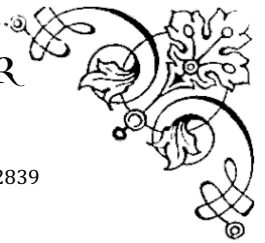


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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:

MONDAY LENT FERIA (Also St Cyril of Jerusalem / 4th Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
 March 18th 8:45 am Morning Prayer
 9:00 am Three mothers RIP (PRO LIFE ROSARY)
 10:00 am Confessions in School (Year 6)
 1:30 pm Funeral Service (St George's) DOREEN WRENCH RIP
 7:00 pm LADIES RETREAT (led by Rev. Charles Duncombe)

TUESDAY The SOLEMNITY of ST JOSEPH, Spouse of Mary, Foster Father of Jesus
 March 19th 8:45 am Morning Prayer
 9:00 am Mother Clare Agnes (Anniv), Fr Joseph Houghton (Anniv)
 10:00 am Confessions at Hagley School until 12:00 noon
 7:00 pm Rosary

WEDNESDAY LENT FERIA
 March 20th 8:45 am Morning Prayer
 9:00 am Deceased of Ford and Weaver families
 10:00 am Confessions in School (Year 4)
 3:30 pm (Crematorium) Funeral Service: SYLVIA JAY RIP

THURSDAY LENT FERIA
 March 21st 8:50 am (Winterfold School) Deceased Monks of Glenstal Abbey
 11:30 am Paul Morrison RIP
 1:30 pm Confessions in School (Year 5)
 7:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Compline at 8:30 pm

FRIDAY LENT FERIA
 March 22nd 9:00 am Morning Prayer
 9:30 am (Whole School) Jan Purvey RIP
 10:30 am (Tenbury) The Stations of the Cross
 7:00 pm The Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY LENT FERIA
 March 23rd 8:45 am Morning Prayer
 9:00 am John Kerrigan RIP (Rosary & Novena Devotions)

SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY The PASSION of OUR LORD
 March 24th 9:00 am (Tenbury) Fr Eamon Concannon RIP
 11:00 am BLESSING and PROCESSION of PALMS (Rectory Garden), followed by Mass (The People of the Parish)
 6:00 pm Rita Kerrigan (Anniv)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11:45 am – 12:45 pm and at any time by request

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am Mass in the Adams Lounge

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am Michael Bradley 6 pm Luke Farmer
READERS: 11 am Jo Walker 6pm Rebecca Young

FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Our prayers are with those whose funeral services are in the coming days:
 DOREEN WRENCH Funeral Service at St George's Monday March 18th at 1:30 pm
 SYLVIA JAY Funeral Service at Wyre Forest Crematorium March 20th at 3:30 pm
 RICHARD KNOWLES Funeral Service at Wyre Forest Crematorium March 25th at 2:30 pm

ANNIVERSARIES: Tomorrow is the anniversary of the death, in 2015, of DEACON THOMAS ASHCROFT, who lived in our Parish with his wife and family for many years, and served as a Deacon following his ordination in 2002. It is also the anniversary of the death, in 2000, of FR MYKOLA MATYCZAK, who served the Ukrainian parishioners in Kidderminster for many years. May they rest in peace.

CHURCH CLEANING: The big clean for Easter will take place next Saturday, March 23rd after morning Mass and Rosary (around 10:00 am). We would be very grateful for volunteers, particularly those not involved in the regular cleaning rota; as well as those able to climb ladders and reach high places. There will be no church cleaning during Holy Week – the rota resumes on Friday, April 5th with the B Team.

LADIES RETREAT EVENING: The Rev. Charles Duncombe will lead an evening of retreat with the UCM and any other ladies who would like to participate, on Monday from 7:00 pm in Church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, a Reflection and the Rosary, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

CRAFT CLUB: Craft Club will meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Anyone interested in handicrafts is very welcome to join us. Just drop in and relax over a cup of tea and a chat. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents of children preparing for Holy Communion this year are invited to meet with the Parish Priest in Church on Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

U.C.M. EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will be on sale after Mass on Sunday. All proceeds will go to the Church decorating fund.

