

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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Third Sunday in Lent Year A Psalter Week 3 CTS Sunday Missal p. 162 Week ending March 22nd/23rd, 2014

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: T. The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

ST. AMBROSE'S

Monday	7.30 am	Peter Conway RIP	
Tuesday	8.30 am	Joan Wareham (Anniv)	7.45 pm Parish sick and housebound
Wednesday	9.15 am	Deceased of Beecroft family	
Thursday	7.30 am	Intentions of Evelyn O'Halloran & family	7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Friday	7.10 pm	Rosary	7.30 pm Holy Communion
Saturday	9.00 am (Old Rite)	Intentions of James Fahy & family	5.45 pm Edith Donigan RIP
Sunday	9.30 am	Intentions of Bernadette Kilbride & family	6.30 pm The Stations of the Cross

OUR LADY'S

Monday	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Prayer Group)	
Friday	9.00 am – 9.45 am	Adoration	10.00 am Rita Kerrigan (Anniv)
Sunday	5.00 pm	Donor's Intention (O'Shaughnessy)	6.30 pm The Stations of the Cross

SACRED HEART

Friday	4.00 pm	The Stations of the Cross
Sunday	11.30am	The People of the Parish

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

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Will Scott, Rio Stokes.

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's	Saturday 5.45 pm:	C Ellwood, B Galvin, H Scott.
	Sunday 9.30 am:	L Farmer, T Hart, P Hunt, J Villa, L Whatley
Our Lady's	Sunday 5.00 pm:	H Bearne, M Hesketh, B Taylor
Sacred Heart	Sunday 11.30 am:	S Coates, T Cole

Readers

Lauren Farmer
Family Mass
to be appointed
S Coates

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team A

Offertory Counters: Group 6

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, 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, 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, Jake Wolfenden and Anne Youde.

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Response to the Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice: Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. Lord, you are really the Saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

Preface of Sunday: p. 167.

Eucharistic Prayer III: p. 611.

Mystery of Faith: II

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Auxiliary Bishop: We welcome the appointment of Fr. Robert Byrne, former Provost of the Oxford Oratory, as Auxiliary Bishop of this Diocese. He will have responsibility for the four City Deaneries, and for the Deanery and the Worcester Deanery. He is to be ordained as Bishop in St. Chad's Cathedral on May 13th. Please pray that he will have a fruitful ministry.

The First Scrutiny: This week, during Mass at 9.30 am, we shall celebrate the First Scrutiny when we pray for **Courtney Davies** (who is to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil) and for **Kerry Jones, Casie O'Connor, Katie O'Connor, Adriane Smirnoff-Cull** and **Nicola Wright**, who will be baptised.

Requiescant In Pace: We pray for **Iris Miller**, mother of Christine Taylor. She died on March 14th at the great age of 93 years. Her Funeral Service will be on April 1st. **Anne Preece** died during Last Monday night in the Heronswood Nursing Home. Her Funeral will be at the Wyre Forest Crematorium on Thursday at 3.00 pm. **Eamonn Carroll**, husband of Catherine, died in hospital last Sunday morning. The Funeral Mass will be on April 3rd prior to cremation at Wyre Forest Crematorium. We also pray for **Canon Gerard Hanlon** who has died after a long and distressing illness. His Funeral Mass is at St. Mary of the Angels, Aldridge, next Thursday.

Anniversary: Next Tuesday is the anniversary of the death in 1949 of **Fr. Walter Hofler** (Parish Priest 1915-1938). May he rest in peace.

Absent: Fr. Lamb is at Bromsgrove this Saturday evening for an **Ubi Caritas** presentation Mass. We welcome Monsignor John Moran, from Harvington, who is offering the Mass at 5.45 pm.

Coffees/Teas: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass today by the Brownies/FOSAS and next Sunday by the Rambling Group.

Stations of the Cross: This important Lent Devotion will be taking place in our Kidderminster Churches each Sunday at 6.30 p.m., and in Tenbury on Friday at 4.00 p.m. This evening, after the Devotions in Kidderminster, an invitation is given to anyone who wishes to join the Parish Priest in the Rectory and enjoy a glass of wine while listening to the **Stabat Mater** of Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736). The recording lasts about 38 minutes.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul: The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Monday March 24th at 11.00 am in the Adams Lounge. (Please note the change of venue.) New members welcome.

