

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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Fifth Sunday Year B
2009

Psalter Week 1

Pope John Sunday Missal p 753

7th/8th February

Entrance Antiphon: Come. Let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God.
Response to the Psalm: Praise to the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.
Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! He took our sicknesses away, and carried our diseases for us. Alleluia!
Preface: as appointed **Eucharistic Prayer:** as appointed **Memorial Acclamation:** as appointed
Communion Antiphon: Give praise to the Lord for his kindness, for his wonderful deeds towards men. He has filled the hungry with good things, he has satisfied the thirsty.

Feast Days this Week: **Tues:** St Scholastica **Thurs:** Our Lady of Lourdes **Sat:** SS Cyril and Methodius

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon	7.30 am	Intentions of May Williams
Tues	7.30 am	Intentions of Jim and Carmen Thomas
	9.15 am	Mr and Mrs J McGarry RIP
Wed	8.30 am	Audrey Ray (Anniversary)
	7.00 pm	Ronald and Elsie May Duncombe RIP
Thurs	11.00 am	Funeral: Elizabeth Holloway RIP
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Fri	2.00 pm	Funeral: Mario Mazzone RIP
	7.10 pm	Rosary 7:30 pm Clare Thomas RIP
Sat	9.00 am	(Old Rite) Anthony O'Dowd RIP
	3.00 pm	Marriage: Janet Bennett and Aaron Marshall
	5.45 pm	Rita Vaccaro RIP
Sun	9.30 am	Arthur Wareham (Anniversary)

Our Lady's

Mon	7.30 pm	Intentions of Michelle Hamm
Fri	9.00 – 10.00 am	Adoration 10.15 am Intentions of Revd Roger Jones
Sat	10.00 am	Sheila Beahan RIP
Sun	5.00 pm	The People of the Parish RIP

Sacred Heart

Sun	11.30 am	The Holy Souls
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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 Mass

Sacred Heart: By request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar servers for morning Mass:

Edward Haywood, Owen Malcolmson-Priest

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's	Sat	5.45 pm	A Harris, A Nicholls
	Sun	9.30 am	A Colclough, D Duncombe, P Grealy, M Holmes
Our Lady's	Sun	5.00 pm	P Collins, J da Costa, M Hesketh, J Scully
Sacred Heart	Sun	11.30 am	M Peyton

Readers

T Alexander
C Beaumont
B Gavan, A McDermott
The Stanleys

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team B

Offertory Counters: Group 5

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: William Patrick Bannister, Anthony Piechowicz, Jumper Collins, Elizabeth Westwood, Sylvia Jay, Vera Farley, Gene Whitwam, Martin Cahill, Eric Whittaker, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Jean Legierski, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Bill Nicholl, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Pat Norris, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean, Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Helen Drew, Con Griffin, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Anthony Georgieff, Joan Wareham, Steven Mitchell, Linda Button, Fernanda Maffei, Gertraud Chrzan, Nora Collins, Jennifer Bush, Kathleen Mellsop, Shirley Hale, Francesca Marciante, Pat Quinn, Frank Kane, Connie Maund, John Freeman, Eileen Postans, Joan Bone, Janet Richards, Phil Eady, Joni Dunlea, Brigid Bradbury, Peter McQuillan, Felicity Librie, Sr Maureen Fay, May Williams, Baby Samways, Marjorie Johnson, Magda Morris, Mary Roberts (mother of Elaine Yates, our headmistress), Joan Field, Michela Butera, Margaret George, Revd Roger Jones, Anthea Speers, Nancy Ruffinato, Patricia Virr, Giaconda Salsano, Lawrence Speers, Michael Maffei, Tina Hawkins and Michelle Hamm.

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Marriage: Appropriately, our first Marriage of the year is next Saturday, St Valentine's Day. Please pray for the future happiness of Janet Bennett and Aaron Marshall.

Lately Dead: Mario Mazzone, of Cavendish Drive, died peacefully at home last Sunday, surrounded by his family. His funeral Mass is on Friday, prior to burial in the Cemetery. The funeral of Elizabeth Holloway, whose death was announced last week, will be on Thursday.

