

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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

In preparation: Charles Duncombe, Adam Nicholls.

Fourth Sunday Year C Psalter Week 4 Pope John Sunday Missal p.882. Week ending January 30th/31st, 2010

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: M. St Brigid, T. The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), W. St Blaise, F. St Agatha, S. SS Paul Miki and Companion Martyrs.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

ST. AMBROSE'S

Monday	8.30 a.m.	Mario Mazzone (Anniv)	
Tuesday	8.30 a.m.	Anthony Nicholl RIP	10.30 a.m. Funeral: Maria Gualano RIP
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.	William O'Mahony (Anniv)	1.00 p.m. Funeral: Connie Maund RIP
Thursday	8.30 a.m.	Patrick McHugh RIP	7.30 p.m. Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45 p.m.)
Friday	11.15 a.m.	Funeral: Christine Barber RIP	
	7.10 p.m.	Rosary	7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
Saturday	9.00 a.m.	(Old Rite) Anthony Cleary RIP	5.45 p.m. Giorgio Scrocca RIP
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Noel O'Neill RIP	

OUR LADY'S

Monday	7.30 p.m.	HOLY COMMUNION	
Friday	9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Adoration	10.00 a.m. Jim Nolan RIP
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Brenda Blackler Lonka RIP	
Sunday	5.00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving (Page)	

SACRED HEART

Thursday	2.00 p.m.	Funeral: Lucy Rochford RIP	
Sunday	11.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish	

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's : Saturday: 11.45am-12.45pm 6.30pm-7.00pm and by request.
Our Lady's : Saturday: after Mass.
Sacred Heart : By request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Tommy Patrick, George Phillips

		Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
St Ambrose's	Saturday 5.45 pm:	A Harris, B McFarland	P Male
	Sunday 9.30 am:	M Bradley, C Geraghty, T Hart, P Lay	K Joyner
Our Lady's	Sunday 5.00 pm:	J DaCosta, B Gavan, J Gavan, P Standing	K Kelly, H Bearne
Sacred Heart	Sunday 11.30 am:	M Peyton	J Moore

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team A

Offertory Counters: Group 8

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:

Dorothy Atwell, Christopher Aylott, William Patrick Bannister, Peggy Baynton, Paene Birch, Rita Blaker, Joan Bone, Dorothy Breese, Linda Button, Rene Caulfield, Jumper Collins, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Kitty Cooper, Mary Cull, Eamonn Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Muriel Godsell, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Veronica Jones, Cathy Kneuss, Cyril Laskey, Jean Legierski, Felicity Librie, Richard Lindoe, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda & Michael Maffei, Natalina Maffei, Giuseppe Marcianti, Kathleen Mellisop, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Bill Nicholl, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Bill O'Donnell, Bill Pardoe, Eileen Postans, Janet Richards, Gianconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Anthea Speers, Laurence Speers, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey, Patricia Virr, Joe & Joan Whitfield, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, and May Williams.

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, Lord our God, and gather us together from the nations, that we may proclaim your holy name and glory in your praise.

Response to the Psalm: My lips will tell of your help.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared..... Alleluia!

Preface of Sundays iv: p. 564. **Eucharistic Prayer III:** p. 579. **Memorial Acclamation: II.**

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant, and save me by your love. Lord, keep me from shame, for I have called to you.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST: The Priests we are asked to remember this week are as follows:

Mon: Fr Timothy Menezes, Parish Priest of St Thomas More's, Coventry.

Tue: Fr Nazarius Mgunge, a priest from Malawi, working in the Potteries.

Wed: Fr Patrick Mileham, Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Burntwood.

Thur: Fr Norman Millard, now retired after many years as Chaplain to the Oratory Schools.

Fri: Fr Christopher Miller, assistant priest in King's Heath.

Sat: Fr Michael Miners, of St Mary's, Brewood, who is to give our Autumn Day of Recollection at Our Lady's.

Sun: Fr Johnny Moore, whose main work is as Chaplain to Long Lartin Prison, near his Parish in Bidford.

PRAYERS: Please pray for Helen Scott's father, **Peter Corti**, who died on January 22nd. He lectured at the College in Kidderminster 1968-1984. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY: Next Sunday is the anniversary of the death in 1940 of **Canon Charles Ambrose Wheatley**, our most distinguished Parish Priest (1885-1908).

TEAS AND COFFEES: will be provided in the Borromeo room after 9.30 am Mass today by FOSAS and next Sunday by the Pre-School Group.

HABBERLEY PACT: At Our Lady & St Pius X on Tuesday, 2nd February at 6.30pm. Lifts available and tea/coffee. All Habberley residents welcome.

SHARING FAITH: On Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Montini Room we shall discuss the most important topic of all – **Prayer in the Christian Life**. Everyone welcome.

WHIST DRIVE/BINGO: All are welcome to join our whist players every Wednesday in the Borromeo Hall at 2.00pm. Experience is not necessary. A reminder, too, of Bingo in the Adams Lounge on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8.00pm.

