

**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER**  
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**Sacred Heart and Our Lady, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells**  
**BRC DTR Registered as a Charity**

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

**Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Peter Hesketh (Deacons), In Retirement: Revd Dr Peter Mason**

**First Sunday in Lent Year B      Psalter Week 1      Pope John Sunday Missal p216      4th/5th March 2006**

**Entrance Antiphon:** When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.  
**Response to the Psalm:** Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory. Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

**Preface of the First Sunday of Lent p193      Eucharistic Prayer I p 566      Memorial Acclamation II**

**Communion Antiphon:** Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Mass times and intentions for the coming week**

**ST AMBROSE'S**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.30 am</b>	<b>(with morning prayer)</b> Thomas Geraghty (Anniv)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Claire Conway's Intentions
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Ray Harris RIP
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Funeral: Edith Winifred Concannon RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Intentions of Peter McQuillan
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2.15 pm</b>	Funeral: Anthony Scully RIP <b>7.10 pm</b> Rosary, <b>7.30 pm</b> Holy Communion
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30 am (Latin)</b>	Kathleen Rocheford RIP
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Vincenzo Finella RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	The People of the Parish
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	The Stations of the Cross and Lent Talk

**OUR LADY'S**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Holy Communion (followed by Prayer Group)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	The Stations of the Cross
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Adoration until 9.45 am <b>10.00 am</b> John O'Connor RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Kay Kelly's Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	The Intentions of Mary Collins

**SACRED HEART**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Intention as appointed by Fr Garrett
<b>Confessions:</b>	<b>St Ambrose's</b>	Saturday 11.45 am – 12.45 pm, 7.15 pm – 7.45 pm and by request
	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Saturday after morning Mass or as announced
	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	By request

**Please pray for all in our communities who are sick, especially during the Rosary at St Ambrose's each Friday at 7.10 pm.** 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, Lilian Insleay, Jean Legierski, Joan and Joe Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Mathilde Bono, Harold Hatton, Bill Nicholl, Mary Jones, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, Jo Collins, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Ann Edwards, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thompson, Rita Vaccaro, Aniela Slyszyk, Pat Norris, Peter McQuillan, Sheila Dymow, Ivan Watton, Lucy Dudzinski, Pat Coffey, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Ann Weavers, Phil Eady, Eamon Dalton, Mary Cull, Yvonne Choyce, Jim Valentine, John Rogers and Amelia Gissyng.

**Ministries for the Coming Week:**

<b>Altar Servers at St Ambrose's</b>	<b>Church Cleaners: Team B</b>	<b>Offertory Counters: Group 4</b>
<b>Weekday mornings</b>	Giorgio and Santino Scrocca	
<b>Saturday</b>	Adrian and Jared Kraemer	
<b>Saturday 6.30 pm</b>	Team B	
<b>Sunday 10.30 am</b>	Team A	
<b>6.30 pm</b>	Patrick Hunt, Jack Bennett, Martin Evans	
<b>St Ambrose's</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Readers</b>
<b>Saturday 6.30 pm</b>	A Harris, R Quinn	T Wilson
<b>Sunday 10.30 am</b>	R Barber, T Hart, D Holdstock, C Vass	T Heywood
<b>Children's Liturgy: To be appointed</b>		
<b>Our Lady's</b>		
<b>Sunday 9.00 am</b>	B Gavan, J Gavan, A McDermott, P Standing	J Page, M Hesketh

**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

**Lent:** Please make the most of the holy Season. The Diocesan 'Walk with Me' books of guided prayer are still available (suggested offering of £1 per copy). This is a good time for serious reading of the Scriptures. The Lent Talks begin during Stations of the Cross this (Sunday) evening at St Ambrose's. The Speaker, on Our Parish and Me, will be Madeleine Roy. We have Stations of the Cross on the Wednesday evenings of Lent in Our Lady's. Please consider attending daily Mass where possible, and giving some time to Adoration at the times given. The Ecumenical Lent Groups are beginning this week, and I hope that we shall be represented on them. The groups will meet at the following venues: 504 Chester Road South, Tuesdays at 10.30 am starting on 7 March, Baptist Church, Franche Road, Wednesdays at 2.30 pm starting on 8 March, 33 Mason Road, Thursdays at 11.00 am starting 9 March, Salvation Army Centre, Jerusalem Walk, Thursdays at 7.30 pm starting on 2 March, 22 Roden Avenue, Tuesdays at 2.00 pm starting on 7 March, Broadwaters Methodist Church, Tuesdays at 7.30 pm starting on 7 March and 69 Baldwin Road, Mondays at 2.00 pm starting on 6 March.

