

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
 BRC DTR Registered as a Charity
 Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb Fr Derek Edwards
 Revd. Thomas Ashcroft, Revd. Peter Hesketh Revd. Peter Mason (in retirement)

Sixth Sunday Year C Psalter Week 2 Pope John Sunday Missal p 890 Weekend: February 10th/11th 2007

Entrance Antiphon: Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name, lead me and guide me.

Response to the Psalm: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

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

Communion Antiphon: God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might not perish, but might have eternal life.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Wed: SS Cyril and Methodius

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7.30 am Albert Packwood RIP

Tues: 7.30 am Cindy Lyes RIP 9.00 am Elsie Reynolds RIP

Wed: 7.30 am Gary Graves RIP 9.00 am Patrick Coffey RIP

Thurs: 9.00 am Arthur Wareham RIP 1pm FUNERAL: KONSTANTINE DONOWSKI RIP 7.30 pm Adoration to 10 pm (compline 9.45 pm)

Fri: 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm Bernard & Bridget Newman RIP

Sat: 9.00 am (Latin) Francesca Paola RIP 6.30 pm John O'Gorman RIP

Sun: 10.30 am The People of the Parish

Our Lady's

Mon: 7.30 pm Agnes Millichap RIP (Prayer Group)

Wed: 7.30 pm Adoration until 8.30 pm (Prayers for Vocations)

Fri: 9.00 am – 9.45 am Adoration 10.00 am In Thanksgiving (Hesketh/Scully)

Sat: 9.30 am Barbara Watts RIP

Sun: 9.00 am Marie Beahan RIP

Sacred Heart

Sun: 10.30 am Sidney Allan RIP

CONFESSIONS *St Ambrose's:* Saturday: 11.45 am – 12.45 pm 7.15 – 7.45 pm 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, 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, Ann 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, Steven Mitchell, Thomas Anderson, Linda Button and Ellen Patton.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Church Cleaners: Team C

Offertory Counters Group 5

Altar Servers: weekday mornings Gian Carlo Sumaggpao Marvin Marquez Sat. 6.30 pm Team A Sun. 10.30 am Team B

Children's Liturgy: to be appointed

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat. 6.30 pm T Alexander T Webb

Sun. 10.30 am D Baylie, D Duncombe, M Roy, S Salsano

Readers

H Berry

T Grantham

Our Lady's

Sun. 9.00 am B Gavan, J Gavan, J Da Costa, P Standing

K Nicholls, J Page

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.

Baptism: This afternoon, Dr Peter Mason will baptise MATTHEW CONWAY and later Fr Edwards will baptise KATIE MARKALL & ORLA O'SHAUGHNESSY. Congratulations & welcome to these children and their families.

Recently deceased: Please pray for KONSTANTINE DONOWSKI of Offmore Farm, who died in Worcester Hospital last Monday. He will be buried in Kidderminster Cemetery after Mass next Thursday.

Parents and Toddlers: would like to congratulate all the parents involved in raising £131.50 for Children in Need on their quiz day and cake sale. Also a big thank you for collecting 72 pairs of shoes for the Blue Peter shoe appeal to help children in Malawi. Pre-School Learning Alliance and Children's Information Service, after a visit to our group this week, gave us a 'well done' for running a well organised and friendly Parents and Toddlers. Thanks and congratulations to Cathy Malcolmson—Priest for running such a successful group every Wednesday from 9.15 am in the Borromeo Hall.

Coffees/teas: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30 am Mass today by the UCM and next Sunday by the Children's Liturgy Group.

Cake Sale: There will be a cake sale in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30 am Mass in aid of the UCM Project.

The Union of Catholic Mothers and the Catholic Men's Society: are holding a Wine Tasting Evening on Monday at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall. Cost £5.

Kidderminster Deanery: The Clergy of Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at Sacred Heart Droitwich.

Catholic Basics: At Our Lady's on Tuesday at 7.30 pm, our group studying Catholic Basics will look at Saints and Sinners. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Scripture Study: The next meeting will be held on 13th February at 7.30 pm in the Rectory. New members welcome. The subject is St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Friendship Club: will meet at Habberley on Wednesday. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh 748474.

Ambrosian Group: the monthly shared lunch will take place in St Ambrose's Parish Hall on Thursday. Please meet at 11.45 am. All retired/semi-retired members from Tenbury and Habberley are invited to join us for a very convivial couple of hours. Well worth making the effort!

SPUC Clergy Day: Fr Edwards & the Parish Priest will be attending a SPUC Clergy Information Day at a hotel in Birmingham next Friday 11.30 a.m.– 3.30 p.m.

Guides and Rainbows: These two groups will be coming together at Our Lady's next Saturday at 1.30 pm for a Service to commemorate the Founder's birthday. The Revd. Peter Hesketh will preside.

Ad Multos Annos: Next Sunday, STELLA GRIFFITH will celebrate her 90th birthday after morning Mass in St Ambrose's. Friends and fellow parishioners are invited to join her in the Borromeo Hall.