Funerals: The Parish owes a considerable debt to those who so faithfully serve our funeral Masses, and assist at our funeral liturgies, giving them enhanced dignity. We are grateful to Michael Bradley, Leo Kealey and John Parker, well supported by Albert Barr. We also thank Jean Bullock, for all her work in preparing our Church and re-ordering it afterwards.

First Holy Communion: Our programme of preparation began last Wednesday, and it was wonderful to see our children with their families, Catechists, teachers and Deacon working together. Please pray for the success of our preparation.

Coffees/Teas: Today in the Borromeo Hall after 9:30 am Mass by the Choir, and next Sunday by the Ambrosians.

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

Year of St Paul: As our year of Bible Study on St Paul nears its end, we shall meet again on Tuesday in the Montini Room at 8.20 pm to consider the three passages that are used as Canticles in the Divine Office – Ephesians 1:3-10, Colossians 1:12-20, Philippians 2:6-11. These meetings have been excellent, and, even at this late stage, worth attending.

Catholic Men's Society: The Worcester District Council meets on Wednesdays at St Ambrose's, after Mass at 7.00 pm. Please note the change of venue.

Tenbury Agricultural Society: Our parishioners are invited to attend the 150th Anniversary Service of the Tenbury Agricultural Society in St Mary's, Tenbury on Thursday, 12 February at 7.30 pm. The Parish Priest has accepted an invitation to be present.

Ramblers' Group: We meet on 15 February at 12 noon in the car park of Holy Family Church, Bewdley, for a four-mile walk which could be muddy in parts. If you would like to be booked in for lunch afterwards at The Little Packhorse please let me know in advance. Everyone welcome. Heather Bearne (01562) 754437.

Mass for the Sick: Please join for Mass next Sunday at 5:00 pm, when those who are sick, elderly or normally housebound will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. The Principal Celebrant and preacher will be Fr John Laybourn (Parish Priest of Our Lady and St Wulstan, Southam, and Chaplain to Warwick Hospital). Please offer lifts to anyone who may wish to attend; and notify the Rectory if transport is needed. Lists are in our Kidderminster Churches for offers of refreshments (especially items that are savoury and/or sweet). Thank you.

Friendship Club: Meets again at Habberley on 18 February. If you would like to come, please let us know by Sunday, 15 February. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh on K 748474.

Music and Quiz Night: In the Adams Lounge on Friday, 20 February. This should be an especially enjoyable night for families. More details later.

Cause of Cardinal Newman: The annual Musical Oratory on the anniversary of Cardinal Newman's birthday will not take place this year. Instead the combined choirs of the Oratory School, Woodcote and the Oratory Preparatory School will sing First Vespers and Benediction on the Sunday before Lent (7th week of Ordinary Time) at the Oratory Church, Edgbaston at 4.00 pm on Saturday, 21 February 2009. This is to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Founding of the Oratory School here in 1859. There will be a cup of tea available between 3 – 3.45 pm in the Lower Cloister Hall.

Days of Recollection: The lists remain in our Churches for those wishing to attend one (or both) of our Lent Days of Recollection, on 7 March and 21 March, at the Sacred Heart Church in Tenbury. Depart St Ambrose's 9.50 am for a start at 10.30 am. Conclusion at 4.00 pm. A packed lunch will be necessary.

Finances:

- i There will be a collection today for the Catholic Education Council.
- ii Thank you for last week's Offertory of £817.29 (Envelope Scheme £274.62, Loose £542.67).
- v Donations to CAFOD were £2.57.
- vi Our subscribers to the Priests' Training Fund have raised a further £181.
- v We have received two further donations, amounting to £30, in memory of Miss Marky Davis.

Friends of the Holy Land: The wonderful events of that first Christmas in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago fill us with excitement and joy. Perhaps it was no accident that Christ chose to be born in one of the most consistently troubled parts of the world. Today the Holy Land is still a very hard place to live for many people, but it is arguably most difficult for the rapidly shrinking number of Christians there. Several of us have seen the conditions they live under first hand on recent diocesan pilgrimages and we want to do what we can to help. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has formed a new initiative called The Friends of the Holy Land; and our own Archbishop Vincent is one of the patrons. Here, a Wyre Forest Group has just been formed, and we meet next to choose which projects to support and to plan our activities, in the presbytery at St Wulstan's, Stourport at 7.45 pm on Tuesday, 10 February. If you are interested in this venture and would like to find out more, please come.