

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

BRCDTR Registered as a Charity

Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Fr Derek Edwards

Revd Thomas Ashcroft Revd Peter Hesketh Revd Dr Peter Mason (in retirement)

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide Year C Pope John Sunday Missal p 455 12th/13th May 2007

Entrance Antiphon: Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth: The Lord has set his people free, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!!

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

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord. The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever, alleluia.

Feast Days this Week Mon: St Matthias, Apostle

Next Sunday is to be celebrated as The Ascension of Our Lord. Readers and musicians please note.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon	7.30 am	Intentions of Carmen Thomas
Tues	7.30 am	Gerard O'Neill RIP
	9.15 am	Owen McPhillips RIP
Wed	7.30 am	Annie Baylie RIP
	8.30 am	Intentions of Jennifer Bush
Thurs	8.30 am	Mina May Carolan RIP
	10.30 am	Funeral: Ivan Watton RIP
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Fri	7.10 pm	Rosary 7.30 pm Esther Thompson RIP
Sat	9.00 am	(Latin) Dino Nepi RIP
	5.45 pm	Maria Libera Finella RIP
Sun	9.30 am	Intentions of Peter Conway
	3.00 pm	Deanery May Procession at Studley

Our Lady's

Mon	7.30 pm	John Power RIP (Prayer Group)
Wed	7.30 pm	Adoration until 8.30 pm (May Devotions)
Fri	9.00 – 9.45 am	Adoration 10.00 am Jo Collins RIP
Sat	9.30 am	Hubertus Cloosterman RIP
Sun	5.00 pm	Ivy Page RIP

Sacred Heart

Sun	11.30 am	The People of the Parish
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CONFESSIONS:

St Ambrose's: Saturday: 11.45 am – 12.45 pm, 6.30 pm – 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, Eric Whittaker, Ada Wall, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Eric Turner, Lillian Inseay, 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, 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 C **Offertory Counters:** Group 2

Altar Servers: **Weekday mornings:** Joseph Patrick, Harvey Kelsall

Sat 5.45 pm: Team B

Sun 9.30 am: Team A

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 5.45 pm

A Harris, R Quinn

Sun 9.30 am

A Colclough, B Galvin, P Grealy, M Holmes

Readers

A Conway

G Whitwam

Children's Liturgy: to be appointed

Our Lady's

Sun 5.00 pm

F Collins, B Gavan, J Gavan, M Hesketh

P Bowdler, M Bowdler

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.

Welcome: Parishioners from our twin town, Husum, are joining us for Mass at 9.30 am today, together with their Pastor, Friedrich Mörs, who will give an address.

Death: After many years of illness, Ivan Watton died in Worcester Hospital on Monday, shortly after receiving the Last Sacraments. He had been supported faithfully by his wife Sarah throughout his suffering. His Funeral Mass is on Thursday at 10.30 am. We offer our prayers and sympathy to Eric Baker on the death of his mother, Adelaide Wright. May they rest in peace.

Thanks: Bridget Power and family would like to thank everyone for all their prayers and support during John's long illness, and for their continued prayers, support and kindness since John passed away. We would also like to thank all those who sent Mass Cards and Sympathy Cards, with special thanks to Father Lamb and Peter Hesketh.

What Happens at Mass: Those who ordered these books are now able to collect them from our Churches.

Coffees/Teas: Will be provided in the Borrromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass today by the CMS, and next Sunday by The Ambrosians.

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

Music for Middlebrows: This evening 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.

Union of Catholic Mothers: Meets on Monday at 7.30 pm in the Borrromeo Hall. The meeting will be followed by a Meditation led by Revd Peter Hesketh. All ladies most 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 Borrromeo Hall on Tuesday, 15 May, 7.30 – 9.00 pm. No charge – retiring collection.

Friendship Club: Meets at Habberley on 16 May. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh (K748474).

Whist Drive/Bingo: Please don't forget to support the Whist Drive held every Wednesday in the Borrromeo Hall at 2.00 pm. Bingo is in the Adams Lounge on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 8.00 pm.

Ambrosian Group: The monthly shared lunch will take place in the Borrromeo Room, St Ambrose's Parish Hall, next Thursday. Please meet at 11.45. Retired and semi-retired parishioners from all three communities are all most welcome.

Spennells Area Mass: Parishioners who live in the Spennells area of the Parish are invited to St Ambrose's next Friday evening at 7.30 pm, followed by a gathering in the Adams Lounge. We hope to contact as many as possible by letter, but please make this known so that all may have the opportunity to attend. Any other parishioners are, of course, welcome to attend.

Kidderminster Operatic and Dramatic Society: Present 'Radio Kods' an evening of songs and sketches, radio-style, on Friday, 18 May at 7.30 pm at Baxter College. Tickets £6, programme and refreshments included. K638864.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Liturgy Commission Music Committee: 'Words, Music and Worship', a day for Parish readers, singers, organists and other instrumentalists of the Dudley and Kidderminster Deaneries, at Our Lady and All Saints Church, New Road, Stourbridge, on Saturday, 19 May, 11.00 am – 4.00 pm. Cost £5. Bring a packed lunch. Further information 0121-327 0505.

Kidderminster Child Contact Centre: Recruitment Day to take place on Saturday, 19 May from 2.00 – 3.00 pm 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 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 five choirs in Kidderminster Town Hall on Saturday, 19 May. 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 (K742343) and Judy Morris (K751753).

FOSAS Quiz Night: Saturday, 19 May in the Parish Hall, 7.00 pm till late. Teams of four, £2.50 per player. Please come and join in.

St Ambrose's Rambling Group: Sunday, 20 May, 1.00 pm. A 4.5 mile walk on the Clent Hills. Shade is limited, head and shoulders may need protection. Instructions to the meeting place: follow the A456 to Hagley roundabout, turn right into A491, Bromsgrove. Just after the sign for Clent/Lower Clent look for the lay-by on the left. Any queries, contact Tom Wilson (K863639).

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, 20 May at 3.00 pm. The Parish grounds and conservatory will be available for picnics from 1.00 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 this list so that we may know whether or not to hire a coach.

Congratulations: Last Sunday the Bowling Club arranged the dedication of a covered row of seats at the top end of the Bowling Green. It has been erected in memory of Ray Harris, who enjoyed the sport and the friendship of the Bowling Club members. It is a worthy memorial of a very distinguished and valued parishioner. May he rest in peace.

Parish Finances:

- i. CAFOD Bucket Collection: This week CAFOD has drawn attention to the ongoing situation in Chad and Darfur. They say the emergency is getting worse by the day and there is a need to raise £3m, not only for Chad and Darfur but also Kenya, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. To enable the Parish to support this appeal there will be a bucket collection after each Mass this weekend. Please be as generous as possible.
- ii. 200 Club: The winners of the prizes for the April Draw are Dr Tim Heywood (No 107) and Sylvia Kealey (No 53). Congratulations.
- iii. The Offertory last week was £634.01 (envelope scheme £244.10; loose £409.91), for which many thanks.
- iv. Donations to CAFOD were £12.47

Silver Jubilee: On 19 June the Parish Priest will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. There will be a Mass in honour of Our Lady in St Ambrose's on that evening at 7.00 pm, and a party in the Hall and garden afterwards. There will be some invited guests, but the Parish Priest hopes that all parishioners will feel able to attend and enjoy the evening. Thanks to all those who have offered accommodation for those who will be coming from far away. Any further offers of accommodation will be gratefully received. Thank you.