Parish Ramble: next Sunday at 12.45 pm meeting at the Wyre Forest Visitors' Centre.

Cardinal Newman: Tuesday 20th February: a Service to mark the 206th Anniversary of Newman's birth. The 21st February is kept every year as a day of Prayer for the Beatification of Cardinal Newman. This year the 21st February is Ash Wednesday so the celebration is moved to 20th February, Shrove Tuesday, when there will be a Service commencing at 7.30 pm in the Oratory Church, Edgbaston. The subject will be 'Newman and Music' – Rosemary Darby Talk.

Catholic Men's Society: Our first plan meeting of 2007 will be on Wednesday 21st February in St Ambrose's Rectory. We shall be discussing Bulletin 1. All men of the Parish are invited to come along and share a little in their Faith. Any newcomers will be made most welcome. Perhaps this period of Parish renewal is the time to try something new?

Ecumenical Lent Groups 2007: The group sponsored by Trinity Methodist Church meets at 504 Chester Road South on Thursdays at 10.15 for 10.30 am and will be led by the Revd Mary Austin. First meeting 1st March.

The group sponsored by Broadwaters Methodist Church and St Oswald's Church will meet in Broadwaters Methodist Chapel on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm and will be led by Revd Rose Lawley, a new Team Vicar in the Parish Church Ministry with special responsibility for St Oswald's. First meeting 27th February.

The group sponsored by St Ambrose's will meet at 69 Baldwin Road on Mondays at 2.30 pm and will be led by Peter & Tess Grantham. First meeting 26th February.

The group sponsored by St Mary's will meet in the Vicarage, 22 Roden Avenue on Wednesdays at 2.30 pm and will be led by Canon Owain Bell. First meeting 28th February.

The group sponsored by St Barnabas will meet at 44 Nursery Grove on Fridays at 7.30 pm and will be led by a member of St Barnabas. First meeting 2nd March.

Area Mass: The second of our Areas Masses for the Year of Renewal will be at Our Lady's on Friday February 23rd and an invitation is given to those who live in the Habberley Estate and its environs. We shall deliver invitations to everyone we know of but do rely on parishioners there to invite others they may know. The Mass will be at 7.30 pm and will be followed by a gathering and light refreshments in the social area.

Kidderminster Operatic & Dramatic Society: presents 'Anything Goes' by Cole Porter at the Rose Theatre from Thurs 1st March to Sat 10th March at 7.30 pm with a 2.30 pm Sat matinee on 10th March. Tickets from the Box Office on K. 743745 between 10 am and 4 pm.

Lent Retreat Week: On Monday March 12th the first weekday of our Retreat Week, I hope that we can have a period of family prayer in all our homes. This can be at any time of the day but what we hope for is that all of us will spend a short period of prayer together using any form of prayer that the family chooses. It may be a decade (or more) of the Rosary or part of the Prayer for the Church, or a selection of Psalms and familiar prayers. A suggestion sheet will be available on the opening weekend. Please indicate that you and your family will be taking part. People who live on their own at welcome to sign, of course.

St Ambrose's School: The opening of the new School building has now been arranged for March 16th at 2 pm. This is at the request of the building contractors.

Fairtrade Banana Campaign: The sale of Fairtrade bananas in the Borromeo Hall 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.

Retirement: The whole Parish owes a debt of gratitude to JOHN COOK who has decided to resign as a Director of the Limited Company responsible for St Ambrose's Club; as a member of the Parish Centre group, and as Treasurer to the Garden Fete and Bazaar. He has been actively involved in all these parts of Parish life for many years (36 years in the Club) and has given invaluable support to the present Parish Priest and his predecessor. John represented the Parish in the building of the Parish Hall 1998-9 and in the refurbishment of the Club in later years. He remains a member of the Parish Finance Committee. I am grateful to PETER CAHILL who becomes a Director of the Limited Company and to JOHN KEETCH who has agreed to be treasurer to the Garden Fete & Bazaar.

Secretary: ELLEN BENNISON has done a splendid job as Parish Secretary (in a voluntary capacity). The volume of secretarial work is increasing and she is unable to give any more time than is at present available to her. She agrees that I should advertise for secretarial help (3-4 hours per week at a paid, hourly rate, time to suit applicants). This is fairly urgent and I hope someone will emerge to help us.

- Finances:**
- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £702.54 (envelope scheme £207.50 Loose £495.04)
 - ii The Collection for Catholic Education raised £174.47
 - iii Donations to CAFOD were £36.70
 - iv Congratulations to our subscribers to the Priests' Training Fund for contributions of £182.50

Late News: At the AGM of the Worcester District Council of the Catholic Men's Society, our Parish once more provides officers for the Society. Br. MARTIN GROVENOR was re-elected District President, Br CHARLES DUNCOMBE is Vice-President and Br ADAM NICHOLLS is the new District Council Secretary. All will, no doubt, serve with distinction.