

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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Third Sunday in Lent Year C

Week Commencing: March 24th 2019

Psalter Week: 3 CTS Sunday Missal p.216 Preface: II of Lent p. 557 Eucharistic Prayer: II p.605 Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation: Repent says the Lord, for the kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.

n.b. During Mass at 11 am (The First Scrutiny) the readings and the Preface of the Mass are for Year A (p.163 - 167)

Feast Days this week: Mon: The Solemnity of the Annunciation

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

n.b. Mon: 9.00 am Service of the Word with Holy Communion (Morning Prayer at 8.45 am)

Tues: 8.30 am Rita Kerrigan RIP

Wed: 9.15 am Joan Battye RIP

Thurs: 7.30 am Donor's Intentions

7.30 pm Adoration 8.35 pm Compline

Fri: 9.30 am Adoration until 10.30 am (Mass) Nellie Brennan RIP

7.30 pm The Stations of the Cross

Sat: 9.00 am John Power RIP

Sun: 11.00 am In Thanksgiving (UCM)

6.00 pm David, John and Martin Weaver RIP

Sacred Heart

Wed: 2.30 pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Fri: 10.30 am The Stations of the Cross

Sun: 9.00 am The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday: NO MIDDAY and by request ; Sacred Heart by request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: F Robinson, T Wright

St Ambrose's: Sun. 11.00 am
Eucharistic Ministers: D Gillett, A Harris, T Hart, D Holdstock, M Holmes
Readers: J Walker, C Villa

Sun. 6.00 pm
Eucharistic Ministers: P Bowdler, M Bowdler
Readers: P Young, B Taylor

Sacred Heart: Sun. 9.00 am
Eucharistic Ministers: A Speers, A Stanley
Reader: T Pellow

Church Cleaners: Team: B Offertory Counters: Group: 2 Teas and Coffees: G & M Cunliffe, J & S Hancox

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jim Thomas, Olena Barchuk, Derek Cooper, Nora Collins, Matteo Butera, Rosemarie Smith, Emilia Gissying, Joseph Kantorek, Rev. Fr Edward Sopala, Richard Bolton, Julie White, Fr Graham Wilkinson, Laura Reynolds, Alane Harvey.

Necrology: Monday marks the death in 1949 of Rev Fr Walter Hofer, Parish Priest 1915 – 1938. May he rest in peace.

Funerals: Our prayers are with GEOFFREY WILSON whose funeral is at Stourbridge Crematorium on Tuesday afternoon; and for HENRY BOGALECKI whose Cremation is at 11.40 am on Thursday, also at Stourbridge. We pray also for MARTYN STAIGHT who died recently. His Funeral is at Wyre Forest on April 3rd. May they rest in peace.

Apologies: Tomorrow, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, I will be attending the Installation of Bishop Robert Byrne as the Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle. This will be during Mass at 12 noon in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne, and will necessitate a very early departure from Kidderminster, and a very late return. It will not be possible for me to offer Mass in the Parish. The Revd Charles Duncombe will preside at a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 9 am.

On Saturday, I will be with the Wolverhampton Section of the UCM for their Day of Recollection at the Carmelite Convent in Wolverhampton, so there will not be any Confessions at Midday.

First Scrutiny: We have the first SCRUTINY (Community Prayer) for CHARLOTTE PIGEON during Mass at 11 am today. She is to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church during the forthcoming Easter Vigil. Unfortunately, she will be unavoidably absent this morning but we shall pray for her. At the Easter Vigil, JERRY MONGAN will be confirmed. Please pray for them both.

The Union of Catholic Mothers: We will meet in church on Monday at 7.30 pm for Stations of the Cross and afterwards in the Borromeo Hall for recitation of the Rosary.

Desert Island Lent: The third of the Churches Together in Kidderminster Lent meetings is in the Borromeo Hall on Wednesday at 7.30 pm and will feature PHILIPPA HILLMAN, a teacher and music specialist.

