

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 Derek Edwards
Revd. Thomas Ashcroft and Revd. Peter Hesketh. In retirement : Dr. Peter Mason

First Sunday in Lent Year C Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal pg.238 Wk/end February 24th/25th 2007
Entrance Antiphon : When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.

Response to the Psalm : Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.
Gospel Acclamation : Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Preface : of First Sunday in Lent p.193
Eucharistic Prayer :) As appointed by the Celebrant
Memorial Acclamation :)
Communion Antiphon : Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Feast Days this Week : **Th. St David. F. St Chad Patron of the Diocese.**

Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week

St. Ambrose's

Monday	7.30 a.m.	Intentions of Stella Griffith	
Tuesday	7.30 a.m.	Lillie Marcum RIP	9.15 a.m. Tessa Schiavone RIP
Wednesday	7.30 a.m.	Liz Morgan's Intentions	8.30 a.m. Gary Graves RIP
Thursday	8.30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (Wareham)	7.30 p.m. Adoration until 10.00 p.m. (Compline 9.45 p.m.)
Friday	12 noon	Funeral : Mike Oborski RIP	
	7.10 p.m.	Rosary	7.30 p.m. Intentions of Sr Catherine Fitzpatrick
Saturday	9.00 a.m.	(Latin) Intentions of Sheila Mikulicz	6.30 p.m. Barney Murrey (Anniversary)
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Philip Hopkins (Anniversary)	6.30 p.m. The Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mary and William Kiely (Anniversary)	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. Angelo Vaccaro RIP
Saturday	9.30 a.m.	Mary Ellen Hill RIP	
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Mike Oborski RIP	

Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30 a.m.

The People of the Parish

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 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, 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, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Bill Perry, Nora Collins, Jennifer Bush, Anthony Georgieff, Joan Wareham, Steven Mitchell, Thomas Anderson, Linda Button, Ellen Patton and Fernanda Maffei.

Ministries for the Coming Week:

St. Ambrose's

Weekday Mornings
 Saturday 6.30 p.m.
 Sunday 10.30 a.m.
 Griffin

Altar Servers

Matthew Stride, Santino Scrocca
 Team A
 Team B 6.30 p.m. The Stations of the Cross : Elliott and Harvey Kelsall, Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 6.30 p.m.
 Sunday 10.30 a.m.

T Alexander, J Nangle
 M Bradley, A Colclough, T Hart, M Roy

Readers

Z Smith
 R Amiss

Teams at Our Lady's

Sunday 9.00 a.m.

P Collins, M Hesketh, V Page, B Taylor

A McDermott, H Bearne

St. Ambrose's

Children's Liturgy

Church Cleaners Team A
 To be appointed

Offertory Counters Group 7

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.

CTS A good selection of Books for Lent is now available on the CTS Rack.

Congratulations : The Archbishop has agreed to our suggestion that the Diocesan Medal **UBI CARITAS** should be awarded to **Alan Norris** in recognition of his thirty years teaching in our School; the final years prior to his retirement as Head Master. The arrangements for the Presentation will be made known in due course. I have expressed our pleasure at this award to Alan and to Pat.

Thanks : Everyone was very sad that **Stella Griffith** was not well enough to join us last week to celebrate her 90th birthday. She has written to express her thanks for all the good wishes, and assures us of her prayers.

Changes in Times of Masses : Copies of the Archbishop's letter are available in all our Churches, confirming that the Mass times in our Parish will be varied, to take effect from **Sunday, April 15th**, the Sunday after Easter. It is understood that not everyone will be pleased but I hope that everyone will work together to ensure a smooth transition. I hope to meet soon with **Barry McFarland** so that we can ensure that the present level of **Home Communion** can be maintained. We shall also be meeting with Altar Servers and Musicians. These changes have been made after much consideration, and we hope that there will be no other disruption to the life of the Communities centred on each of our three Churches. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the period of consultation.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion : In line with the policy of the Archdiocese, we are to review the appointment of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion every three years, and it is being undertaken in our Parish during Lent this year. Letters are available to all current Ministers, asking them to confirm their intentions for the forthcoming three years (until Lent 2010). During Lent, there will be a General Meeting of all to be Commissioned; instruction will be given to any replacement Ministers who may be appointed, and a re-Commissioning will take place early in Holy Week.

