

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent Year C Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p 256 Weekend: 24/25th March 2007

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.

Response to the Psalm: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Gospel acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

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

Communion Antiphon: Has no-one condemned you? The women answered: No one, Lord. Neither do I condemn you.; go and do not sin again.

At 10.30 am Mass: Readings from Year A p. 211 ff Preface p.214

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: **Mon.** The Solemnity of the Annunciation

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am Mike Oborski RIP
Tues: 7.30 am Tom Geraghty RIP 9.15 am In Thanksgiving (Hopkins) 10.30 am Funeral OWEN McPHILLIPS RIP
Wed: 7.30 am Rita Kerrigan RIP 8.30 am Sheila Marum RIP
Thurs: 8.30 am UTHUP 7.30 pm Adoration until 10.00 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Fri: 8.30 am Mariantonia Panaro RIP 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm Francesca Vaccaro RIP
Sat: 9.00 am (Latin) David Weaver (Anniv) 6.30 pm Vincenzo Finella RIP
Sun: 10.30 am Intentions of Renagh Burns 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's

Mon: 7.30 pm Marie Beahan RIP
Wed: 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Fri: 9.00 – 9.45 am Adoration 2.00 pm Funeral JOHN POWER RIP
Sat: 9.30 am Mariannina Vaccaro RIP
Sun: 9.00 am The People of the Parish

Sacred Heart

Sun: 10.30 am Holy Souls

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, 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, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vaccaro, Pat Norris, Ivan Watton, Lucy Dudzinski, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Ann Weavers, Phil Eady, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley, Margaret Grimley, Jean McHugh, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Rita Preston, 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, Fernanda Maffei and Peter Stringer.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Church Cleaners: Team A **Offertory Counters** Group 3 **Children's Liturgy:** To be appointed
Altar Servers: weekday mornings Harvey Kelsall, Gian Carol Sumagpao Sat. 6.30 pm Team A Sun. 10.30 am Team B
 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross: Giorgio Scrocca, Santino Scrocca, Joseph Patrick

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Sat. 6.30 pm	P Grealy C Kneuss	T Alexander
Sun. 10.30 am	M Bradley C Geraghty J Kowalik C Vass	L Harler

Our Lady's

Sun. 9.00 am P Collins J Norwood K Norwood B Taylor J Walker G Chrzan

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.

Mass Times from April 15th

St Ambrose's: Saturday 5.45 pm Sunday 9.30 am **Sacred Heart & Our Lady:** Sunday 11.30 am
Our Lady and St Pius X: Sunday 5.00 pm

Thanks: The Parish Priest continues to be grateful for the many kind and encouraging remarks following the Retreat week.
Lately Dead: Last Sunday evening, another stalwart parishioner JOHN POWER died in Hospital after many years of illness. He and his wife, Bridget, were tireless in their commitment to Our Lady's Church and community. John's funeral is on Friday at 2 pm prior to burial in the cemetery. OWEN McPHILLIPS of Franche had also been ill for many years and was unable to attend Mass for a long time. His Funeral Mass is on Tuesday morning. We record with sorrow the death of JOHN DUNNE of Caldwell Crescent whose funeral is in Stourport; and the sudden death of HUBERTUS CLOOSTERMAN has shocked his many friends and fellow parishioners in Bewdley.

Anniversary: Today (Sunday) is the Anniversary of the death in 1949 of Fr WALTER HOFLE (Parish Priest 1915 – 1938).

Golden Wedding: We congratulate Alan and Kathleen REES who were married in St Ambrose's on March 30th 1956. Next Sunday, Fr Edwards will bless the renewal of their marriage promises.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: It is good to know that PAM LAY will continue her ministry for the next three years. We thank SOFIA SALSANO for her exemplary service during the past twelve years. She is standing down for the present. ALL MINISTERS, those who are to be commissioned for the first time and those being recommissioned are asked to attend an important briefing at OUR LADY'S on Monday April 2nd at 7 pm. The Commissioning will take place during Mass at 7.30 pm on the same evening.

Easter Triduum: HOLY THURSDAY: Mass of the Last Supper 7.30 pm. Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight (Compline 11.45 pm)

GOOD FRIDAY: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord 3 pm

EASTER VIGIL: Holy Saturday 8.30 pm, followed by the First Mass of Easter

Farewells: This evening at 6.30 pm in St George's Canon Nick Barker will conduct his last service before taking up his appointment as Archdeacon of Auckland. Next Saturday at 3 pm is the Farewell Service of PASTOR JOHN WILLIAMS at Franche Road Baptist Church. They have been good friends and colleagues and they will be missed in our town.

Coffees/teas: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30 am Mass today by the CMS and next Sunday by the Parent & Toddler Group.

Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville: Our former Archbishop celebrates the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Bishop with Mass at St Chad's Cathedral followed by a reception at Oscott. Many of our Deanery Clergy will be present including those from this Parish.

The Union of Catholic Mothers: meets on Monday at 8.15 pm in the Borromeo Hall.

Basics of Catholicism: Our last meeting in this year's programme will be at Our Lady's on Tuesday at 7.30 pm, looking forward to the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum. This should be of interest to all.

Scripture Study: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th March 7.30 pm in the Rectory. The subject will be St Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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.

Catholic Men's Society: the next Plan meeting is this Wednesday, 28th March, 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 come along, whether they are members or not. Anyone who requires a lift please meet at the Rectory by 7 pm. Many thanks to all who took Derby Draw tickets to sell. Could all counterfoils and money be returned either to a member of the CMS or to the Rectory by 6th May at the latest as we have to send them away to be entered into the draw.

Music for Middlebrows: Next Sunday in the Borromeo Room from 7.45 pm we shall listen to a programme of American music, drawn from the CD collections of our members. Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of pleasant music in pleasant company.

Parish Passover Supper: takes place on Wednesday 4th April at 7 pm in the Borromeo Hall. Lists close this weekend.

Kidderminster Male Choir: Spring concert featuring Wessex Male Choir on Saturday 14th April in Kidderminster Town Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets: Hall £8, balcony £10 from Kidderminster Town Hall, Cleancall, Stourport, John Beard Ironmongers, Kidderminster Designs by Kim Johnson, Comberton Hill, the choir ticket officer K. 751922 or any choir member

Pope Benedict's 80th Birthday: As many will remember, we had a Dinner in April last year to celebrate the 80th birthday of Her Majesty, the Queen. Pope Benedict will be 80 years old on April 16th. We are proposing to have a celebratory Sunday luncheon in the Borromeo Hall on April 15th from 12.30 pm. Please sign the lists at the back of Churches this weekend and next. Lunch £8.50, wine courtesy of the Parish Priest.

Rambles: It has been decided because of the changes in Mass times, that the rambles will now start at 1 pm all the year round. Please note the next ramble will be on **April 22nd** to allow people to attend the Pope's Birthday lunch.

Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill Partnership Action Groups: A series of meetings will take place designed to improve the quality of life for residents in this central area of our Parish. I would hope that someone will be prepared to attend on our behalf (at least some of them). Details from Fr Lamb or Sarah Turner (K 861028).

Finances:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £ 779.07(envelope scheme £246.40; loose £532.67)
- ii. Donations to CAFOD were £5.28
- iii. Many thanks to an anonymous parishioner for a very generous donation of £50 to the Lourdes Fund
- iv. Congratulations to the winners of the prizes for the February Draw of the 200 Club: Eileen Postans (no.126) and Ann Webb (no.105). There are still a few numbers available – monthly £2; six monthly £12; annual £24. Please contact the Administrator, Charles Duncombe for details of membership (01562 746748)