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Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C Psalter Week 2 CTS Sunday Missal p 483 Week ending: May 4th/5th 2013

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Next Sunday will be the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 10.00 am Martin Weaver RIP

Tues: 8.30 am Intentions of Joe McLaughlin (Kilkie) 1 pm Funeral Thomas Scanlon RIP

Wed: 9.15 am Bob Lay RIP

Thurs: 8.30 am Intentions of James & Teresa Fahy 7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)

Fri: 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm HOLY COMMUNION

Sat: 9.00 am (Old Rite) Philomena Eady RIP 5.45 pm Deceased members of the Bohan Family

6.30 pm MAY PROCESSION and Crowning of the Statue

Sun: 9.30 am Intentions of Cathy Byrne

Our Lady's

Mon: 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Prayer Group)

Fri: 9.00 – 9.45 am Adoration 10.00 am Intentions of Evelyn O'Halloran

Sun: 5.00 pm The People of the Parish

Sacred Heart

Sun: 11.30 am Deceased if Casken and McNally families

CONFESSIONS St Ambrose's: Saturday: 11.45 am - 12.45 pm; 6.30 - 7.00 pm and by request

Sacred Heart: By request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Laurence Park, Gianluca Swain

St Ambrose's Sat. 5.45 pm Eucharistic Ministers Readers

E Darbyshire, N Doherty, A Nicholls T Alexander

Sun. 9.30 am G Bennett, D Duncombe, C Geraghty, M Holmes, Gill Pardoe

Our Lady's

Sun. 5.00 pm A McDermott, J Newbold, L Whatley M Bowdler, P Bowdler

Sacred Heart

Sun. 11.30 am M Harper, M Peyton P Storey

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

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:

Pope Benedict XVI, Dorothy Atwell, Albert and Elsie Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Matteo Butera, Linda Button, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Eamonn Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Joe Egan, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Victoria Fleming, Sheila Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Frances Graves, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Claire Hampton, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Rita Harrod, Jim Heffernan, Christine & Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Philip Hunt, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Ben Kelly, Marie Lane, Lynda Law, Felicity Librie, Audrey Little, Eleanor Lloyd, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Lynne Marshall, Lee Maund, Sheila Mikulicz, Peter Mullard, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Mary Nangle, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Katherine O'Sullivan, Daniel Oxenham, Joyce Parker, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Janet Richards, Nancy Ruffinato, Geroge & Sheila Rywacki, Harold Salter, Rita Simmonds, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Pearl Stanley, Marie Stokes, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Peter Towers, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Edith Wilkes, May Williams, Julie Wright and Rene Yates.

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth; the Lord has freed his people, alleluia!

Response to the Psalm: Let the peoples praise you O Lord, let all the peoples praise you.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'.

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Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and He will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia!

Lately Dead: Tom Wilson, who for some years was one of our Readers, and in the rambling group, died suddenly in the early hours of Wednesday morning. This coming week-end his son, Peter, is to be married in Ireland. Please pray for Tom and his family. His Funeral will be arranged at St Ambrose's when his family return.

Anniversary: Tuesday is the anniversary of the death in 1972 of **Sister Cathaldus Cooney** (Headmistress 1937 – 1955). May she rest in peace.

Coffees/teas: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass today by the Children's Liturgy group and next Sunday by the UCM

Old Rite Mass: Mass in the Old Rite will be offered in St Ambrose's today at 3 pm. Books are available and tea will be served afterwards.

May Devotions: During the Sundays in May there will be devotions in honour of Our Lady in both our Kidderminster Churches at 6.30 pm, except on Sunday May 12th when we shall have our May Procession through the grounds of St Ambrose's. **Mrs Sheila Skitt** has kindly consented to crown the Statue of Our Lady on behalf of the whole Parish at the conclusion of the Procession, and I do hope this will be a fine act of public witness of our love for Our Lady and our recognition of the honour which is her due.

Laneway refurbishment: Please note that the laneway beside St Ambrose's Church will be closed during the coming week so that essential work can be carried out to secure the broken and dislodged paving slabs, and to repair the ramp at the side door. Entry to the School for everyone will be in Leswell Street, and to the Church through the main entrance. We apologise for the inconvenience that will be caused but this work is long overdue and is very necessary.

