

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER

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OUR LADY & ST PIUS Canterbury Road Habberley (01562 748474)

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY Berrington Road Tenbury Wells

BRC DTR Registered as a Charity

Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Fr Philip Garrett (resident in Tenbury Wells)

Rev. Thomas Ashcroft, Rev. Peter Hesketh Rev. Peter Mason (in retirement)

8th Sunday in Year B Psalter Week 3 Pope John Sunday Missal p764 25th/26th February 2006

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord has been my strength; he has led me into freedom. He saved me because he loves me.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Preface Eucharistic Prayer Memorial Acclamation: as appointed by the Celebrant.

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord for his goodness to me, I will sing the name of the Lord Most High.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: T: St Oswald, Bishop of Worcester W: ASH WEDNESDAY Th: St Chad

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7.30 am Doris Hart RIP

Tues: 8.30 am Peter Hodges (Anniv)

Wed: 9.30 am Deceased Bostock and Donigan families

Thurs: 8.30 am Angelo Vaccaro RIP **7.30 pm** Adoration until 10.00 pm (Compline at 9.45 pm)

Fri: 11.30 am Fr John McHugh RIP **7.10 pm** Rosary **7.30 pm** Holy Communion **Sat: 8.30**

am (Latin) Deceased of Cruise family **6.30 pm** Michael Downs RIP

Sun: 10.30 am The People of the Parish **6.30 pm** Stations of the Cross & Lent Talk

Our Lady's

Mon: 7.30 pm Holy Communion

Tues: 7.30 pm Fr James Kelliher RIP

Wed: 7.30 pm Fr Vincent Daley RIP

Fri: 9.00 – 9.45 am: Adoration **10.00 am** Intentions of Donna Kaplan

Sat: 9.45 am Margaret Alexander RIP

Sun: 9.00 am Intentions of Mr & Mrs Maund

Sacred Heart

Sun: 10.30 am Intentions as appointed by the Celebrant

CONFESSIONS *St Ambrose's:* **Saturday: NO MIDDAY CONFESSIONS 7.15 – 7.45 pm and by request**

Our Lady's: **Saturday after morning Mass or as announced**

Sacred Heart **By request**

Please pray for all in our communities who are sick especially during the Rosary at St Ambrose's each Friday 7.10 pm Barney Murray, Mary Collins, William Patrick Bannister, Anthony Piechowicz, Jumper Collins, Rosa D'Oriano, Elizabeth Westwood, Sylvia Jay, Marie Woodfine, Tony O'Dowd, Vera Farley, Gene Whitwam, Mary O'Connor, Martin Cahill, John Power, Eric Whittaker, Joan Whittaker, Daniel Cullen, Ada Wall, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Eric Turner, Lillian Insleay, Jean Legierski, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Mathilde Bono, Bill Nicholl, Mary Jones, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, Jo Collins, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Anne Edwards, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vaccaro, Aniela Slyszyk, Pat Norris, Peter McQuillan, Sheila Dymow, Ivan Watton, Lucy Dudzinski, Pat Coffey, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Ann Weavers, Phil Eady, Wyn Connannon, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Yvonne Choyce, Jim Valentine, John Rogers and Amelia Gissyng.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Church Cleaners: Team A **Offertory Counters** Group 3

Altar Servers: weekday mornings: Nicholas O'Sullivan **Sat. 6.30 pm** Team A **Sun. 10.30 am** Team B

Sun 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross: Ashley Bladen, Joseph & Thomas Griffin

Children's Liturgy: to be appointed

Sat. 6.30 pm **Eucharistic Ministers**
C Kneuss B McFarland

Readers
T Alexander

Sun. 10.30 am M Bradley D Duncombe P Lay M Roy

Molly Phillips

Our Lady's

Sun. 9.00 am M Bowdler J Da Costa B Taylor L Whatley

G Chrzan J Keetch

Parish Prayer: O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless our Parish in this united endeavour, strengthen our faith, grant us the spirit of sacrifice so that, with Thy grace, we may provide for the needs of our Parish, Glorify Thee and sanctify ourselves, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Welcome: Today we welcome Fr PAT KELLEHER to our Parish. He is a member of St Patrick's Missionaries (the Kiltegan Fathers) and he will preach the annual appeal in support of the Missions.

Thanks: Very many people contributed to the success of the Bishop's Visitation and the Confirmation Mass last Wednesday. I think Bishop Pargeter was very pleased with everything that we are doing here, and is grateful for all the support being given to the Parish Renewal and to the work of the School. So thanks and congratulations all round.

Baptism: Today is the last Baptism before Easter. Baptisms are not performed during Lent. Dr Peter Mason will baptise JACOB WILLIAM HUGHES – a big day for him, for his family and for the whole Parish.

In Pace: After many years of debilitating illness, MAY CLARIDGE died at home in Tenbury Wells last Monday. Her funeral is in Sacred Heart Church next Thursday at 11.45 am prior to cremation at Hereford. A grand old man, HAROLD HATTON, died in Worcester Hospital on Tuesday, a few weeks short of his 92nd birthday. His late wife, MARY, was a staunch parishioner for over eighty years. Mr Hatton kept up the connection with our Parish. May they rest in peace.

Coffees/Teas: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30 am Mass today by the Children's Liturgy Group and next Sunday by the CMS.

