

**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER**  
**St. Ambrose's, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 2BY (01562 822839)**  
**Our Lady & St. Pius X, Canterbury Road, Habberley. (01562 748474)**  
**Sacred Heart & Our Lady, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells.**  
**B.R.C.D.T.R. Registered as a Charity**  
**Parish Clergy : Fr. Douglas Lamb, Fr. Philip Garrett (resident in Tenbury Wells)**  
**Revd. Thomas Ashcroft and Revd. Peter Hesketh. In retirement : Dr. Peter Mason**

**Third Sunday in Lent Year B      Psalter Week 3      Pope John Sunday Missal pg. 224      Wk/end March 18<sup>th</sup>/19th 2006**

**Entrance Antiphon :** My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.  
**Response to the Psalm :** You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.  
**Gospel Acclamation :** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
**Preface of Lent II :** VII p.560.  
**Eucharistic Prayer :** III p.579.  
**Memorial Acclamation :** III  
**Communion Antiphon :** The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

At Mass at 10.30 a.m. the readings are from Cycle A, p.199ff. The First Scrutiny will take place and the Preface will be as given on p.203.

**Feast Days this week :** **M. Solemnity of St. Joseph. S. Solemnity of the Annunciation.**

**Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week**

**St. Ambrose's**

Monday	9.15 a.m.	(School) Fr. John Flynn RIP.	11.00 a.m.	<b>Funeral : Barney Murray RIP</b>
Tuesday	8.30 a.m.	John Kerrigan RIP		
Wednesday	8.30 a.m.	Jack Connolly (Anniversary)		
Thursday	8.30 a.m.	Brigina Douglas RIP		
	7.30 p.m.	Adoration until 10.00 p.m. (Compline 9.45 p.m.)		
Friday	11.30 a.m.	Dave Harris RIP		
	7.10 p.m.	Rosary	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday	8.30 a.m.	(Latin) Sr. Bede	2.00 p.m.	Marriage
	6.30 p.m.	Edith Donigan RIP		
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Margaret Davies (Anniversary)	6.30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Lent Talk
<b>Our Lady's</b>				
Monday	7.30 p.m.	Haley McGowan (Anniversary)		
Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross		
Friday	9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Adoration	10.00 a.m.	Rita Kerrigan (Anniversary)
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Bridie Hannahan RIP	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
<b>Sacred Heart</b>				
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Intention as appointed by Fr. Garrett		

**Confessions :** St. Ambrose's - Saturday 11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. 7.15 p.m. – 7.45 p.m. 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 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, Lillian Insleay, Jean Legierski, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Mathilde Bono, Harold Hatton, Bill Nicholl, Mary Jones, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, Jo Collins, May Hempsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Ann Edwards, Bill Pardoe, 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 Concannon, Eamonn Dalton, Sheila Milicz, Mary Cull, Yvonne Choyce, Jim Valentine, John Rogers, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley and Margaret Grimley.

**Ministries for the Coming Week:**

**St. Ambrose's**

Weekday Mornings	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Saturday	Gino Massey
Saturday 6.30 p.m.	Jack Bennett, Luke Eaton		
Sunday 10.30 a.m.	Team B		
	Team A	6.30 p.m.	Thomas Holmes, Ryan Meacham, Mel Kimberley
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		<b>Readers</b>
Saturday 6.30 p.m.	R. Grealy C. Hopkins		A. Laux
Sunday 10.30 a.m.	A Colclough, C. Geraghty, A. Hunt, J. Kowalik		M. Phillips
<b>Teams at Our Lady's</b>			
Sunday 9.00 a.m.	J. Gavan, J. Scully, B. Taylor, L. Whatley		A. McDermott, H. Bearn
<b>St. Ambrose's</b>	<b>Church Cleaners</b> Team D		<b>Offertory Counters</b> Group 6
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	To be appointed		

**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 SANTIFY OURSELVES. THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.**

**Towards Full Communion** : Today at 10.30 a.m., we have the First Scrutiny Mass for those intending to enter Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil in this Parish. The Parish Community prays for our Catechumens and Candidates, and their families and sponsors : and we pray for ourselves that we may be worthy of them. Let us all pray regularly for **Collette Brijmohan, Wellington Chimalizeni, Peter Court, Caroline Douglas, Arwen Lockley, Jordan Lowe, Julie Sorrentino and Jenny Wilcox.**

**Resurrection** : The Funeral Mass for **Barney Murray** is at 11.00 a.m. tomorrow. Friends and fellow parishioners are invited to join after Mass in the Adams Lounge for light refreshments.

**Deus Caritas est** : The copies of Pope Benedict's Encyclical have now been received, and may be purchased from the piety shop in each of our Churches. Sufficient copies are available for those who ordered, and a few additional copies are available.

