



**Moveable Feasts:** It is customary to announce the moveable feasts for the year at this time. They are as follows: **Ash Wednesday** February 21<sup>st</sup>; **Easter Sunday** April 8<sup>th</sup>; **Pentecost** May 27<sup>th</sup>; **Sacred Heart** June 15<sup>th</sup>; **First Sunday of Advent** December 2<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, **First Holy Communion Day** will be on June 10<sup>th</sup>, and a **Mass of Thanksgiving** will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Altar Servers:** Today **Albert Barr** and **Martin Evans** will receive the Bronze Medal of the Guild of St Stephen. Congratulations.

**Gratitude:** Marion Phillips has asked to stand down as Parish Renewal Co-ordinator. She has worked very hard during the past eighteen months, and has been responsible for many important initiatives. We all have cause to be grateful to her.

**Baptism:** This afternoon, Fr Edwards will baptise **William Shuttleworth**, the first Baptism of the New Year.

**Died:** Please pray for **Gary Graves**, who died in Hospital on December 30<sup>th</sup>. He was the son of Frances and Desmond Graves, who looked after us in the Rectory in the early years. May he rest in peace.

We offer our sympathies to **Patricia Virr** on the recent death of her brother, **David**.

**Anniversary:** Next Saturday is the anniversary of the death in 1900 of **Fr Louis Torond** (Parish Priest 1877-1883).

**Aid to the Church in Need:** A representative of this important work in the Church will speak at all Masses this weekend. It may be that it can be a renewed focus for our charity in the Parish.

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

**PACT Meeting:** The next meeting for residents of Greenhill is in The Polish Club on Monday at 7.00pm.

**Basics of Catholicism:** Our group reconvenes at Our Lady's on Tuesday at 7.30pm to discuss Old Testament Matters. Everyone welcome.

**Scripture Study:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Rectory. Please feel welcome to join us.

**Friendship Club:** will meet on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30pm. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh on K. 748474.

**Marriage Preparation:** A reminder for couples whose weddings are during 2007 that **Marriage Preparation** commences on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the hall at Our Lady & St Pius X. Couples who have not already confirmed their attendance should ring 01299 269233.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm in the Hall/Rectory. New members welcome. Thank you.

**Austerity Lunch:** A reminder that the next Austerity Lunch is on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> at St George's from 12.30pm.

**While Shepherds Watched:** This popular Christmas musical by Roger Jones will be performed by the New Life Together choir in St Ambrose's **next Sunday**, 14<sup>th</sup> January, at 6.30pm. All most welcome.

**Catholic Men's Society: VERY IMPORTANT** – The Kidderminster Branch AGM will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2007 in St Ambrose Rectory at 7.30pm. Would all Brothers please make a special note of this date in their diaries. Please make every effort to attend. Any issues can be discussed and any ideas for 2007 would be most welcome. Any men of the Parish who would like to know a little more about our Society are most welcome to come along.

**Tenbury Parish Meeting:** There will be Mass in the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am followed by coffee and a community meeting to discuss the possibilities of establishing groups of parishioners to be responsible for pastoral matters, for the fabric of our Church and the social life of the community.

**Parish Ramble:** The next ramble is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 12.45pm starting from the Vine Inn at Clent.

**Music for Middlebrows:** The next evening gathering will be on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in the Borromeo Hall from 7.45pm when we shall listen to music composed by **Antonin Dvorak**. This will certainly be a pleasant, tuneful evening – an easy introduction to music. All welcome.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** There is a different format for our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year, with visiting Ministers leading prayers at noon in four of our Churches. The list is as follows:

12.00 Prayer and Worship	12.30 Soup and roll lunch for all
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	St Ambrose – led by Pam Garrud
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Trinity Methodist – Hugh Burton
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	St George's – Gerald England
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Salvation Army – Jack Bentham

**Area Mass for Greenhill Parishioners:** Parishioners living in the **Greenhill** area of the Parish are invited to come together for Mass in St Ambrose's on **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**. There will be a small gathering afterwards. Letters of invitation will be made available, and we hope that parishioners who live in Greenhill will assist in their distribution, merely putting them through designated letterboxes. We hope that these opportunities during the year will be fruitful in deepening our friendship, and exploring new possibilities in the life of our Parish.

**Fairtrade Banana Campaign:** The sale of Fairtrade bananas in the Borromeo Room after Mass on Sundays is aimed at helping to safeguard the livelihoods of small farmers in Costa Rica, the Windward Islands, Ecuador and Ghana. The bananas are sold singly at supermarket prices. Please support.

<b>Finances:</b>	<b>i</b>	A Collection will be taken up today for <b>Pro Life Charities</b> .
	<b>ii</b>	Thank you for the Offertory last week of £728.64 (Envelope Scheme £198.45, Loose £530.19)
	<b>iii</b>	CAFOD contributions were £34.12.
	<b>iv</b>	Winners of the prizes for the Christmas Draw 2006 in the 200 Club were as follows: P Ward (No 156) wins £800; J Cook (No 194), Hopkins family (No 81) & M Woodfine (No 85) each win £100. The winners of the prizes for the monthly Draw in December were J Bullock (No 193) and JJ & CJ Stubbins (No 143). They win £50 each. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who supported the 200 Club during the year.