Cake and Fancy Goods Sale: the Union of Catholic Mothers are holding a sale of cakes and fancy goods in the Hall during coffees after 10.30 am Mass today. Proceeds to the Fabric Fund.

Kidderminster Operatic and Dramatic Society: presents 'My Fair Lady' at the Rose Theatre, Kidderminster from Thursday 2nd March to Saturday 11th March at 7.30 pm. Matinee Sat. 11th at 2.30 pm. Ticket prices: Thurs. 2nd £8, Fri 3rd – Sat 11th £9. Matinee £6.50. Box Office: 01562 743745 Mon to Sat 10 am – 4 pm.

It's the Mass that matters: The final meeting of this year's talks will be at Our Lady's on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. After a short introduction on vessels and vestments, Fr LAMB will offer Mass drawing attention to many of the points that have been highlighted during the year. Everyone welcome to take part. The evening will conclude with pancakes.

Ash Wednesday and Lent: Next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, is the first day of Lent, a day of fasting and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses. Stations of the Cross will be at Our Lady's on the other Wednesday evenings in Lent at 7.30 pm; and at St Ambrose's on Sunday evenings at 6.30 pm. The Lent talks, OUR PARISH AND ME, a series of reflections, will be part of the Sunday evening Service. The first speaker next Sunday is MADELINE ROY. The Lent programme of reflections offered by the Diocese, WALK WITH ME, is available this week at the suggested cost of £1 per copy. A useful discipline for Lent may be to try to attend Daily Mass during the week; or perhaps spend some time praying during the weekly period of Adoration. I hope that we shall also try to encourage non participant friends and family to take part in the life of our Parish so that we may all make a very fervent Lent.

Ecumenical Lent Groups: There will be several groups around the town during Lent following a course called EASTER PEOPLE IN A GOOD FRIDAY WORLD, available at Trinity Methodist Bookshop (orders via K. 824450). The groups will meet at the following venues: 504 Chester Road South Tuesdays at 10.30 am starting 7th March; Baptist Church Franche Road Wednesdays at 2.30 pm starting 8th March; 33 Mason Road Thursdays 11 am starting 9th March; Salvation Army Centre, Jerusalem Walk Thursdays starting 2nd March; 22 Roden Avenue Tuesdays 2 pm starting 7th March; Broadwaters Methodist Church Tuesdays 7.30 pm starting 7th March; 69 Baldwin Road, Mondays 2 pm starting 6th March

Whist Drive: The Whist Drive will take place in the Borromeo Hall on Wednesday as usual at 2 pm. All welcome.

First Holy Communion: A meeting for parents who wish children to receive Holy Communion for the first time in June this year will take place in the School Hall on Thursday at 6.30 pm when the Parish Priest and members of the School staff will give details of the way home, School and Parish will work together to prepare our children. Parents whose children do not attend our School are warmly invited.

Solemnity of St Chad: The Solemn Mass in honour of St Chad and the Procession of his Relics is next Saturday, March 4th. Mass is at 12.00 noon in St Chad's Cathedral. The Principal Celebrant will be the Archbishop. Intending participants may wish to notify Fr Lamb so that travel arrangements can be made.

FOSAS Quiz Night: Sat. 4th March 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Teams of four at £2 per person. Everybody welcome.

The Rite of Election: Next Sunday, our Catechumens and Candidates will be presented to the Archbishop at St Chad's Cathedral and formally chosen for Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Please pray for COLLETTE BRIJMOHAN, WELLINGTON CHIMALIZENE, PETER COURT, CAROLINE DOUGLAS, ARWEN LOCKLEY, JORDAN LOWE, JULIE SORRENTINO and JENNY WILCOX.

Parish Consultative Group: Members are invited to attend a meeting at Our Lady's on Tuesday 7th March 7.30 pm. After a period of prayer, we may be able to receive an account of the progress in the Parish Renewal and exchange ideas for future activity. The Parish Priest would also like to consult about a possible change in the weekday timetable of Masses and other services. Invitations will be distributed in the near future but members are asked to note the date of this meeting.

Friendship Club: meets on Wednesday 8th March. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh (K.748474).

Catholic Men's Society: The first Plan Meeting for 2006 will be on Wednesday March 8th at 7.30 pm in the Rectory. All men of the Parish are cordially invited to come along. 'Derby Draw' tickets are available from CMS members.

CAFOD meeting: Helen Moseley from CAFOD will give a talk on her recent visit to Ethiopia at St Peter's Church Bromsgrove on Friday 10th March at 7 pm for refreshments and talk commences at 7.30 pm. Please see the notice board for details. Thank you!

Parish Lunch: there will be Mass at 12.00 noon on Saturday March 18th followed by lunch in the Borromeo Hall. Boiled bacon, colcannon and a choice of puddings: £3.50.

St Patrick's Party: In the evening of March 18th we shall have the very popular St Patrick's Night Party. There will be the usual Irish music, dancing and Irish Dance displays. In addition this year there will be a Riverdance video show – something for everyone to enjoy. Tickets £4.

Finances: i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £908.52 (loose £680.92; envelope scheme £227.60)

ii. Donations to CAFOD were £24.76 iii. Collection next Sunday for the Cathedral Maintenance Fund

Thanks: We now have a full set of Antependiums (Altar frontals, in all the liturgical colours, for use at St Ambrose's. They are all extremely elegant and dignified. Our thanks and congratulations to JANINA KOWALIK, our gifted seamstress.