

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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**SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells**  
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**Eighth Sunday Year A Psalter Week 4 CTS Sunday Missal p715 Week ending 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>2</sub><sup>nd</sup> March 2014**

**Feast Days this Week: Wed: Ash Wednesday Fri: SS Perpetua and Felicity**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK;**

**ST AMBROSE'S**

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| Monday    | 7.30 am | Maria Raimondo and Alfred Schembri RIP      |
| Tuesday   | 8.30 am | Phil Hopkins (Anniversary)                  |
| Wednesday | 9.30 am | Peter Conway RIP                            |
| Thursday  | 8.30 am | Thomas Geraghty (Anniversary)               |
|           | 1.30 pm | Funeral: Patricia Kathleen O'Brien RIP      |
|           | 7.30 pm | Adoration until 10:00 pm (Compline 9.45 pm) |
| Friday    | 7.10 pm | Rosary 7.30 pm Holy Communion               |
| Saturday  | 9.00 am | (Old Rite) Patrick Flanagan RIP             |
|           | 5.45 pm | Angelo Vaccaro RIP                          |
| Sunday    | 9.30 am | Intentions of Kathy Byrne                   |
|           | 6.30 pm | The Stations of the Cross                   |

**OUR LADY'S**

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| Monday    | 10.00 am       | Holy Communion (Prayer Group) |
| Wednesday | 7.30 pm        | Intentions of Jim Thomas      |
| Friday    | 9.00 – 9.45 am | Adoration                     |
|           | 10.00 am       | John and Mary Hanrahan RIP    |
| Sunday    | 5.00 pm        | The People of the Parish      |
|           | 6.30 pm        | The Stations of the Cross     |

**SACRED HEART**

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| Wednesday | 3.00 pm  | Intentions of Pat Cullen and family |
| Sunday    | 11.30 am | Brian Smith RIP                     |

**CONFESSIONS:** St Ambrose's: Saturday; 11.45 am – 12.45 pm, 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm and by request  
Sacred Heart: By request

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**Altar Servers for morning Mass:** Ciaran and Patrick Kealey

**Eucharistic Ministers**

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| St Ambrose's: | Saturday 5.45 pm | T Alexander, B Galvin, B McFarland                    |
|               | Sunday 9.30 am   | M Bradley, D Duncombe, R Greatbatch, M Holmes, C Vass |
| Our Lady's:   | Sunday 5.00 pm   | M Bowdler, P Bowdler, M Stride                        |
| Sacred Heart: | Sunday 11.30 am  | S Coates, A Speers                                    |

**Readers**

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| M Weaver             |
| Jade Walker          |
| H Bearne A McDermott |
| C Stanley            |

**Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's):** Team D

**Offertory Counters:** Group 4

**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, Margaret Blizard, Frank Bourke, Alan Bullock, Linda Button, Jackie Caine, Catherine Carroll, Nigel Collier, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Eamonn Dalton, Dorothy Donigan, Joni Dunlea, Sr Maureen Fay, Victoria Fleming, Neville Freemantle, Anthony Georgieff, Frances Graves, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Christine & Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Keeley John, Jan Joyce, John Joyce, Ben Kelly, Marie Lane, Lynda Law, Audrey Little, Eleanor Lloyd, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Lee Maund, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Maureen O'Neill, Daniel Oxenham, Joyce Parker, Gordon Peyton, Chris Price, Janet Richards, Nancy Ruffinato, Harold Salter, Rita Simmonds, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Margaret Smith, Marie Stokes, Edward Sutton, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Peter Towers, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Edith Wilkes and Jake Wolfenden.

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

**Response to the Psalm:** In God alone is my soul at rest.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

**Preface VIII of Sunday:** p573

**Eucharistic Prayer III:** p611

**Mystery of Faith II**

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.

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## A YEAR FOR OUR PARISH – THINK PARISH

**Baptisms:** According to the ancient tradition of the Church, Baptisms are not ordinarily carried out during Lent. Today we have the last Baptism in this Parish before Easter, when the Revd Adam Nicholls will baptise Kody, Jasmine and Imogen Grant, and Leighton Patton-O'Driscoll. Please pray for them and their families.

