ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Year:

Week Commencing: April 14th 2019

Psalter Week: 2 CTS Sunday Missal p233ff Preface of Palm Sunday Eucharistic Prayer:II p605

Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised Him high, and gave Him the name

which is above all other names.

Feast Days this Week: HOLY WEEK Mass Intentions: Thursday, 7.30 pm Richard Tovey Vigil: People of the Parish.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7.30 am Bridie Brady RIP

Tues: 7.30 am Intentions of Clare Conway

Wed 7.30 am Pat Hopkins RIP 7.00 pm PASSOVER COMMEMORATION (Borromeo Hall)

Thurs 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Office of Mandatum and Procession to the Altar of Repose. The WATCH with Our Lord

continues until 11.40 pm Compline. Church closes at midnight.

Fri 12 noon Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Cardinal Newman) – recording of the STABAT MATER (Stanford)

Sat: 8.30 pm The Easter Vigil: Service of Light and Easter Proclamation. Liturgy of Baptism. First Mass of Easter

Sun: 11.00 am Gertie Gray RIP 6.00 pm Teresa Moule RIP

Sacred Heart

Fri: 10.30 am The Stations of the Cross

Sun: 9.00 am The good estate of Her Majesty, the Queen

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Monday 9.00 am – 9.30 am, 6 pm – 7 pm, Wednesday 6 pm – 7 pm and, by request.

Sacred Heart: by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for Morning Mass: Volunteers, please

St Ambrose's: Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: D Gillett, A Harris, C Ellwood, D Holdstock, M Holmes

Readers: G Hodgkinson, A Martin

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: M Harper, R Fox Readers: P Young, M Bowdler

Sacred Heart: Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: A Speers, A Stanley

Readers: B Mountain

Church Cleaners Team: Big Clean Tea/Coffee: T O'Sullivan, A Maffei, B Shakeshaft, T O'Brien

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for 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 Gissyng, Joseph Kantorek, Fr Edward Sopala, Richard Bolton, Julie White, Fr Graham Wilkinson, Laura Reynolds, Alane Harvey, Fr Bruce Dutson and Michael Knowles.

Penitential Services: The remaining Services of Penance in our Deanery are as follows:

Monday, 15th April 7.30 pm St Peter's, Bromsgrove

Tuesday, 16th April 7.30 pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch

Easter Triduum: The Services of the Triduum are as follows:

Holy Thursday: 7.30 pmMass of the Lord's Supper, the Office of Mandatum and Procession to the Altar of Repose

Good Friday: 12 noon Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Newman) followed by a recording of the Stabat Mater by Stanford (Bach Choir)

Holy Saturday: 8.30 pmEaster Vigil, 'Service of Light' and Easter Proclamation. Liturgy of Baptism. First Mass of Easter

The Masses of Easter Sunday will be at the normal Sunday times. Sacred Heart 9.00 am, St Ambrose's 11.00 am and 6.00 pm.

Necrology: Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Peter Jones, Priest of Our Lady's 1996-1998, who died on 10th April 2016. Also, Sr Mary Modwena of Jesus, PCC, born in Kidderminster, who died on 5 April 2005.

Eternal Rest: Doreen Norris of Stourport Road died at the end of last month. Her Funeral will be at Wyre Forest Crematorium on Easter Tuesday. We pray for Marie Lavelle, whose Funeral Mass will be on the Friday of Easter week; and for Mike Gay, of Roden Avenue, who died recently and whose Funeral Service will be at Wyre Forest Crematorium on 30th April. May they rest in peace.

Confessions: There will be Confessions heard on Monday 9.00 am – 9.30 am, 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm, and on Wednesday 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm. There is a Service of Penance in St Peter's, Bromsgrove on Monday at 7.30 pm; and at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch on Tuesday at 7.30 pm.

Church Cleaning: There will be a big clean on Monday from 10.0 am. We ask for extra volunteers alongside regular Church cleaners to come and make our Church ready for the Triduum and Easter Sunday celebrations. The new rota for after Easter is available at the back of Church. Please note there will be no Church cleaning during Easter week. The next clean will be on Wednesday, 1st May (the A Team). Many thanks to all who clean our Church.

Passover Commemoration: Wednesday, 17th April at 7.00pm for those who have signed up to attend.

Emmaus Walk: Anyone wishing to join us on Saturday, 28 April can obtain a copy of the Registration Form from the Sacristy. Please complete the form and return it to the Rectory or to Rev Adam Nicholls no later than Easter Sunday. Please bring a light lunch to picnic in the Priest's garden. Start time from St Ambrose's is 10.30 am.

Day of Eucharistic Adoration: There will be a Day of Eucharistic Adoration in St Ambrose's on 1st May, the feast of St Joseph the Worker. It will begin with Mass at 9.30 am and will conclude with HOLY HOUR DEVOTIONS, COMPLINE AND BENEDICTION at 7.30 pm. Lists are available at the back of the Church, but it will be appreciated that the Blessed Sacrament should not be left unattended at any time during the day. We are asked to pray especially for vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood. Please be generous in offering to spend some time praying for that intention.

SVP: The next meeting will be on Thursday, 2^{nd} May at 7.15 pm in the Wheatley Room. We are very grateful for donations given to us by our Parishioners – many anonymously. These certainly help the needy cases we deal with. Our sincere thanks to you all.

Union of Catholic Mothers Lenten Project: Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Foodbank collection so generously. The Foodbank organisers send their grateful thanks.

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's Parish. Saturday, 4th May from 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall, with bar (subject to availability) and raffle. £5 on the door. See the poster at the back of Church for further information.

Ministers' Rota: A new rota for both Eucharistic Ministers and Readers will be published after the Easter Triduum.

John J Stubbins: On behalf of the Stubbins family I would like to say a number of thank-you's to all who helped out and gave of their time so freely after my husband John's passing. To everyone that attended his Memorial Mass, send Mass and sympathy cards. To the UCM for their attendance and support in the Hall following Mass, their assistance with the catering was much appreciated. To Mary and Michael Preston for the lovely spread they provided and to the bar staff for their time. We would also like to thank all those who contributed so generously to the Alzheimer's Society. The funds will be put to good use and it is a fabulous cause. To Michael Bradley for consistently bringing Holy Communion to my husband every Sunday without fail. Last but not least, a special thank you to Father Lamb for his pastoral care and support at this sad time.

Principal Post at SS Peter and Paul in Coventry: The Directors, in partnership with the Academy Committee of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School and the Archdiocese of Birmingham are seeking to appoint a strong leader, either a high performing Assistant or Vice Principal who has the vision to lead the school. "Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus". The closing date in Friday, 10^{th} May and further details are available at https://romeromac.com/vacancy/principal-ss-peter-paul/ or contact, Helen Quinn, Catholic Senior Executive Leader (CSEL) via email on h.quinn@romero.coventry.sch.uk.

Finances:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £658.46 (Plate: £424.46, Envelope: £234.00)
- ii. £20 was kindly donated towards the Easter flowers for St Ambrose's.
- iii £42 was donated to CAFOD
- iv £1 was added to the Clergy Training Fund
- v £28.59 was donated towards the MITE Scheme

St Ambrose's Parish Facilities

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas, on 07513 295817 or 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.