

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)

Fifth Sunday in Eastertide Year C Psalter Week I Pope John Sunday Missal p 451 Weekend: 5th/6th May 2007

Entrance Antiphon: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power. Alleluia!

Response to the Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you". Alleluia!

Preface Eucharistic Prayer Memorial Acclamation: as appointed by the Celebrant

Communion Antiphon: I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit. Alleluia.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 9.00 am Jo Collins RIP
Tues: 7.30 am Carmel Naughton RIP 9.15 am Stella Griffith RIP
Wed: 7.30 am Jason Toolan RIP 9.30 am Tom Healey RIP
Thurs: 8.30 pm Intentions of Tom and Chris Hopkins 7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Fri: 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm Owen McPhillips RIP
Sat: 9.00 am (Latin) Mavis & Ron Connolly RIP 5.45 pm Michael Downs RIP
Sun: 9.30 am Tom & Lizzie Neal RIP 6.30 pm May Devotions and Benediction

Our Lady's

Mon: 7.30 pm John Power RIP
Wed: 7.30 – 8.30 pm Adoration
Fri: 9.00 – 9.45 am Adoration 10.00 am Intentions of Veronica Jones
Sat: 9.30 am K A Kuriakose (Anniv)
Sun: 5.00 pm Ivy Page RIP

Sacred Heart

Sun: 11.30 am The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS *St Ambrose's:* **Saturday: 11.45 am – 12.45 pm; 6.30 – 7.00 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 Inasley, 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, 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 Andrew Eeles.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Church Cleaners: Team B **Offertory Counters:** Group 1
Altar Servers: weekday mornings: Nathan Hatch, Francis Hardiman **Sat.** 5.45 pm Team A **Sun.** 9.30 am Team B
Sun 6.30 pm Paul Stride Matthew Stride Jonathan Fox
Children's Liturgy: to be appointed

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Sat. 5.45 pm	C Ellwood B McFarland	M Holmes
Sun. 9.30 am	M Bradley D Duncombe T Hart M Roy	T Heywood

Our Lady's

Sun 5.00 pm H Bearne A Mc Dermott P Standing B Taylor M Hesketh B Gavan

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: Please pray for ALISHA PICKARD and her family. She will be welcomed into our Parish and baptised this afternoon by the Revd Peter Hesketh.

Funeral: Next Friday we shall gather for the Funeral Mass of MARJORIE BYRNE of Birchen Coppice. She died last weekend at a great age and will be buried in the Cemetery.

Anniversary: Tomorrow is the anniversary of the death in 1972 of SISTER CATHALDUS CLOONEY (Head Mistress 1937 – 1965), well remembered by so many. May she rest in peace.

What happens at Mass: Forty-two copies were ordered and are now available from our Churches

Coffees/teas: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30 am Mass today by FOSAS and next Sunday by the CMS

May Devotions: Please try to attend May Devotions and Benediction at St Ambrose's at 6.30 pm this evening and Our Lady's on Wednesday at 7.30 pm.

Kidderminster Deanery: The Clergy of the Deanery meet on Tuesday at St Wulstan's, Stourport-on-Severn.

Pact Meeting: for residents of Greenhill will be in the Polish Club on Tuesday May 8th at 7 pm.

Annual Day of Prayer: Day of Eucharistic Adoration to pray for vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese will be in St Ambrose's on Wednesday. As always, it is important that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended at any time during the day. Lists are at the back of St Ambrose's and we ask parishioners to be generous in spending some time in prayer for this very important intention.

Whist Drive/Bingo: Please don't forget to support the Whist Drive held every Wednesday in the Borromeo Hall at 2 pm. Bingo is in the Adams Lounge on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 8 pm.

Torchlight Procession at Belmont Abbey: Intending pilgrims are invited to meet at St Ambrose's on Wednesday for departure at 6.45 pm. The Procession begins at 9 pm and it is expected that the coach will arrive back just after midnight. Coach fare £9 return.

First Holy Communion Meeting: The next meeting of families preparing for First Holy Communion will be in the School Hall on Thursday at 6.30 pm. Please let all parents make a special effort to attend.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Friday 11 May at 8 pm in the Hall/Rectory. New members welcome. Thank you.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Intending pilgrims from St Ambrose's/Our Lady's will join with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Redditch. Please meet at St Ambrose's on Saturday at 6 am where lifts to Redditch will be available. Coach fare £15.