'Living Embers Ladies': A new ecumenical fellowship for women is starting up at Baxter Church on Wednesday 8th May at 10.30 am. This is an opportunity to meet other Christians in an informal setting for prayer, praise and socialising. A warm welcome awaits. **FOSAS:** Meeting to be held on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30 pm in the Wheatley room. Everyone welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: The Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 11th May. A coach will depart from Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 7 am and the cost will be £20. Places will be available on the coach for parishioners in Kidderminster but we need to notify Redditch. If interested please phone Ray Barber (K.630740) or Peter Young (K.750529) as soon as possible. Cars will depart from St Ambrose's at 6 am.

Community Meeting in Tenbury: Members of the Tenbury Community are invited to meet in the Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday May 14th at 7.00 pm in order to plan a Calendar of Events and discuss any other items associated with our parishioners who worship there

Catholic Men's Society: The next meeting of the Catholic Men's Society will be in the Rectory on Wednesday May 15th at 7.30 pm and there will be a discussion about the Year of Faith, and our progress so far. This is the third bulletin of the annual Planned Discussion promoted by the Society. All men of the Parish will be welcome.

From Belmont Abbey: This year we are again running a Retreat day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on May 25th 10.30am – 4 pm. It will provide a chance for them to pause and reflect on their ministry as well as giving them an appreciation of their role in the Church and a deeper insight into what it means to give to another the greatest gift we can give, namely the Eucharist. It will also give an opportunity to spend time in prayer and so be renewed in their commitment to serve God and his Church. This year the day will be led by Dom Simon McGurk, Cathedral Prior of Coventry and Parish Priest of Weobley and Kington. Dom Simon has served in our dependant Monastery of the Incarnation in Peru and as Prior Administrator of St Anselm in Washington and so brings with him a wealth of experience in the right exercise of lay ministry within the Church. As well as reflective input from Dom Simon the day will also include the celebration of Mass. For lunch, bring sandwiches – tea and coffee are provided. If there is sufficient interest we may be able to arrange transport. Please indicate on the lists in our Churches **this week-end**.

York Pilgrimage: On June 25th the UCM are organising a trip to York to visit the shrine of Margaret Clitherow and the Bar Convent, to coincide with the 100 years anniversary of the UCM this year. Father Lamb will be saying a Mass at the Convent's chapel. Lists will be up at the back of churches for those wishing to come along, to give us an idea of numbers.

Summer Hog Roast: Sunday 14th July in the Rectory Garden. Whole spit-roasted hog plus other meats with mixed salads, sauces, breads and a buffet table full of desserts. Printed and numbered tickets must be purchased in advance before Friday, 12th July (available shortly) £6.50 per person – children free. All profits to the Parish. 2.30 pm start until late evening – bar open!

From Adam Nicholls: May I thank you for all your prayers for myself and Janine which have helped us both during my four years of formation toward ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. As you are probably aware, my ordination is to be at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 21st July at 3 pm. In my year group there are ten of us to be ordained, five on the Saturday and five on the Sunday. This means, however, that each of the ordinands are limited to a total of 60 people including family, friends and parishioners. My wish would be to have you all attend but unfortunately that is not possible. To this end I have made a list of parishioners representative of our three churches. I hope that you will all understand the reasons for having to do this. Fr Lamb, along with Janine and myself, has arranged for a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 26th July at 7.30 pm at St Ambrose's followed by a parish celebration in the Church Hall to which Janine and myself invite all parishioners from our three churches to attend. God bless you all for your support. I keep you all in my prayers.

Finances: i. Donations to CAFOD were £9.54

- ii. So far we have raised £143.92 for the Clergy Training Fund
- iii. Thank you for the Offertory last week of £959.98 Loose £568.28, Envelope Scheme: £391.70.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds: parties, receptions etc. Please contact Mary Preston (07513 295817) or Margaret Blizard (07742 730680).

Every Friday: Folk Music in the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists. Free admission 8.00 pm – late.

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