**Consultation on Weekday Mass Times** : Thanks to all who have contributed thoughts and suggestions. A decision will be made fairly soon, based on these soundings. Any late thoughts are welcome.

**Our Lady's Chapel** : When the Sacristy at St. Ambrose's was being cleared out, a delicate wall bracket suitable for a hanging lamp was discovered. A blue glass was also unearthed. Thanks to the combined efforts of Jean Bullock and John Cook, it has now been placed in Our Lady's Chapel.

**The Tablet** : (The International Catholic Weekly). This is the second week of four when FREE copies will be available at the back of both Churches after all Masses. This is a promotion with a view to encouraging more parishioners to buy regular copies. More details later.

**Real Ale** : An excellent Real Ale, **Butty Bach**, brewed by Wye Valley Brewery will now be available regularly in the Adams Lounge. It is excellent value, at £1.92 per pint, and bears the strong recommendation of the Parish Priest.

**Parish Renewal** : One of our parishioners has suggested that all of us make a special effort to bring all our families to Mass next Sunday to celebrate Mothering Sunday in the best possible way.

**Coffees/Teas** will be provided in the Borrromeo Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass today by the UCM and next Sunday by the Pre-School Group.

**Parish Rambling Group** meet today for a 12.45 p.m. start in High Street, Chaddesley Corbett, by the Church parking on either side of the road. The ramble passes through Chaddesley Wood and this can be muddy. Please ring Brian Lynch on K.752982 with any queries.

**Lent Talks** : This evening during Stations of the Cross, **Frank Collins** will continue our Lent Talks on the theme 'Our Parish and Me'. He will give some reflections of his many years experience of both our Kidderminster Communities. Next week, the speaker will be **Robert Grealy**.

**Music for Middlebrows** : This evening, from 7.45 p.m. a selection from **Handel's** very varied and extensive repertoire will be played in the Borrromeo Hall, presented by participants. We would welcome anyone interested in enjoying good music and good company.

**St. Joseph's Day** : Tomorrow is the Solemnity of **St. Joseph**. Mass in School at 9.15 a.m. and at Our Lady's at 7.30 p.m. I hope that it will be a special Day of Prayer to the Saint under whose patronage our Parish Renewal has been placed. A gathering of parishioners is invited to a Party in Celebration of St. Joseph, in the Adams Lounge from 8.45 p.m.

**The Union of Catholic Mothers** meets in the Montini Room on Monday at 8.15 p.m.

**Whist Drive** : Everyone welcome to join our Whist Players in the Borrromeo Hall every Wednesday at 2.00 p.m.

**First Holy Communion** : The first meeting in preparation for Parents and Children is in School next Thursday evening at 6.30 p.m. It is most important that all families take part in these preparatory meetings, and attend Sunday Mass together regularly.

**St. Ambrose's Church Choir** has been asked by the Anthony Nolan Trust to take part in a nationwide sponsored sing to help children with leukaemia. The choir will attempt to sing the first and last verses of 50 hymns on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in St. Ambrose's Church. You may wish to sponsor us or alternatively to put some money in the retiring collection at the end of the Masses next week. Anyone who wishes to may come to join us or just come to listen. There will be some paper at the back of the Churches should you wish to nominate a favourite hymn or two for us to sing.

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the School Hall** : As part of our Parish Renewal Programme, **Sarah Crowley** from the Birmingham Catholic Youth Services will be meeting with parents who wish to establish **Youth Groups** in our Parish. Many of our teenagers have volunteered to help with sporting, musical and drama activities. Any parishioner whether young, in the prime of life or maturing is encouraged to come along and explore ideas about how to best engage with our children. If you have a skill, talent or relevant experience to offer we want you there to support our families.

**Passover Supper** : Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 p.m. The lists are now available at the back of both Churches to sign if you wish to take part in this year's Passover Supper. Please sign by Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Also if you have signed but then cannot attend, please delete your name or contact Danuta Duncombe on K.746748

**Attendance** : A count taken at Masses last week-end indicated that about 12% of parishioners were present (or otherwise accounted for). This suggests that our Parish Renewal is much needed, and a big effort necessary on the part of everyone to reach out and encourage renewed participation. The first place for all of us to begin is in our own homes, among our own family members. Perhaps a big effort for Mothering Sunday will be a first step.

**Finances** :

- i) Thank you for last week's Offertory of £725.12 (Envelope Scheme £195.50; loose £529.62).
- ii) The Lent Fast Day Collection was £240.04.
- iii) We acknowledge with gratitude donations of £100 from the Whist Drive proceeds, and a very generous donation from an elderly parishioner.