

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 Peter Hesketh
 In Retirement: Revd Dr Peter Mason, Revd Thomas Ashcroft

First Sunday in Lent Year A Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p 189 9th/10th February 2008

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.

Response to the Psalm: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory. Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Preface, Eucharistic Prayer, Memorial Acclamation: as appointed by the Celebrant.

Communion Antiphon: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Feast Days this Week: **Mon:** Our Lady of Lourdes **Thurs:** SS Cyril and Methodius
Fri: Lent Fast Day for the Hungry and Needy of the World.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon	7.30 am	Intentions of Michael Hodges	
Tues	7.30 am	Albert Packwood RIP	
	9.00 am	Francesco Vaccaro RIP	
Wed	9.00 am	Reenagh Burns RIP	
	7.30 pm	Ada Wall RIP	
Thurs	9.00 am	Lucy Dudzinski RIP	7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Fri	7.10 pm	Rosary	7.30 pm Intentions of Kathy Byrne
Sat	9.00 am	(Old Rite) Biddy O'Reilly RIP	
	5.45 pm	Anthony Griffin RIP	
Sun	9.30 am	Intentions of Sr Maureen Fay	

Our Lady's

Mon	7.30 pm	Audrey Ray RIP (Prayer Group)	
Fri	9.30 – 10.15 am	Adoration	Mass 10.30 am Arthur Wareham RIP
Sat	10.30 am	John Kerrigan RIP	
Sun	5.00 pm	The People of the Parish	
	6.30 pm	The Stations of the Cross	

Sacred Heart

Sun 11.30 am Richard Jones RIP

CONFESSIONS: ***St Ambrose's:*** 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, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Lillian Inasley, Jean Legierski, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, 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, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley, Jean McHugh, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean. Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Helen Drew, Simon Sadler, Con Griffin, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Bill Perry, Nora Collins, Jennifer Bush, Anthony Georgieff, Joan Wareham, Steven Mitchell, Linda Button, Ellen Patton, Fernanda Maffei, Gertraud and Dominik Chrzan, Kathleen Mellsop, Shirley Hale, Francesca Marciante, Pat Quinn, Michael Hodges, Frank Kane, Connie Maund, Fr David Higham, John Freeman, Eileen Postans, Joan Bone, Baby Holly, Janet Richards and Phil Eady.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Church Cleaners: Team B **Offertory Counters:** Group 1 **Children's Liturgy:** to be appointed

Altar Servers:

Weekday mornings: Rocco Mitchell, George Phillips

Sat 5.45 pm: Dylan Aresu, Guiseppe Cosenza, Ethan Davies, Aiden Jimenez, George Phillips, George Preston

Sun 9.30 am: Senior Servers and James Bennison, Reginald Greatbatch, Elliott and Harvey Kensall, Giorgio and Santino Scrocca

Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

Sat 5.45 pm	A Harris, T Webb	H Berry
Sun 9.30 am	C Duncombe, C Geraghty, T Hart, P Lay	S de Beer

Our Lady's

Sun 5.00 pm	H Bearne, J Norwood, K Norwood, A McDermott	J Walker, J Keetch
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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.

The Rite of Election: Today, at St Chad's Cathedral, the Archbishop will meet all the people from around the Diocese who intend to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil. There are four members of our Parish who will be attending with their Parish Mentors: Andrew Evans (with Tim Haywood), Cheryl Manley (with Anne Conway), Kate Oxenham (with Cathy Kneuss) and Lisa Walker (with Ann Harris). Please pray for them.

Roman Vestments: The very elegant Roman Vestments worn last Sunday have been made for the Parish by Janina Kowalik. We are very grateful.

Mere Catholicism: This is the title of one of the best books I have ever read on the Catholic Faith. It is the work of Fr Ian Ker, Parish Priest of Burford (in this Diocese). I cannot recommend it too highly. I am prepared to order copies for those who sign the lists in our Churches.

St Ambrose's Shop: Thanks to a group of parents, our shop has been re-ordered and a new group of parishioners are taking responsibility for running it.

New opening times: **Saturday** 4:30 pm until Mass and afterwards until 7:00 pm. **Sunday** 9:00 am until Mass and afterwards until 11:30 am. **Thursday** 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm (for use mainly by school Mums). We are looking into expanding our stocks, and are also looking into hiring special occasion wear. A Suggestion Box will be set up this week, and a new ordering service installed within the next two weeks.

Church Cleaning: One hour once a month is all that is required of you to keep our Church clean. If you would like to join one of the cleaning groups please ring K 69783.