Union of Catholic Mothers: The Union of Catholic Mothers will meet on Monday, 24th March at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall. There will be a Lent Reflection by Charles Duncombe.

Christ and His Church: Our series of meetings ends this week on Tuesday with a Catechesis during the offering of Mass in Church at 7.45 pm. Everyone is very welcome, especially those families preparing for First Holy Communion. There will be a small reception afterwards in the Montini Room.

Big Bingo: In the Adams Lounge every Tuesday and Saturday. Starts 8.30 pm. Snowball starts £25 for 45 numbers. Everyone welcome.

The Friendship Club: The Friendship Club meets again in Habberley on Wednesday 26th March. £3 for a two course meal. Please contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh (K. 748474).

Whist Drive: Now that the weather has got better, come along to the Whist on Wednesday at 2 pm. Players and learners welcome.

First Holy Communion: The next meeting of parents, catechists and children will be in the School Hall on Wednesday at 6.30 pm.

Churches Together In Kidderminster: The meeting on Wednesday at 7.30 pm will be in Trinity Methodist Church, and Rosemary Conley CBE, the UK's leading diet and fitness expert will speak on 'The Easter God who changes lives'.

Light of Maasai: Our sixth annual fundraising event for the education and care of our four children in Rombo Kenya will take place on Friday 28th March. At 7.30 pm in the School all ages and degrees of fitness will enjoy Zumba Gold with Beverley. Absence will be allowed for those preparing the Borromeo Hall for PARTY TIME, with visiting musicians and singers which should start warming up from 8 pm. Rumour has it that Madeleine Roy is celebrating a significant birthday and if we can persuade her to remove the bucket from her head it will be used for Donations for our Fund. Come along bring friends and instruments. No tickets required.

Classical Music Society: On Friday 28th March, international concert pianist, Mark Bebbington, will give a recital in Kidderminster Town Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. The programme will include the *Appassionata* Sonata by Beethoven, Haydn's Sonata in G Major, *London Pieces* by John Ireland and items by Chopin. Tickets, £10, are available from Classical Music Society vice-chair, Von Stewart, on K.755990 or from the Town Hall booking office.

Greenhill Pact: Parishioners who live in the Greenhill area are invited to the next meeting of the Greenhill PACT in the Adams Lounge on Monday, March 31st at 7.00 pm. Issues under discussion will include anti-social behaviour in Baxter Gardens, and anti-social parking in Shrubbery Street and Roden Avenue.

Parish Mission Week:

Tuesday April 1st:

Wednesday April 2nd:

Thursday April 3rd:

Friday April 4th:

Saturday April 5th:

Each evening at 7.30 pm

'Let us call to mind our Sins' – a penitential service

'The Word of the Lord'

Two sessions of Bible Study: 2.30 pm Revd John Williams 7.30 pm Revd Rose Lawley

Please enlist for these sessions at the back of our churches

'This is my Body, This is my Blood' – Eucharistic Devotion

'Behold the Lamb of God' – a celebration of Mass

A PARISH SYMPOSIUM – 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord'

Mass 12 noon Lunch 12.45 pm

The Symposium will be in the Borromeo Hall from 10.30 a.m.

Marriage Preparation: Couples planning to marry this year are invited to join Maureen & Peter Bowdler in the Borromeo Hall on April 26th from 10.30 am for a day of preparation. More information from the Rectory (K. 822839).

Friends Of The Holy Land: Thank you to everyone who supported the Wine Tasting Evening - it was a very enjoyable and friendly evening and we made a profit of £462.05 which will go to supporting our fellow Christians. Thank you.

Pre-School: A group of Pre-School parents hope to raise funds to support our Pre-School, and are offering raffle tickets to the Parish (£1 each). The draw will take place at Easter and prizes include tickets for Kidderminster Harriers, £50 Big Print Shop voucher, haircut, days out, swim passes, beauty hampers, car valeting, window cleaning, massages and more. Please be generous in supporting this important initiative. Tickets available in our Churches today.

Finances: i Thank you for last week's offertory of £995.40 (Loose £658.19, Gift Aid £337.21).

ii The Churches Together Collection in St Ambrose's raised £237.23.

iii So far our fast day collection is £241.26.

iv Two further donations, totalling £205, have been received for our repair bills at our Churches. We acknowledge them with gratitude.

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

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