PALM SUNDAY: Palms will be blessed and distributed next Sunday in Tenbury (9:00 am) and St Ambrose's before Mass (11:00 am), which will begin in the Rectory garden. We shall process via the School Yard, Leswell Street, Birmingham Road into the Church. Palms will be available for distribution at the evening Mass.

EASTER SERVICES:

HOLY THURSDAY March 28 th	NO MORNING MASS 7:30 pm	MASS of the LAST SUPPER. OFFICE of MANDATUM PROCESSION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT to the ALTER of REPOSE. WATCHING with OUR LORD until 11:40 pm. COMPLINE. The Church closes at midnight.
GOOD FRIDAY March 29 th	10:15 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	United Procession of Witness from St Ambrose's (Tenbury) Stations of the Cross Reflection Service for Children, Young People and Families. For more information please contact Jon on 07731 842591
	3:00 pm 7:00 pm	SOLEMN LITURGY on the PASSION of OUR LORD The Stations of the Cross
HOLY SATURDAY March 30 th	8:30 pm	The EASTER VIGIL and FIRST MASS of EASTER
EASTER SUNDAY March 31 st	9:00 am 11:00 am	Tenbury St Ambrose NO EVENING MASS

EASTER READERS (for the TRIDUUM):

Maundy Thursday	First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14 Second Reading: First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 11: 23-26	Christine Vass Rebecca Young
Good Friday	First Reading: Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12 Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9 Gospel: The Passion of the Lord according to John	Anita Stanley Gilly Hodgkinson Deacon Deacon Other single speaker
Easter Vigil	First Reading: Genesis 1: 1-22 Second Reading: Exodus 14: 15 – 15: 1 Third Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11 Forth Reading: St Paul to the Romans	Danuta Duncombe David Gillett Margaret Weaver Charlie Villa Nick Awolola

WORCESTER DEANERY: The meeting reflected on the Dean's letter of last week and the Pastoral Letter being read today. It seems that we are to have a proliferation of Councils and Forums, and the appointment (in each of the 11 Deaneries) of a Deanery Coordinator (£28,000 - £32,000 p.a.). Our Finance Committee, meeting last Tuesday, was less than enthusiastic. I would be pleased to hear further comments.

JOSEPH MORAN: Joseph has had a very difficult three months but appears to be making progress. We shall be meeting in the fairly near future to discuss a way forward for him and his contribution to the Life of the Parish. He is very grateful for the cards, prayers and good wishes that have reached him. Please continue to pray for his complete recovery.

TICKETS AVAILABLE: I have TWO tickets available for a concert at Symphony Hall, on Tuesday May 21st at 7:30pm. The Czech National Symphony Orchestra will perform music by COPLAND & SMETANA, together with BEETHOVEN'S PIANO CONCERTO No 5 (Emperor) and DVORAK SYMPHONY No 8. I am now unable to use them because of a meeting in Cheshire on the same evening. Please let me know if they can be used.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Joyce Berry, Maria Cholowa, Trina Cole, Clare Conway, Olive Cooke, Michael Dunne, Fr. Bruce Dutton, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Emilia Gissing, Philip Green, Margaret Grimley, Lola Hartland, Kathleen Hegarty, Annie Holcroft, Margaret Holmes, Christine Hopkins, Anthony Hughes, George William Kawooya, Shirley Keogh, Joan Kinsella, Pam Lay, Francesca Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Sharon Matthews, Sheila Mikulicz, Neil Moule, James McCarthy, John Nangle, William Nixon, Veronica Pugh, Amanda Rattigan, Sarah Rejman-Greene, Fr. Tony Rohan, Jackie Sands, Anthea Speers, Lawrence Speers, Liz Steadman, Ray Stride, Joyce Taylor, Jim Thomas, Linda Thompson, Margaret Tillott, Jessie Tolley, Jill Tombs, Christopher Tovey, Frances Tovey, Lynn Tovey, Lyndon Whatley and Fr. Graham Wilkinson.

Live-Streaming: Mass on Sundays at 11 am are Live-Streamed. Other services will not be Live-Streamed.

Parish Safeguarding: Peter Harler & Niall Doherty – See website for details.