Marriage Preparation: Next Saturday, Maureen and Peter Bowdler will be leading a Marriage Preparation Day for seven couples, in the Borromeo Hall. Please pray that it will be fruitful for all taking part.

Additional Ministers of Holy Communion: There will be a re-commissioning of all our Additional Ministers of Holy Communion at ALL our Masses next Sunday including at Sacred Heart, Tenbury. Please pray especially for MIKI DAY, MILOSZ KANTOREK and PATRICIA ROBINSON who will be commissioned for the first time.

Mass for the Anointing of the Sick: We have an additional Mass on Wednesday at 2.30 pm in Sacred Heart, Tenbury, during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. Anyone with concerns over health issues or issues of old age is invited to receive the Sacrament. We ask parishioners to make it possible for anyone who wishes to attend to be transported and it may be good if light refreshments are available after Mass. Parishioners from Kidderminster are warmly invited to attend.

CMS: Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd April at 7.30 pm in the Montini Room. All men of the Parish, both young and old, are invited to join us and see what we are all about, you never know you just might feel at home.

SVP: The next meeting will be on Monday 8th April at 7.15 pm in the Wheatley Room.

Walsingham: A few members of our Parish will be joining Redditch Parish on 11th May. If you would like to come along please contact Martin Grovenor (gettheplane37@gmail.com) or Ray Barber (rayb34@hotmail.com).

School Library: Parishioners who helped with the school library preparations are invited to the opening of the facility to be held in school on Tuesday 2nd April at 11.15 am.

The Union of Catholic Mothers Lenten Project: This year the UCM is collecting items for the **Kidderminster Foodbank**. A box is at the back of church in addition to the normal foodbank collection box. Among the items needed are toiletries, long life milk, fruit juice, small jars of coffee and tinned food especially meat, fruit, custard. Many thanks for your generosity.

Gift Aid: Would all parishioners who put their Offertory collection into Gift Aid envelopes please collect their new box of envelopes from the back of the Church. Please start using these new envelopes from the weekend of 7th April. Thank you to the 72 parishioners across the two churches who gift aid their Offertory donation. By using this scheme, we received from the Government an extra £5,170 last year for the parish. We need more parishioners who would like to help the parish in this beneficial way to join the Gift Aid Scheme. The only requirement is that you are a tax payer. Please phone Tim Yates on 01562 66201 or email tim.yates@blueyonder.co.uk for details. Thank you for your continued support.

Music and Trivia Quiz: Thursday 28th March 8.30 for 9.00 pm in the Borromeo Hall of the Parish Centre. £1.50 per person entry payable on the night. Play individually or as a team. Bar open. Proceeds to the Air Ambulance charity, prizes to the winning teams. Queries to Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or through bookings.stambrose@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you at what should be a fun night.

Passover Commemoration: Wednesday 17th April 2019 at 7.00 pm. Lists are available at the back of both churches for the names of parishioners who wish to attend the Passover Commemoration. Please indicate if you prefer a vegetarian option. Lists will remain open until Sunday 7th April.

Be a Disciple for a Day: This is an invitation to celebrate Easter and the Lord's Resurrection by sharing an Emmaus walk whilst giving real and practical support to Christians who live where that event first took place. Our suggestion is that to raise funds for the Friends of the Holy Land, you sponsor yourself (or seek to be sponsored by others) to walk an Emmaus distance (we estimate between 6 and 9 miles) on the Saturday of the Easter Octave, April 27th. Please contact Deacon John O'Brien for more information: jmcobrien@btinternet.com.

50s and 60s Night in aid of Light of Maasai: with live music generously supplied by JDR. To fund the education of Ciara sponsored by St Ambrose Parish. Saturday 4th May from 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall, with bar and raffle. £5 on the door. See the poster for information.

Finances: Thank you for last week's Offertory of £812.05: Plate £493.35 Envelope: £318.70

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc.
Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 (bookings.stambrose@gmail.com)

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm.

Whist: Every Wednesday 2.00 pm. Learners most welcome.
Please come along and support the Parish Centre.