**Rest in Peace:** Next Thursday there will be a Funeral Service for Patricia O'Brien who died recently. She lived in Batham Road. She will be buried in Kidderminster Cemetery.

**Palm Crosses, Ash Wednesday and Lent:** Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent and a day of fasting and abstinence. Palm Crosses that are received by lunchtime on Tuesday will be burned to provide the ashes that will be received on Wednesday. Please note the times of Masses. During Lent we are asked to draw closer to Our Lord and to apply ourselves to work of mercy, repentance and devotion. Each week, Churches together in Kidderminster will be sponsoring a series of talks, under the theme of 'The Easter God who Changes Lives'. The first talk is at St Ambrose's on 12 March at 7.30 pm when the speaker will be the Revd John Howard, Chairman of the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District of the Methodist Church. We have our own Lent Retreat week (1-5 April), and Stations of the Cross in our Kidderminster Churches on Sunday evenings at 6.30 pm during Lent, and on Fridays at 4.00 pm in Tenbury. On the Sunday evenings of Lent (after Stations of the Cross) the Parish Priest invites parishioners to join him in the Rectory to listen to various settings of the beautiful Lent hymn, the Stabat Mater.

**Church Cleaning:** There are lists at the back of our Churches this weekend to invite volunteers to help in this very important work in our Parish. Please be generous in offering to help.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul:** We are pleased so many people are joining us. If you know of anyone who is lonely, or suffering hardship in these difficult times, please make contact (Monday to Friday 10.00 am – 6.00 pm) on 07551 253504, or get in touch with Fr Lamb at the Rectory, and we will do our best to help.

**UCM:** The Cake Sale held last Sunday raised a total of £198.10. Thanks to all the ladies who baked the cakes, and to those who purchased them. Well done.

**Foodbank:** The Kidderminster Foodbank has made a special request for toiletries (soap, toilet rolls, razors, shaving cream etc) and for tins of fruit. Thank you for your generous continued support.

**Teas and Coffees:** Coffees and teas will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass today by the Pre-School Group and next Sunday by the Parent & Toddler and Craft Groups.

**Missa Cantata:** This afternoon at 3.00pm is the monthly Sung Mass in the Old Rite. Books are available, and there is tea and cake afterwards. Everyone welcome.

**Craft Club:** In the Hall on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

**Christ and His Church:** On Tuesday at 7.45 pm in the Montini Room our group will be discussing the Sacramental life of the Catholic Church. It being Shrove Tuesday it is likely that we shall conclude with pancakes.

**Parish Meeting:** I have been asked by the Vicar General to convene a Parish Meeting on Thursday, 6 March at 7.30 pm in Our Lady's. This is a follow-up to our Parish Visitation and will consider some aspects of future planning.

**Hagley Catholic High School:** In order to assist Hagley School students' fund-raising efforts in support of Sixth Formers who accompany the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, a Quiz Night, hosted by a professional Quiz Master, will be held at the school on Friday, 7 March at 7.00 pm. Please see the poster on the noticeboard.

**St Patrick's Night:** To mark this ever-popular Saint's day a local duo, The Ranters, will be returning this year to entertain us with traditional Irish songs and tunes – they proved very popular last year. This will take place on Sunday, 16 March from 8.00 pm in the Adams Lounge. Admission is free and everyone is very welcome.

**The Mite Scheme:** Thank you, dear parishioners, for your most generous donations. £97.16 has been sent this month to UNICEF, including a £20 note from a kind person and several bags of 1p and 2p coins. Please 'phone Jennifer Bush on (01684) 563241 if you have money waiting to be collected or if you would like some Bank money bags for safe keeping of 5p coins etc. Thank you very much.

### **Finances:**

- i Thank you for the Offertory last week of £998.80 (Loose £638.50, Envelope scheme £355.30).
- ii CAFOD received donations of £17.68.
- iii We acknowledge with gratitude a donation of £5,000 in memory of Maureen Cleary.
- iv A retiring collection today for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral

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

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