

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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 SACRED HEART & OUR LADY Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

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In Retirement: Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Dr Peter Mason

In Preparation: Charles Duncombe, Adam Nicholls

Second Sunday in Lent C Psalter Week 2 Pope John Sunday Missal p 242 27th/28th February 2010

Feast Days this Week: **Monday:** St David **Tuesday:** St Chad, Patron of the Archdiocese

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon	7.30 am	Anne Edwards (Anniversary)
Tues	8.30 am	Angelo Vaccaro RIP
Wed	9.15 am	The Garcia Family
Thurs	8.30 am	Philip Hopkins (Anniversary)
	11.00 am	Funeral: Elsie May Clarkin RIP
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 10:00 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Fri	7.10 pm	Rosary 7:30 pm Holy Communion
Sat	9.00 am	(Old Rite) James Alphonsus Greene (Anniversary)
	5.45 pm	Thomas Geraghty (Anniversary)
Sun	9.30 am	The People of the Parish
	3.00 pm	Missa Cantata (Old Rite) Fr Thomas Fullerton (Anniversary)
	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's

Mon	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Fri	9.00 – 9.45 am	Adoration 10.00 am Intentions of Peter and Teresa Picken (Golden Wedding)
Sat	10.00 am	Edward Rubalcaba
Sun	5.00 pm	Connie Maund RIP
	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart

No Stations of the Cross on Friday because of Women's World Day of Prayer

Sun	11.30 am	Intentions of Ruth Widdows
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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: Callum Charles, Giuseppe Cosenza

		Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	
St Ambrose's	Sat	5.45 pm	C Ellwood, T Webb	S Baylie
	Sun	9.30 am	M Bradley, A Colclough, T Hart, M Roy	C Vass
Our Lady's	Sun	5.00 pm	H Bearne, J da Costa, A McDermott, B Taylor	K Nicholls, C Villa
Sacred Heart	Sun	11.30 am	M Peyton	J Hughes

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team A **Offertory Counters:** Group 4

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, Maria and Mykola Barchuk, Peggy Baynton, 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, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Cyril Laskey, Jean Legierski, Felicity Librie, Richard Lindoe, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Natalina Maffei, Giuseppe Marciante, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Bill Nicholl, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Bill O'Donnell, Bill Pardoe, Eileen Postans, Janet Richards, Giaconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Lawrence Speers, Marie Stokes, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey Patricia Virr, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, May Williams.

Entrance Antiphon: Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O god deliver Israel from all her distress.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel acclamation: Glory and Praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him". Glory and Praise to you, O Christ!

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Communion Antiphon: This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered as a Charity BRC DTR 234216

Welcome: We are privileged to welcome His Grace, the Archbishop, to our Parish. He will be the Principal Celebrant at Mass this Saturday evening.

Thanks: We have received a letter from the Executors of Lucy Rochford, who express their gratitude for our part in her Funeral at the Sacred Heart Church in Tenbury. They appreciated the attendance and support of our regular congregation who knew Lucy for many years.

Marriage: Please pray for Beth Jensen and Gavin Dvellys, who are to marry in St Ambrose's on Sunday afternoon. May God bless them in the years ahead.

Requiescant: The Funeral Mass for Elsie May Clarkin, of Baxter Avenue (whose death was announced last week) will be at St Ambrose's on Thursday at 11:00 am, prior to burial in the cemetery. Paene Birch, of Coreley, (a member of our Tenbury community) died at home in the early hours of Wednesday morning. She was ill for just a few weeks and was able to receive the Sacrament of the Sick at Our Lady's earlier this month.

Teas/Coffees: provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9:30 Mass today by the Children's Liturgy Group, next Sunday by the Choir.

Stations of the Cross: This Devotion will take place in both our Kidderminster Churches this evening at 6:30 pm. There will not be Stations of the Cross on Friday because of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

Music for Middlebrows: A selection of music, chosen by participants in the style of a Concert programme, will be played in the Borromeo Hall this evening from 7:45 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Sharing Faith: Our topic for discussion in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7:45 pm is Authority in the Church. These have been very enjoyable evenings, to which everyone is invited.

Cardinal Newman: *'The Spiritual Themes of Cardinal Newman'* 7:15 pm, Tuesday 9 March at St Wulstan's, Stourport-on-Severn. Whilst in Rome, studying for ordination, Newman was attracted by the spirituality of the Oratorians, which led him subsequently to found the first English Oratory at Maryvale. We are delighted to welcome the Provost of the Birmingham Oratory, Fr Richard Duffield, who will share with us his insights into the spiritual themes that were the basis of Newman's preaching and teaching and life as a pastor.

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 also of Bingo in the Adams Lounge on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 pm.

