholicism. She was a member of the Poor Cloves at Hawarden near Chester.

READERS ROTAS:(St Ambrose)-Would all readers please note that new rotas are available at the back of church.

THE SECOND SCRUTINY: Today at 9.30am, our Catechumens and Candidates will gather in the Sanctuary and we shall pray for them and four ourselves, as we prepare to receive them into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Our Catechumens (preparing for Baptism) are DEAN COOMBES, SARAH HEMPSTOCK, SHIRAZ HEMPSTOCK, JADE AND JAMES MCNABB, JOSEPH MORAN, KATHERINE O'SULLIVAN, CLIVE SMITH-SHAW, and JOANNE TARNOWSKI. Those being received into Full Communion are: LIAN GUALANO, SUSAN MEEKINGS and CHRISTINE NEALE. At the Easter Vigil HOLLY GUALANO will be confirmed. It is pleasing to note that already, many of our new parishioners are already taking part in our life and work. Please let us all support them with our prayers.

BROWNIES: Our Brownies will parade at Mass this morning, and will distribute daffodils to all ladies present at the end of Mass.

TEAS/COFFEES: Will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30am Mass today by the Parents and Toddlers group, and next week by FOSAS.

MISSA CANTATA: There will be a sung Mass in the Old Rite at St Mary's, Harvington today at 3pm.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This beautiful Lent Devotion is in both our Kidderminster Churches on the Sundays of Lent at 6.30pm; and the Sacred Heart, Tenbury on Fridays at 4pm.

MUSIC FOR THE MIDDLEBROWS: Music with a 'romantic' theme will be played and enjoyed in the Borromeo Hall from 7.45pm this evening. This is always a pleasant evening, and new members will be very welcome.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Monday 4th April 2011 at 2pm. New Members welcome.

VISITORS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Our Co-ordinator, Sarah Hempstock would like to meet all who visit the sick and housebound, in the Montini Room on Monday April 4th at 7pm.

SCHOOL CONFESSIONS: Children from year 4 will have the opportunity to make their Lenten Confession on Tuesday afternoon in Church. The Sacrament of Penance was offered to the children of years 5 and 6 during this past week. I am grateful to the School for making this possible.

FAITH JOURNEY: The subject of DEATH AND DYING will be discussed in our penultimate meeting for this year in the Montini Room, on Thursday at 7.45pm.

CRAFT CLUB: Meets every Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall from 7.30pm.

WHIST DRIVE/BINGO: There is a Whist drive on Wednesday in the Borromeo Hall at 2pm and Bingo in the Adams lounge on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 8pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The parents, children and clergy who are preparing for First Holy Communion are reminded of the meeting which will be held on Thursday at 6.30pm in the school hall.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: BR. Peter Young will lead a discussion meeting for the Brothers of the St Ambrose branch, in the Rectory on Wednesday April 13th at 7.30pm. These are always lively and informative meetings, and all men of the Parish are warmly invited to take Part.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES: The services of Penance for the Kidderminster Deanery have now been arranged as follows:

Wednesday April 13 th	Sacred Heart, Droitwich
Thursday April 14 th	St Wulstan's, Stourport
Friday April 15 th	St Ambrose's, Kidderminster
Monday April 18 th	St Peter's, Bromsgrove
Tuesday April 19 th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch.

PASSOVER COMMEMORATION: Wednesday 20th April 2011 at 7pm. Lists are available at the back of all the churches for the names of parishioners who wish to attend the Passover commemoration. Please indicate if you would prefer a vegetarian option. Lists will remain open until Sunday 10th April.

EASTER TRIDUUM: Please note the times of our principal Holy Week Ceremonies:

HOLY THURSDAY 7.30PM Mass of the Last Supper, procession to the Altar of Repose, watching until Midnight (Compline 11.45pm)

GOOD FRIDAY 10.30AM Procession of Witness, 12 NOON Children's stations of the Cross 3PM SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION 7.30PM United Service at Trinity Methodist Church.

HOLY SATURDAY 8.30PM THE EASTER VIGIL

FR DEREK EDWARDS: Some time ago, Fr Edwards' daughter visited us, and took away all the items of his property that she wanted. Many books, photographs and personal effects still remain, and they will be available in the Borromeo Hall after Mass next Sunday. The UCM will accept donations, which will be sent to the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's in Harborne.

FINANCES:

- i. Thank you for last week's offertory of £1066.23 (Loose £719.65 Envelope Scheme £346.58)
- ii. Donations to CAFOD were £103.07
- iii. The bucket collection for the Japanese earthquake appeal raised £720.59 and this has been sent to the order of Malta.
- iv. Thanks to all who organised and supported the Curry and Quiz night. The Curry was absolutely fabulous! The raffle and other Sunday events during the evening raised £77.