

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER

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OUR LADY & ST. PIUS, 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, Revd Peter Hesketh (Deacons) & In Retirement: Revd Dr Peter Mason

Palm Sunday **Year C** **Psalter Week 2** **Pope John Sunday Missal p. 271** **March 31st/April 1st 2007**

Entrance Antiphon: Six days before the solemn Passover the Lord came to Jerusalem, and children waving palm branches ran out to welcome him. They loudly praised the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are you who have come to us so rich in love and mercy.

Response to the Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Preface: P. 291.

Eucharistic Prayer & Memorial Acclamation: As appointed by the Celebrant.

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this cup may not pass, but I must drink it, then your will be done.

Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week

St. Ambrose's

<u>Monday</u>	8.30 a.m.	Ron Connolly RIP
<u>Tuesday</u>	7.30 a.m.	Clifford Patrick Ward (Anniv)
<u>Wednesday</u>	8.30 a.m.	Mike Oborski RIP
<u>Thursday</u>	7.30 p.m.	Mass of the Last Supper (Elin Young RIP)
<u>Friday</u>	3.00 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
<u>Saturday</u>	8.30 p.m.	The Easter Vigil
<u>Sunday</u>	10.30 a.m.	The Holy Souls (Escott)

Our Lady's

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Jo Collins RIP
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Tom Healey RIP

Sacred Heart

Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Elizabeth Lamb RIP
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Confessions: **St Ambrose's:** Saturday: By request.

Our Lady's: Saturday: By request.

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 Insley, 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 and Fernanda Maffei.

Ministries for the Coming Week

St Ambrose's

Church Cleaners: Team A Offertory Counters: Not required this week. Thank you.

Altar Servers at St Ambrose's

Weekday mornings: Volunteers, please.

Triduum: As notified.

Sunday 10.30am : Team B

Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday 10.30am : M Bradley, A Colclough, D Duncombe, M Roy

Reader

To be appointed

Children's Liturgy: To be appointed.

Our Lady's

Sunday 9.00am : H Bearne, J DaCosta, A McDermott, L Whatley

C Villa, J Keetch

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

Rest in Peace: We offer our prayers to Martin Stringer, whose father **Peter** died last weekend. May he rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Today (Sunday) is the anniversary of the death in 2004 of **Fr Philip O'Reilly** (St Ambrose's 1966-68); and Thursday is the anniversary of the death in 2005 of **Sister Mary Modwena of Jesus**, of the Poor Clares in Hawarden. She was born in Kidderminster.

Coffees/Teas: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30am by the Parent & Toddler Group and on Easter Sunday by the Children's Liturgy Group.

Children's Liturgy and Children at Mass: After many years **Christine Hopkins** has decided to retire from leading the Children's Liturgy at St Ambrose's, and from the many other roles she has expertly carried out in helping children and their families at Mass. We will always be grateful for her enthusiasm and real co-operation with families and with the Parish Congregations. I am pleased that **Marie Hesketh** has agreed to take on much of this work. Several parents from this year's First Communion Programme have offered some good ideas, and a meeting has been convened in the **Montini Room** after Mass this morning to briefly discuss possibilities for supporting our families and children in making Mass attendance more fruitful. Anyone with an interest in helping this is very welcome to attend.

Music for Middlebrows: This evening from 7.45pm there will be a programme of American music played in the Borromeo Room. Anyone with a love of good music will enjoy a very pleasant evening.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: There is a very important meeting of **all** Ministers in our Parish tomorrow evening at 7.00pm in Our Lady's. It is essential that all are present so that we can have a uniform practice of the Ministry, and so that we can ensure that all our commitments to sick and housebound parishioners can be met. All our Ministers will be commissioned during Mass at 7.30pm.

Passover: Those attending the **Passover** are invited to join the **Cahill** family in the Borromeo Hall on Wednesday evening. Please be seated by 6.55pm. There will be an opportunity to contribute to defray the costs of the evening.

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

GOOD FRIDAY: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord 3.00pm

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

Good Friday: The Procession of Witness, uniting all the Christian Churches, begins at Baxter Church at 10.30am and will conclude with a final prayer at Weavers Wharf. Please let us be well represented for this important occasion. This year's united Service will be at Holy Innocents Church, Foley Park at 7.30pm. There will be Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart, Tenbury on Friday at 6.00pm.

Easter Bonnet Parade: This tradition will continue after Mass on Easter Sunday. No age limit, and no bonnet will be too extravagant. All invited to participate.

Easter Monday: The Annual Men's Mass at St Chad's Cathedral will be offered at 9.00am on Easter Monday by His Grace, the Archbishop. Our Altar Servers have been invited to take part, and cars will leave St Ambrose's at **8.00am**. All men of the Parish are welcome to join this wonderful demonstration of faith.

Kidderminster Male Choir: Spring concert featuring Wessex Male Choir on Saturday 14th April in Kidderminster Town Hall at 7.30pm. 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 12.30pm. Please sign the lists at the back of Churches this weekend. 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.

St Petersburg Blagovest Ensemble: This fine group of Russian Singers will give a Recital of Sacred and National Folk Songs in St Ambrose's on Thursday, April 26th at 7.30pm. Admission free. Retiring collection.

Finances:

i	Last week's offertory was £906.92 (Envelope Scheme £234.00, Loose £672.92).
ii	Donations to CAFOD of £5.40.
iii	The collection next weekend is the traditional Easter offering to the Clergy.
iv	A collection is taken up on Good Friday for the Holy Places .