

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent **Psalter Week 4** **Pope John Sunday Missal** p. 229. **March 25th/26th, 2006.**

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

Response to the Psalm: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! God loved the world so much that he gave his only son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Preface of Lent II: p. 560. **Eucharistic Prayer III:** p. 579. **Memorial Acclamation III.**

Communion Antiphon: To Jerusalem, that binds them together in unity, the tribes of the Lord go up to give him praise.

At Mass at 10.30am the readings are from Cycle A, p.205ff. The Second Scrutiny will take place, and the Preface will be as given on p.209.

Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week

St. Ambrose's

<u>Monday</u>	7.30 a.m.	Fr Fergus O'Connell RIP (Combined with Morning Prayer)	
<u>Tuesday</u>	8.30 a.m.	Rita Kerrigan RIP	
<u>Wednesday</u>	8.30 a.m.	Dave Harris RIP	
<u>Thursday</u>	8.30 a.m.	Mariantonia Panaro RIP	10.30 a.m. Funeral: Michael Hawkins RIP
	7.30 p.m.	Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45 p.m.)	
<u>Friday</u>	7.10 p.m.	Rosary	7.30 p.m. Francesco Vaccaro RIP
<u>Saturday</u>	2.00 p.m.	Marriage: Steven Tiene & Jenine Whittam	6.30 p.m. Vincenzo Finella RIP
<u>Sunday</u>	10.30 a.m.	C. V. Joseph RIP	6.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Lent Talk

Our Lady's

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (followed by Prayer Group)	
Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	The Stations of the Cross	
Friday	9.00 a.m. -9.45 a.m.	Adoration	10.00 a.m. David Weaver (Anniv)
Saturday	9.30 a.m.	Doreen Casson RIP	
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish	

Sacred Heart

Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Intention as appointed by Fr Garrett	
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Confessions: **St Ambrose's:** Saturday: 11.45am-12.45pm 7.15pm-7.45pm and by request.

Our Lady's: Saturday: after the 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

Church Cleaners: Team A Offertory Counters: Group 7

Altar Servers at St Ambrose's

Weekday mornings: Martin Evans, Oliver Gibbins, **Friday 7.30pm:** Dominic Bailey

Saturday 6.30pm: Team A

Sunday 10.30am : Team B **6.30pm:** Jonathan Fox, Matthew Stride, Elliott Kelsall

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's Saturday 6.30pm : T Alexander, T Webb
Sunday 10.30am : D Holdstock, P Lay, S Salsano, C Vass

Reader

A Conway
P Young

Children's Liturgy: As appointed.

Our Lady's Sunday 9.00am : P Collins, B Gavan, M Hesketh, V Page

C Cassidy, M Loftus

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.

Schedule for Weekday Masses: Thanks to those who helped in the consultation about weekday Mass times. In future, the morning Mass on Friday will be at Our Lady's at 10.00am. There will be a Mass on Fridays at 7.30pm at St Ambrose's, following the weekly Rosary. I am sorry that this means the late morning Mass on Fridays will be discontinued. There will be one Mass on Saturday mornings – at Our Lady's at 9.30am. On occasions this will be in Latin. These limited changes take immediate effect.

Thanks: The Hopkins family would like to thank all the parish for their kindness and support with Mass cards, letters and donations for Kemp Hospice.

Wedding Congratulations: Our congratulations to **Robert Purdie** and **Samantha Taylor** who married in our Parish yesterday, and our best wishes to **Steven Tiene** and **Jenine Whittam** who will be joined in marriage next Saturday. The Revd Peter Hesketh is the officiant on both occasions.

Requiescant: The Funeral Mass for **Concettino Polino** was at St Ambrose's on Friday afternoon. Next Thursday, **Michael Hawkins** will be cremated at Stourbridge after Mass at St Ambrose's. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Yesterday was the anniversary of the death in 1949 of **Fr Walter Hofler** (Parish Priest 1915-1938) and next Saturday is the second anniversary of the death of **Fr Philip O'Reilly** (1966-1968).

CTS Books: A wide variety of books, priced between £1.95 and £2.95 will be on sale in the Borromeo Room after Sunday morning Mass. Come and browse: favourite saints, gift books, devotions and topical issues.