**Eternal Rest:** The Funeral of Harold Hatton, whose death was announced last week, will take place at Worcester Crematorium on Tuesday at 12.30 pm. After many long years of painful illness, Barney Murray died peacefully in the Herons Nursing Home. He was anointed the previous evening. Funeral details will be published when available. Edith Winifred Concannon died suddenly last Sunday evening at her home in Longfellow Green. She moved into our parish a few years ago and had fought serious illness with great fortitude and good humour. Her Funeral Mass is on Wednesday. Tony Scully, whose family has long been associated with St Ambrose's Parish, died tragically in an accident on Monday afternoon. His Funeral has been arranged on Friday at 2.15 pm. The Revd Thomas Ashcroft will preside at Stourbridge Crematorium at the Funeral on Friday afternoon of Brian Hugh Fairs, who also died tragically last Monday. James Millington of Stourport (a former District County Councillor) was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church shortly before his death in Worcester Hospital last weekend. Fr Lamb had been attending him for some time, and assisted at his death. His Funeral will be at St Ambrose's on Monday, 13 March. May they rest in peace.

**Prayers:** Next Saturday the Parish Priest will attend the ordination of the Revd Jack Bentham, the Baptist Pastor at Milton Hall, Lorne Street.

**Fr Garrett:** It appears that Fr Garrett has had a welcome return to health, and for the time being will resume his service at Sacred Heart, Tenbury. We have transferred 30 Mass intentions to him.

**Coffee and Teas:** Provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30 am Mass today by the CMS and next Sunday by the CAFOD/Parent & Toddler Group.

**Rite of Election:** Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates who are being presented this afternoon to the Archbishop during the Rite of Election at St Chad's Cathedral. They are being formally chosen for Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil.

**Kidderminster Operatic and Dramatic Society:** Presents 'My Fair Lady' at the Rose Theatre from Thursday, 2 March to Saturday, 11 March at 7.30 pm. Matinee Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm. Tickets: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> £8, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> £9, matinee £6.50. Box Office K 743745 Monday – Saturday 10 am – 4 pm.

**Union of Catholic Mothers:** meets on Mondays at 7.30 pm in the Montini Room. The meeting will be followed by Stations of the Cross. All ladies are most welcome.

**Parish Consultative Group:** Invitations have been given to a representative group of parishioners to join for prayer at Our Lady's on Tuesday at 7.30 pm, followed by consultation with the Parish Priest on aspects of communication and co-ordination of our Parish meetings and events; to receive a general update on the Parish Renewal; to advise on some themes for the Spiritual year 2006 – 2007; and to discuss a possible redistribution of weekday Masses and services.

**Fairtrade Fortnight:** 6 – 19 March. Kidderminster Fairtrade Group urgently asks support for an exhibition being held on Wednesday, 8 March from 10 am – 6 pm in the Corn Exchange (next to the Town Hall). Many organisations will be showing the work they do in the Third World, St John's First School will put on a short play at 11.00 am, there will be free Fairtrade tea and coffee as well as tasters of a range of Fairtrade products, and a video showing the work of Fairtrade in Ghana and the Windward Islands. Volunteers to help with the tea and coffee will be very welcome. Contact Peter Grantham on K824523.

**Friendship Club:** Meets on Wednesday, 8 March. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh on K 748474.

**Whist Drive:** A group of parishioners and friends meet in the Borromeo Hall each Wednesday at 2.00 pm to play Whist. Everyone is welcome to join them.

**Catholic Men's Society:** The first Plan Meeting for 2006 will be on Wednesday, 8 March 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, 10 March at 7.00 pm for refreshments – talk commences 7.30 pm. Please see the notice board for details. Please take an envelope home and support CAFOD by sharing what is saved on the Lent Fast Day next Friday, 10 March

**Austerity Lunch:** The next Austerity Lunch in support of Christian Aid will be held next Sunday, 12 March, from 12.30 pm at Milton Hall Baptist Church, Lorne Street.

**Parish Lunch:** There will be Mass at 12 noon on Saturday, 18 March, followed by lunch in the Borromeo Hall. Boiled bacon, colcannon and a choice of puddings, £3.50.

**St Patrick's Night Party:** There are only three weeks to go before our Evening of Irish Entertainment in the Borromeo Hall – Riverdance Video, and Irish Dancing Display and plenty of singing and dancing. Tickets £4, available at all Masses.

**Ministers of Holy Communion:** There is a Day of Recollection for the Ministers of Holy Communion in our Deanery, arranged by the Deacons of our Deanery, which will be held at the Sacred Heart, Droitwich, on Saturday, 18 March, from 12 noon to 3.00 pm. I encourage all our Ministers to take part in a period of reflection, questions and answers, and some practical sessions. Fr Lamb will conclude the day with Benediction at 2.45 pm.

**Parish Rambling Group:** Meet on Sunday, 19 March for a 12.45 pm start, in High Street, Chaddesley Corbett, by the Church, parking on either side of the road. The ramble passes through Chaddesley Woods, and this can be muddy. Please ring Brian Lynch on K752982 with any queries.

**Songs from the Musicals:** It is hoped to put on an evening of songs from the musicals during the summer months. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you would like to take part. Further details to be announced.

#### **Finances:**

i Thank you for last week's Offertory of £684.43. (Envelope scheme £236.01, Loose £448.42)

ii A collection will be taken up today for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral.

iii Family Fast Day offerings will be received after Mass next Sunday.

iv The Collection for the St Patrick's Missionary Society raised £546.93.