

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER
ST AMBROSE'S Birmingham Road Kidderminster DY10 2BY (01562 822839)
OUR LADY & ST PIUS Canterbury Road Habberley (01562 748474)
SACRED HEART & OUR LADY Berrington Road Tenbury Wells

BRCDTR Registered as a Charity

Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Fr Derek Edwards

Revd Thomas Ashcroft Revd Peter Hesketh Revd Dr Peter Mason (in retirement)

Second Sunday Year C Psalter Week 2 Pope John Sunday Missal p 873 13th/14th January 2007

Entrance Antiphon: May all the earth give you worship and praise, and break into song to your name, O God, Most High.

Response to the Psalm: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Preface, Eucharistic Prayer, Memorial Acclamation: As appointed by the Celebrant

Communion Antiphon: We know and believe in God's love for us.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: **Wed:** St Antony, Abbot; **Fri:** St Wulstan, Bishop

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon	7.30 am	Philip Hopkins RIP	
Tues	7.30 am	Karl Pearson's Intentions	
	9.15 am	Patrick Coffey RIP	
Wed	7.30 am	Cindy Lyes RIP	
	8.30 am	Elsie Reynolds RIP	
Thurs	7.30 am	Charles and Marie Evans RIP	
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)	
Fri	7.10 pm	Rosary	7.30 pm Helen Drew's Intentions
Sat	9.00 am	(Latin) Evelyn Evans RIP	
	6.30 pm	Josephine Carew RIP	
Sun	10.30 am	The People of the Parish	

Our Lady's

Mon	7.30 pm	Special Intention (Luke Caldwell) (Prayer Group)	
Wed	7.30 pm	Adoration until 8.30 pm (Prayers for Vocations)	
Fri	9.00 – 9.45 am	Adoration	10.00 am Funeral: Mary Ellen Hill RIP
Sat	9.30 am	The Holy Souls	
Sun	9.00 am	Maurice Nicholls RIP	

Sacred Heart

Sun	10.30 am	Madge Smith RIP	(NB: Mass next Saturday in addition: 10.30 am)
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CONFESSIONS:

<i>St Ambrose's:</i>	Saturday: 11.45 am – 12.45 pm 7.15 – 7.45 pm and by request
<i>Our Lady's:</i>	Saturday after morning Mass or as announced
<i>Sacred Heart:</i>	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, Martin Cahill, John Power, Eric Whittaker, 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, Pat Norris, Ivan Watton, Lucy Dudzinski, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Phil Eady, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley, Margaret Grimley, Stella Griffith, Jean McHugh, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Rita Preston, Tom Healey, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean, Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Anne Stringer, Helen Drew, Simon Sadler, Con Griffin, Mike Oborski, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Bill Perry, Nora Collins, Jennifer Bush, Anthony Georgieff, Joan Wareham and Steven Mitchell.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Church Cleaners:	Team C	Offertory Counters:	Group 1	Children's Liturgy:	to be appointed
Altar Servers:	Weekday mornings: Santino Scrocca, Nathan Hatch				
	Sat 6.30 pm: Team A				
	Sun 10.30 am: Team B				

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Sat 6.30 pm	A Harris, R Quinn	T Wilson
Sun 10.30 am	D Baylie, J Kowalik, M Roy, S Salsano	R Barber
<i>Our Lady's</i>		
Sun 9.00 am	J da Costa, J Norwood, K Norwood, P Standing	M Hesketh, B Gavan

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.

Thanks: Joan Bone wishes to thank Fr Lamb and Revd Hesketh, and all who attended her sister, Agnes Millichap's funeral. Thanks for all cards, Mass cards and donations, and to Joyce Gavan and helpers for the excellent refreshments.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for Mary Ellen Hill, a member of the congregation of Our Lady's, who died in a Nursing Home in Kinlet on 2 January. Her Funeral Mass is at Our Lady's on Friday, prior to cremation in Stourbridge. Another member of the community in Habberley, Marie Beahan, died last weekend in Worcester Hospital. Her ashes will be buried in Devon, after Mass at Our Lady's on 23 January at 10.15 am. May they rest in peace.