The Tablet: (The International Catholic Weekly) Apologies for the non-appearance of the free copies of The Tablet last week. Apparently there was a misunderstanding in the dispatch department. However, we have been given an extra week for the promotion. Hopefully, dispatch and Post Office permitting, FREE copies of The Tablet will be available at the back of both Churches after all Masses.

The Second Scrutiny: During Mass at 10.30am we pray, as a Parish Community, for those who will be entering full communion with us at the forthcoming Easter Vigil: **Collette Brijmohan, Wellington Chimalizeni, Peter Court, Caroline Douglas, Arwen Lockley, Jordan Lowe, Julie Sorrentino and Jenny Wilcox.**

Coffees/Teas: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30am Mass today by the Pre-School Group and next Sunday by the SVP.

Lent Talks: 'Our Parish and Me' reaches its fourth week tonight during Stations of the Cross at St Ambrose's at 6.30pm The Speaker will be **Robert Grealy**, who will speak from the perspective of young parishioners.

Scripture Study: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th March, at 7.30pm in the Rectory. Please feel welcome to join us.

Whist Drive: The weekly session of Whist will be played in the Borromeo Room on Wednesday at 2.00pm.

Thursday, March 30th at 7.30pm in the School Hall: As part of our Parish Renewal Programme, **Sarah Crowley** from 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.

Charity Race Night: St Ambrose Church Hall, Saturday 1st April. Doors open 7.00pm. First Race – 7.30pm prompt. Charity: Acorns Children's Hospice, Worcester branch. We have chosen this charity as they are having to close beds due to lack of fundraising. **Cost: £6.00 adult; £4.00 child – includes buffet meal.** There will also be a raffle. Prizes include admission to Safari Park, Garden Centre gift vouchers, meal voucher for The Granary. Contact: Victoria and Rob Barr K. 740531.

Catholic Men's Society: Our next discussion meeting takes place on Wednesday April 5th in St Ambrose's Rectory at 7.30pm. All men of the Parish are invited to come along. You **will** be made welcome.

Service of Penance for Lent: The Service of Penance with visiting priests to hear Confessions, will be at St Ambrose's on Thursday, April 6th at 7.30pm.

Passover Supper: Wednesday 12th April at 7.00pm. 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 2nd April. Also if you have signed but then cannot attend, please delete your name or contact Danuta Duncombe on K. 746748.

Pope Benedict XVI: The first anniversary of the election of Pope Benedict is on Wednesday April 19th. There will be an evening Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.30pm, followed by a shared supper of celebration in the Adams Lounge.

Her Majesty, The Queen: There is to be a Dinner in the Borromeo Hall on Friday April 21st to celebrate the 80th birthday of Her Majesty, the Queen. The Parish Priest is providing the wine, and a parishioner has kindly offered Champagne for the Toast. Please sign the lists at the back of our Churches, to help with catering. The Dinner will be preceded by Mass at 7.30pm.

Our Lady of Walsingham: The Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham promoted by the Catholic Men's Society, takes place on Saturday May 6th. If sufficient parishioners would like to join the pilgrimage, it is hoped to run a coach from Kidderminster. The pilgrimage is available to all parishioners. Would all who wish to go please put their names on the lists at the back of Church. A small deposit of £5.00 will be required by mid-April to secure a place.

Finances:

- i** Thank you for last week's offertory of £738.88. (Envelope Scheme £288.19; Loose £450.69).
- ii** There were donations to CAFOD of £19.00.
- iii** Thanks and congratulations to all who worked so hard to ensure the success of our St Patrick's weekend. The excellent lunch, and the splendid evening of entertainment were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and a profit in excess of £300 has gone to the Parish.
- iv** Mass Offerings – For some time now I have been anxious about our rather uncertain way of receiving offerings for Masses. We now have properly printed envelopes which I would ask those wishing to request Masses to use. They are available at the Rectory, and in both Sacristies. Please note that it may not always be possible to offer Masses on days specifically requested. In future, please place offerings for Holy Souls Masses in the envelopes. The wall safe box at the side door of St Ambrose's should now be used, as marked, for newspapers and CTS Books. Please do not leave any money lying around on tables or elsewhere in our Churches. Thank you.