Twin Town: Next Sunday at 9.30 am we shall be joined by parishioners from HUSUM with their pastor, FRIEDRICH MÖRS. They will join us in the Borromeo Hall after Mass.

Music for Middlebrows: Next Sunday from 7.45 pm, the Parish Priest will present a programme of music composed by the English Edwardian composer, SIR CHARLES STANFORD. He hopes to communicate his own love of Stanford's music to a wider audience. Everyone welcome.

Elgar Country: A Musical Presentation by Tony Cross and George Wallis. Sir Edward Elgar's life story will be told in words and music with particular attention to his connection with the English countryside around Worcester, the Malverns, Hereford and Gloucestershire. Paintings depicting the areas spoken of will be on display. This highly recommended presentation will be given in the Borromeo Hall on Tuesday May 15th 7.30 – 9 pm. NO CHARGE (retiring collection).

Friendship Club: meets at Habberley on May 16th. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh K. 748474.

Christian Aid Week: Next week we will see the Annual Street Collection for this worthwhile charity. St Ambrose's along with St George's and Milton Hall Baptist Church is responsible for the Greenhill Ward while St Pius & St John's for the Habberley/Blakebrook Ward. Collectors are needed for both areas but if you live in any road in Kidderminster that does not have a collection and would like to help please contact Peter Grantham (aka the Banana Man) on K. 824523.

Spennells Area Mass: The Mass for our parishioners in Spennells will be in St Ambrose's on Friday May 18th at 7.30 pm. Letters available for distribution next week.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Liturgy Commission Music Committee: Words, music and worship: a day for the Parish readers, singers, organists and other instrumentalists of the Dudley & Kidderminster Deaneries at Our Lady and All Saints Church, New Road, Stourbridge on Saturday 19th May 11 am – 4 pm. Cost £5. Bring a packed lunch. Further information 0121 327 0505.

Kidderminster Child Contact Centre: The recruitment day will take place on Saturday 19th May from 2 – 3pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields. A representative from the National Association of Child Contact Centres will be on hand to give potential volunteers more information about what is involved in volunteering; this does not involve either the counselling or supervision of families. Volunteer teams will be responsible for setting up the venue and welcoming families and children and putting them at ease. Initially the Centre intends to open once a fortnight and we are hoping to have sufficient volunteers to form four teams; each team would therefore be on duty every six to eight weeks. See leaflets in Church for details.

National Association of Choirs: Come and hear an amazing concert of 5 choirs in Kidderminster Town Hall on Sat. May 19th. The local group of the National Association of Choirs present the Kidderminster Valentines, Kidderminster MC, Worcester MVC, Penn Singers and Viva Musica. The concert starts at 7.30 pm. Hall tickets £7, balcony £8 available from the Town Hall, Pam Cunningham (K. 742343) and Judy Morris (K. 751753)

FOSAS Quiz Night: Saturday 19th May in the Parish Hall 7 pm till late. Teams of four £2.50 per player. Please come and join in.

Deanery Procession in honour of Our Lady: The Parishes in the Deanery are invited to St Mary's Studley for a procession in honour of Our Lady on Sunday May 20th at 3 pm. The Parish grounds and conservatory will be available for picnics from 1 pm and the procession will be from the Catholic church across fields to the Anglican church (also St Mary's). We are assured it will not be too taxing. Please indicate on the lists so that we may know whether or not to hire a coach.

Summer Fête: has been rearranged for Sunday July 15th. More details before long.

Furniture Available: A lady in Baxter Avenue has a complete set of household furniture for sale. Her asking price is £600. Contact the Parish Priest for further details.

Finances: i Congratulations to all St Ambrose's APF Red Box contributors. Total for 2006 was £3,147. All who contribute share in all the Holy Masses throughout the Missionary World. Thank you. Special thanks to our indefatigable secretary, Christine Hopkins.

ii Thank you for last week's Collection of £697.45 (Envelope scheme £ 164 Loose £523.45)

iii Donations to CAFOD totalled £3.75.

Pensioners' Party: The Revd Peter Hesketh (60+ years) and the Parish Priest (still only 59 years) are very grateful to everyone who made last Saturday night's party so memorable. Many have told us how much they enjoyed it. Thanks especially to Margaret Blizard for the lavish buffet.

A request: There will be several visitors to the Parish on June 18th/19th/20th, some travelling long distances and one or two who would appreciate the opportunity of staying overnight. If anyone would be able to help with overnight accommodation, the Parish Priest and his guests would be very grateful.