Anniversary: Next Tuesday is the anniversary of the death in 1961 of Fr Alban Grealy, who was born in Kidderminster and followed his vocation with the Franciscans. May he rest in peace.

Coffees/Teas: Provided in the Borromeo Hall today after 10.30 am Mass by FOSAS and next Sunday by the Ambrosians.

Austerity Lunch: In support of Christian Aid, at St George's today from 12.30 pm.

While Shepherds Watched: Will be performed this evening at 6.30 pm in St Ambrose's by the New Life Together Choir. Do come along and enjoy this popular Christmas musical.

Union of Catholic Mothers: meets in the Borromeo Hall on Monday, 15 January at 8.15 pm. Any ladies interested in finding out more about the UCM are most welcome to attend.

Basics of Catholicism: An overview of the New Testament will be the subject of our meeting at Our Lady's on Tuesday at 7.30 pm.

Whist Drive: Please remember the Whist Drive in the Borromeo Hall every Wednesday at 2.00 pm; and Bingo in the Adams Lounge on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 8.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

Catholic Men's Society: VERY IMPORTANT – The Kidderminster Branch AGM will take place on Wednesday, 17 January 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.

Ambrosian Group: The Group meets for the first shared lunch of the New Year in St Ambrose's Parish Hall on Thursday, 18 January at 11.45 am. If you are retired or semi-retired do come along for a very convivial get-together.

Induction: Please pray for Fr Stephen Pimlott who will be inducted next Friday as Parish Priest of St Wulstan's. Stourport-on-Severn (with Holy Family, Bewdley).

Tenbury: Everyone with an interest in the Community and Church in Tenbury Wells is invited to join for Mass in the Sacred Heart Church next Saturday at 10.30 am, and to contribute to the planning and providing for its future.

Parish Ramble: Next Sunday, starting at 12.45 pm from the Vine Inn at Clent for a three-mile ramble. Tables are reserved for lunch afterwards at the Vine Inn for 2.30 pm. In order to confirm numbers please let Chris Vass know if you wish to book lunch. (K 630949).

Music for Middlebrows: The next evening gathering will be on Sunday, 21 January 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. (12.00 Prayer and Worship, 12.30 soup and roll lunch for all). The list is as follows:

Monday, 22 January St Ambrose's – led by Pam Garrud; Tuesday, 23 January Trinity Methodist – Hugh Burton

Wednesday, 24 January St George's – Gerald England; Thursday, 25 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, 24 January 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.

Lent Retreat Week: 11 – 18 March inclusive. Please keep this week as free as possible as we are hoping to have a Retreat-type week in the Parish. There will be reflections on the life of our Parish (past, present and future); a Family Prayer Day; visiting preachers will reflect on the context in which our Parish functions – within the local community, the Catholic Church and the Truth it seeks to promote; and our devotion to Our Lady. Thursday, 15 March will be a Day of Eucharistic Adoration, and on Friday, 16 March there will be our Lent Penitential Service. The Parish Priest will speak about this at Masses next week.

Concert in Malvern: Fr Lamb may be able to obtain tickets for a concert in Malvern on Friday, 4 May. It will be given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra (Schubert Symphony 8, Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, Beethoven Symphony No 7). Tickets £18 - £27. Please contact the Parish Priest by 21 January.

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.

World Youth Day 2008: Details have been received about World Youth Day in Sydney during July 2008. An information evening will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch on 20 February at 7.30 pm. The event in Sydney is likely to be attended by Pope Benedict. Any parishioner (18 – 30 years) who would like any further information should contact Fr Lamb.

Parish Finances:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £730.02 (envelope scheme £176.20; loose £533.32)
- ii. Donations to CAFOD were £33.99.
- iii. The Collection for SPUC raised £292.14.
- iv. A cheque for £272 has been forwarded to Fr Philip Garrett, with the gratitude and good wishes of the Tenbury Congregation. Fr Garrett now lives in retirement at Aston Hall and we may try to arrange a visit to him in the springtime.

Stop Press: Congratulations to Mrs Yates, Miss Roberts and everyone in our Primary School, which has just received Activemark 2006 in recognition of the high quality of the PE lessons, and the wide variety of sports offered by the School. This is particularly commendable because of the very limited facilities that we have, and the current disturbance caused by the building work.