Requiescat : I have written to one of our teachers, **Miss Jackson**, to sympathise with her on the recent death of her father. May he rest in peace

Anniversaries : Tuesday is the anniversary of the death in 1990 of **Fr George Brewster** 1935 – 1937); and in 2004 of **Fr George Tarrant** (1960 – 1961).

Youth Club : Seven of our Youth Leaders are at **Alton Castle** this weekend, on a Diocesan Training Course.

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

Rite of Election : This afternoon **Miriam Cunliffe** and **Katie Magee** will be presented to the Archbishop in St. Chad's Cathedral, in preparation for entering Full Communion with us at the Easter Vigil.

Stations of the Cross : Every Sunday in Lent at 6.30 p.m. (St Ambrose's); on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. (Our Lady's).

Music for Middlebrows : We meet this evening in the Borrromeo Hall at 7.45 p.m. to hear music by **Frederic Chopin**, and other varied selections by Composers with the initial letter 'C'. Everyone welcome.

Union of Catholic Mothers meets on Monday at 8.15 p.m. in the Borrromeo Hall.

Basics of Catholicism : The subject of our meeting at Our Lady's on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. will be 'Death and Eternal Life' and other relevant issues. All welcome.

Kidderminster Operatic and Dramatic Society present 'Anything Goes' by Cole Porter at the Rose Theatre from Thursday 1st March to Saturday 10th March at 7.30 p.m. with a 2.30 p.m. Saturday matinee on 10th March. Tickets from the Box Office on K.743745 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Fairtrade Fortnight : Wyre Forest Fairtrade Group have arranged an Exhibition and Children's Concert in the Corn Exchange and Town Hall respectively on Wednesday, 28th February. The Exhibition is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes free tea and coffee and 'tasters'. The Concert (Compere Mike George from Hereford and Worcester Radio) starts at 7 p.m. Entrance to both is free but tickets are needed for the Concert. These are available from the Worcestershire Hub in the Town Hall or from the 'Banana' Stall after 10.30 a.m. Mass. The tickets will be put into a draw and the lucky winner will receive a bumper hamper of Fairtrade products. Please support.

Whist/Bingo : Please remember the Whist Drive every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Borrromeo Hall; and Bingo in the Adams Lounge on Tuesday and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Women's World Day of Prayer : This annual service will be held this year next Friday, March 2nd at 10.30 a.m. in Trinity Methodist Church. There will be coffee with Bring and Buy, and the service is open to men, women and children!

St Chad : The Mass, and Procession of the Relics of St Chad, is at 12 noon next Saturday, March 3rd at St Chad's Cathedral. Limited transport will be available from St Ambrose's at 10.45 a.m.

Bernard Hopkins Crib Night in the Adams Lounge on Sunday, 4th March commencing at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this enjoyable evening.

Area Mass The next area Mass, for those who live in Comberton and in Central Kidderminster, will be at St Ambrose's on **Friday, March 9th** at 7.30 p.m. Letters will be distributed beforehand.

Austerity Lunch : The next lunch in support of Christian Aid is at Franche Baptist Church, Franche Road on Sunday, March 11th at 12.30 p.m.

Lent Retreat Week : Please take a personal Calendar this week, and leave the dates available so that as many of us as possible can take an active and fruitful part in this important time in our Parish Renewal.

St Patrick's Night : Saturday, 17th March. Come along and enjoy an evening of entertainment with Martin and Liz. There will be lots of Irish Music and Dancing – a chance to show how good you are at those Irish Steps!!! Again this year we have the Riverdance Video on Big Screen. Tickets £4.00 available now or pay on the door. (Any donations of food for the Shared Supper would be much appreciated).

St Ambrose's School : There is a vacancy for a lunchtime Supervisor, duties 11.50 a.m. – 1.10 p.m. daily. Salary £6.66 per hour. Applications to Mrs Yates (K823568).

Finances :

- i. Thank you for the Offertory last week of £845.30. (Envelope scheme £240.30; Loose £605.00).
- ii. Donations to CAFOD this week were £42.48.
- iii. Collection today for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral.
- iv. Next Sunday is the Family Fast Day Collection.