OUR LADY'S COMMUNITY 40TH ANNIVERSARY: The Planning meeting for this significant year will be at Our Lady's on Wednesday, February 3rd. Blessing of Throats in honour of St Blaise at 7.30pm followed by the meeting, to which all parishioners are invited.

ADORATION & ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS: Saturday, 6th February at Our Lady's 9.00am-9.45am.

WORLD IN UNION PARTY: Celebrating our multi-national Parish family will be held on Saturday, 6th February at 7.30pm. If possible come and display your national costume with pride and enjoy performances of song and dance. Take a poster and reach out to others who will be welcome to join us. Tickets £5 – adults, £1 – children. Profits sent to 'Light of Maasai' a Kenyan charity supported by St Ambrose's. To book your place, or to find out more about the evening or about the charity, please phone Madeleine Roy on K. 822189.

OLD RITE: A Missa Cantata in the Old Rite will be sung at Harvington next Sunday at 3.00pm. There is a Low Mass in the Old Rite each Saturday in St Ambrose's at 9.00am. Books available.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Day will be Saturday, 12th June (Mass at 12 noon). Parents of children in Year 3 (and of those aged 7+ years who do not attend St Ambrose's School) are invited to the Inaugural Meeting in the School Hall on Tuesday, 9th February at 6.30pm. Names will be registered that evening.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: The Annual General Meeting of the Worcester District Council will be held at St Wulstan's, Stourport-on-Severn on Wednesday, February 10th at 7.30pm. All Kidderminster Brothers are asked to attend this important meeting.

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT TO THE DEANERY: The Archbishop will make his first visit to our Deanery on Thursday, February 11th. He will be in our Parish during the morning and, after lunch, he will visit the Worcester Deanery. At 4.30pm he will meet the Clergy of the two Deaneries, and pray with them, Parishioners are invited to join for Mass in St George's, Worcester at 7.00pm. If sufficient demand is forthcoming, we shall arrange transport from St Ambrose's. Please indicate intended attendance on lists at the back of our churches.

KIDDERMINSTER VALENTINES: The Kidderminster Valentines invite you to their Annual Concert on Saturday, February 13th, at Kidderminster Town Hall at 7.30pm. The West Mercia Police Band are also appearing, and the concert is supporting Kemp Hospice and Acorns Hospice. Tickets – Balcony £9 and Hall £8.50 from Mrs Pam Cunningham 01562 630914, Shirley Keogh 01562 742343 and Judy Morris 01562 751753.

MASS FOR THE SICK: Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be at Our Lady's on Sunday, February 14th at 5.00pm. We hope to have a visiting preacher, and refreshments afterwards. We rely on SVP members, Eucharistic Ministers, families and fellow parishioners to ensure that as many sick and elderly parishioners as possible have the opportunity to attend. Please let all of us be generous in offering lifts and giving encouragement.

PARISH RAMBLING GROUP: Following the recent meeting, the following decisions have been made. 1) The rambles will continue to take place on the **THIRD** weekend of every month. 2) The day will vary between Saturday and Sunday. Some summer Saturday rambles may be further afield and 'all day' rambles taking picnic lunch; Sunday rambles will now start at **12.30pm**. 3) Each ramble is led by a volunteer from the group who will decide between Saturday and Sunday and will ensure that full details of day, time, place to meet and approx. length of walk will be notified in the Parish newsletter at least one week ahead. We hope that this will enable parishioners and others to find a day/time to suit them so that we can encourage new ramblers to join us. For any further details or offers of leading a walk please contact Chris Vass (K.630949; email - chris.vass@blueyonder.co.uk). The next ramble will be on Sunday 21st February – details nearer the date.

RITE OF ELECTION: There may be members of our Congregation who have been attending our Sharing Faith Group, or who have been receiving instruction from fellow parishioners who wish to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil. They are asked to make themselves known to the Parish Priest as soon as possible.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Thanks to Veronica Cartwright and Kate Fish who have agreed to help in the preparation of families for Baptism. The next preparation meeting will be in the Montini Room on Monday, February 22nd at 7.00pm. In line with the Church tradition, there will not be any Baptisms arranged during Lent.

FINANCES:

- i. This week we welcome a member of the Missionary Society of St Columban who will appeal at all Masses for support in the work of his Order.
- ii. Catholic Schools make a valuable contribution to the wellbeing of our catholic community and indeed to the nation. There will be a retiring collection next Sunday after all Masses for the Catholic Education Service which advises the Church on policy and governance for all schools and is a resource for them.
- iii. Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank everyone who supported the Pie & Pint Charity Lunch last Sunday. It was a lovely day and was enjoyed by everyone and it was good to see parishioners from all the churches enjoying time together. We raised a total amount of £542.61. Well done and thank you.
- iv. Thank you for last week's offertory of £1037.76 (Loose £693.26, Envelope Scheme £344.50).
- v. Donations to CAFOD were £69.85.
- vi. Our Pro-Life total is £326.06, which will be forwarded to LIFE and SPUC.
- vii. The Ambrosian Group has donated £170. Thank you.