



**Requiescant:** It has been a sad week in the Parish. Last Sunday we heard the sad news of the sudden death in France of Brian Smith, a stalwart member of the Congregation in Tenbury. We offer our prayers for Trina and her family at this most difficult and distressing time. In the early hours of Wednesday morning one of our most familiar and loyal parishioners, Stella Griffith, died in Worcester Hospital, fortified by the Rites of the Church. Funeral announcements will be made next week. Please pray also for Marie Smith, widow of Robin Smith of Hagley School, who died early in the week and whose funeral will be in Stourbridge. Ann Edwards died on Thursday after a long struggle with illness. May they rest in peace.

**Tenbury:** A very constructive meeting was held after Mass last week. I am grateful to Chris Stanley for agreeing to co-ordinate future meetings and for providing a link with the Parish Priest. Bernard Casken has kindly agreed to oversee the care of the fabric and facilities, and to draw up a list of priorities in that regard. The external notice board will be refurbished, thanks to the kind offer of a parishioner, and a mobile telephone will be available for purposes of communication and security. There is a possibility that a group of parishioners will be able to take responsibility for grounds maintenance. In future Mass will be said in Tenbury at 11.30 am on Holydays of Obligation, and other weekdays as appropriate. The whole Parish is invited to Tenbury on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart for Renewal of Marriage Vows during evening Mass, followed by an invite to the home of Chris and Anita Stanley. There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving Mass and Shared Supper for us in Tenbury on 28 September. Thanks to everyone for so much concern and interest.

**Children's Liturgy - a note from Christine Hopkins:** The First Sunday of Lent saw a wonderful start to our Season of Lent at St Ambrose's Children's Liturgy, with 45 children and 15 adults. Let's try to keep the numbers up through Lent. Would all parents please ensure that children attending the Children's Liturgy do not bring any toys into the Parish Hall. They are very distracting for other children.

**Readers (St Ambrose's):** Would readers please note that new rotas are available at the back of Church.

**Coffees/Teas:** Provided in the Borromeo Hall today after 10.30 am Mass by Pre-School Group and next Sunday by FOSAS.

**Bernard Hopkins Crib Night:** In the Adams Lounge on Sunday, 4 March, commencing at 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to this enjoyable evening.

**Union of Catholic Mothers:** meets in the Borromeo Hall on Monday at 8.15 pm. The meeting will be followed by Stations of the Cross. All ladies most welcome.

**Catholic Basics:** The meeting at Our Lady's on Tuesday at 7.30 pm has the intriguing title 'Hard Questions'. The Parish Priest will do his best to answer whatever questions participants have found difficult – and he may have one or two hard questions of his own.

**Scripture Study:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6 March in the Rectory at 7.30 pm. The subject is St Paul's Letter to the Romans. New members welcome.

**Whist Drive/Bingo:** 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.

**Youth Club:** Members of the Youth Club will be present during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament next Thursday evening from 8.45 pm, led in prayer by Andrew Hunt.

**Area Mass:** Parishioners who live in Comberton and Central Kidderminster are invited to Mass in St Ambrose's next Friday at 7.30 pm, followed by a gathering in the Adams Lounge. Letters are being circulated to those of whom we know, but please help by making sure friends and neighbours are informed and invited.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul:** The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Friday, 9 March at 8:00 pm in the Hall/Rectory. New members are welcome.

**Austerity Lunch:** In support of Christian Aid, at Franche Baptist Church, Franche Road, on Sunday, 11 March at 12:30 pm.

**PACT Meeting:** The next PACT meeting for Greenhill residents is in the Polish Club on Monday, 12 March at 7:00 pm.

**Lent Retreat Week:** Please make sure that you have the Calendar of events for the Lent Retreat Week. Family Prayer suggestions are available today for those wishing to take part in the Family Prayer Day on Monday, 12 March. Lists for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Kidderminster Churches on Thursday, 15 March are also published; please be generous in taking part. Above all, please let us, as St Benedict says, 'gently encourage each other' to take a full part in what is the most important parish initiative we have undertaken. We shall all benefit – personally and communally.

**St Patrick's Night:** Saturday, 17 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.

**Parish Ramble:** Sunday, 18 March. The walk will start at 1:00 pm from Webb's Garden Centre car park, Wychbold (on A38), therefore allowing time for a quick coffee or look around before we start. Circular walk of three miles, with some stiles. Contact T Alexander (K741794). New walkers welcome.

**Catholic Men's Society:** Our next Plan Meeting will be on Wednesday, 28 March. We shall be meeting at Our Lady and St Pius X at 7.30 pm for Stations of the Cross, prior to discussing Bulletin 2. All men of the Parish are invited to join us no matter whether they are members or not.

**Passover Supper:** This year's Passover Supper takes place on Wednesday, 4 April at 7.00 pm. Please indicate on the sheet at the back of the Church if you wish to attend. Numbers restricted to 150, closing date 24 March.

**First Holy Communion Dresses:** I have a selection of First Holy Communion dresses for sale. For more details contact Christine on 07944 354553.

#### **Parish Finances:**

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £783.97 (envelope scheme £205.50; loose £578.47)
- ii. The collection for the Cathedral Maintenance raised £133.55.
- iii. Donations to CAFOD were £25.21.
- iv. Congratulations to the winners of the prizes for the January Draw 2007 – Bill O'Donnell (No 113) and Gwen Freemantle (No 50). It is not too late to take out membership for the year, paying monthly (£2), half-yearly (£12) or for the whole year (£24). Contact Charles Duncombe (01562 746748).