Women's World Day of Prayer: The Service in Kidderminster will be at the Salvation Army Citadel in Jerusalem Walk on Friday at 10:30 am, to be addressed by Major Snell. In Tenbury, the Service will be at St May's Church at 3:00 pm. Our Parish will be well represented – Juliana Hughes will lead the Service, and the speakers will be Liz and Norman Taylor, who will speak of their missionary experiences in Cameroon Republic.

Austerity Lunch: The next lunch in support of Christian Aid will be at St Mary's on Sunday, 7 March at 12:30 pm. Intending participants are asked to sign the list on the notice board.

Old Rite at St Ambrose's: We have our usual Low Mass next Saturday at 9:00 am; and the Missa Cantata will be in our own Church here at 3:00 pm on Sunday. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

First Holy Communion: The Mass of Commitment for the families preparing for First Holy Communion will be in St Ambrose's next Saturday at 5:45 pm.

Novena to St Joseph: 10th – 18th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Each year the Mill Hill Community prepares for the feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers. Prayer is the foundation of all mission work, both in this country and abroad and the Novena is a great way of building links of prayer across the world. For a free Novena booklet to enable you to join them from home by praying the daily Novena prayer, please write to Fr Denis Treacy, Mill Hill Missionaries, PO Box 3608, Maidenhead SL6 7UK or email novena@millhillmissionaries.com

St Patrick's Night: Saturday, 20 March, 8 – late. Back by popular demand, we have Martin Stooke, who will host our celebrations this year. Come along and enjoy an evening of music, dance, Riverdance and much, much more. Tickets £5 (to include buffet) available from the Rectory, the Adams Lounge or Anne Conway (K753997). Everyone welcome.

Marriage Preparation 2010: A one-day course has been arranged in the Parish on Saturday, 27 March, in the Borromeo Hall from 10:30 am to 6:00 pm approximately. Please contact Fr Lamb.

Finances:

- i Our collection last week raised £1064.63 (Envelope scheme £345.20, Loose £719.43)
- ii Please give CAFOD Lent Fast Day contributions to the retiring collection
- iii Collection next Sunday for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral.

Publications: The Universe is offering two special publications

'The Vatican (Past and Present)' at £3.50 – a glossy A4 colour publication, featuring stunning artwork and photography. As well as making fascinating reading it will be an excellent keepsake or gift, including features such as a Vatican virtual tour of St Peter's Basilica, Papal vestments, the newly restored Pauline Chapel and much more.

'Pius XII – a Saint in the Making'. Few Popes through history will elicit such an immediate reaction as the Venerable Pope Pius XII. Catholics and non-Catholics alike will instantly split into pro- and anti-Pius camps at the very mention of his name. Yet this was not always the case. Immediately after the Second World War Pope Pius was widely lauded throughout the world. Statesmen and world leaders fell over themselves in heaping praise on the Holy Father, and the Chief Rabbi of Rome himself converted to Catholicism, taking the baptismal name Eugenio in his honour. In this biographical study Michael Winterbottom looks at the fascinating life of this most patrician yet humble Pope, and looks at what led to the start of a virtual industry, an industry with the sole aim of defaming the memory of Pope Pius XII. This 104-page book, priced at only £4.99, also contains some wonderful archive photographs, many from the annals of The Universe Catholic Weekly.

A third is *'A St Joseph Prayer Book'*, a 64-page booklet produced along the same lines as other very popular Family Publications prayer books about Lourdes, St Thérèse of Lisieux and the Curé of Ars, with which you may already be familiar. This new prayer book contains popular as well as lesser-known prayers to St Joseph, and litanies and novenas etc. The prayers are accompanied by scriptural texts and quotations from the saints and from recent Popes. One of the striking features of these new booklets is the beauty of the sacred artwork, printed in full colour. The images are combined with the texts and prayers, old and new, which together offer a wealth of spiritual material that is conducive to mediation and prayer. If we order 40 copies the price is £2 per copy.

The Year of the Priest: Thanks to everyone for praying for our Priests faithfully during this important year. The Priests we are remembering this week are:

- Mon: Fr John Nolan, absent from the Diocese at the moment.
- Tues: Fr Anthony Norton, Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart, Coventry.
- Wed: Fr Peter Norton, recently appointed to St Joseph's, Warndon, Worcester,
- Thurs: Fr Jan Nowotnik, Now Parish Priest of St Brigid's, Northfield.
- Fri: Fr David Oakley, directing Parish and Family Catechesis from his Parish in Maryvale.
- Sat: Fr John O'Brien, at St Michael's, Moor Street, in the centre of Birmingham.
- Sun: Fr Timothy O'Brien, a Sacred Heart Father, who runs St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury, nr Leamington.