Friends of St Ambrose's School: Help raise money for FOSAS. Do you have a home or business computer? St Ambrose's Catholic Primary School has started using Everyclick, a great new search engine that helps raise money for charity. It's free to use, and works just like other major search engines such as Google, but every time you search it raises 1p for St Ambrose's School. Visit www.everyclick.com, under 'Charities' search for 'Friends of St Ambrose School'; fill in your details to become a 'Fundraiser'. It's as simple as that! Please help us! Make Everyclick your default search engine or your homepage. The more people who use it the more money we will raise for the school. For help or more information contact Rachel Joyner (01562) 742998.

Lately Dead: Brend Donovan, of Lorne Street, died suddenly on Tuesday evening. She was not a member of the Catholic Church but asked particularly for her funeral to be from our Church. We are grateful to be able to offer hospitality to her family. Her Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, 19 February at 10:45 am.

Coffees/Teas: provided in the Adams Lounge after 9.30 am Mass today by the Rainbows, and next Sunday by the CMS.

Called to be Saints: Our programme is nearing its end. On Tuesday at 7.45 pm in Church our subject will be St Teresa of Avila and other notable female saints of the 16th and 17th Centuries. We end with night prayer.

CAFOD Lecture: There will be a talk by Sr Gladys Dimaku (a medical Missionary of Mary) at St George's Church Hall, Sansome Place, Worcester, on Tuesday, 12 February at 7:30 pm. Sr Gladys will be showing pictures and talking about her work as Health Co-ordinator in Nigeria.

Friendship Club: Meets at Habberley on Wednesday, 13 February. Please let us know for catering purposes if you would like to come. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh on K 748474.

Whist Drive: Everyone is welcome to join the Whist Drive in the Adams Lounge every Wednesday at 2:00 pm, and also to play Bingo on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: 15 February 2008. CAFOD envelopes will be available in Churches this week. Please share what you can with some of the poorest communities worldwide. Don't forget to fill in the Gift Aid details if you are a taxpayer.

Club News: A reminder of the forthcoming events in the Adams Lounge. Next Friday, 15 February, Rob Cotgrave will host one of his famous Quiz Nights, with questions on all subjects but none too difficult. Please be ready for a prompt start at 8:00 pm. The following week is a Night at the Races, which is being run by Martin Stooke. Have a bet or two, enjoy a pint; even those not able to come can support this evening by buying a stake in one of the horses (£1.50). On 29 February there is a Darts Knockout, promoted by John Quinn. There has been a large response to this event, but there is still an opportunity to enter.

Kidderminster Valentines: The first concert in our 25th Anniversary year is on Saturday, 16 February at Kidderminster Town Hall, at 7:30 pm, and we would love to see you there. Also appearing are the Aber Valley MVC, soprano Kiera Lyness and concert pianist Jonathan French. Tickets: Balcony £10, Hall £8, from Pam Cunningham (K 630914) or Shirley Keogh (K 742343)

Parish Ramble: Sunday, 17 February, 12 noon. Meet at first left-hand parking space after Button Oak Village (after white cottage). Approximately 1½ hours ... could be muddy. Any queries 'phone Peter and Maureen (01299) 269233..

Cardinal Newman: 21st February is kept every year as a day of prayer for the Beatification of Cardinal Newman. Thursday, 21 February 2008 is the 207th Anniversary of the Cardinal's birth. This year there will be a Service of Music, Preaching and Prayer, commencing at 7:30 pm, at the Oratory Church, Edgbaston. The subject of the talks will be 'Newman on Lent'. Guest Organist Dr Francis Jackson CBE, Organist Emeritus of York Minister.

Diocesan Award: The Archbishop will present the Diocesan Award Ubi Caritas at an evening Mass in St Chad's Cathedral on 25 June to Mrs Lynne Marshall, for her years of service to education at Holy Trinity, as our Headmistress for three years; for her services to us as a School Governor, and for her exemplary Christian life in the Wyre Forest Community.

Finances:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £835.72 (envelope scheme £222.15, loose £613.57).
- ii. Donations to Catholic Education Council are £137.93, so far
- iii. Donations to CAFOD were £50.34
- iv. We acknowledge with gratitude a generous donation of £100.
- v. Next Friday is Lenten Fast Day for the Needy and Hungry of the World. The Collection will be taken up next Sunday.
- vi. Congratulations to the winners of the prizes for the January Draw 2008, Sheila Skitt (No 137) and Jennifer Bush (No 29).

Lent: There are many opportunities for us to grow closer to God and to others during Lent: an extra Mass in the week going to Confession being reconciled to others some Lenten reading (Walk with Me, or from the CTS rack) making the Stations of the Cross spending some time in Eucharistic Adoration ... joining a Lent Discussion Group Lent Fast Day on 15 February there is surely something for each of us.