

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

Parish Clergy : Fr Douglas Lamb, Fr Derek Edwards, Revd. Peter Hesketh

In retirement : Revd. Thomas Ashcroft, Revd. Dr Peter Mason In preparation : Charles Duncombe, Adam Nicholls

Fourth Sunday in Eastertide Year (C) Psalter Week 4 Pope John Sunday Missal pg.447 Week Ending April 24th/25th 2010

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Th. St Catherine of Siena F. Pope St Pius V S. St Joseph the Worker

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

ST AMBROSE'S

Monday	8.30 a.m.	Anthony Cleary RIP	
Tuesday	8.30 a.m.	Emma Bostock RIP	
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.	Giuseppe Corbo (Anniversary)	
Thursday	8.30 a.m.	Mina May Corolan RIP	
	7.30 p.m.	Adoration until 10 p.m. (Compline 9.45 p.m.)	
Friday	7.10 p.m.	Rosary	7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
Saturday	9.00 a.m.	(Old Rite) Mary Kathleen Greene (Anniversary)	
	5.45 p.m.	Dave Harris RIP	
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Margaret George RIP	6.30 p.m. May Devotions

OUR LADY'S

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	
Friday	9.00 – 9.45 a.m.	Adoration	10.00 a.m. James Lloyd RIP
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Jumper Collins RIP	
Sunday	5.00 p.m.	Holy Souls (In Thanksgiving)	6.30 p.m. May Devotions

SACRED HEART

Sunday	11.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish	
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CONFESSIONS:

St. Ambrose's - Saturday 11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.; 6.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. and by request
Our Lady's - Saturday after Mass
Sacred Heart - By request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass : Giuseppe Cosenza, Jake Turner

St Ambrose's:	Saturday 5.45 p.m.	C Hopkins, J Nangle
	Sunday 9.30 a.m.	M Bradley, A Colclough, C Harler, M Roy
Our Lady's:	Sunday 5.00 p.m.	J Gavan, V Page, P Standing
Sacred Heart:	Sunday 11.30 a.m.	M Peyton
Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's) :		Team A

Readers
M Holmes
C Kneuss
A McDermott, B Gavan
C Stanley
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, Peggy Baynton, Rita Baker, Joan Bone, Dorothy Breese, Linda Button, 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, Julia Joyner, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, 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, 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, Assunta Vaccaro, Patricia Virr, Joe and Joan Whittfield, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam and Mary Williams.

Entrance Antiphon :

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm :

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Preface :

of Easter III p.561.

Eucharistic Prayer : III p.579

Memorial Acclamation :

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Communion Antiphon :

The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock, he is risen, alleluia.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS : This week, please pray for:-

Monday	Fr John Steward, who taught Fr Lamb Maths at St Phillips, now retired.
Tuesday	Canon Edward Stewart, Parish Priest of St Mary's, Warwick.
Wednesday	Fr Marcus Stock, General Secretary to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.
Thursday	Fr Peter John Stonier, Parish Priest of St Joseph and Etheldreda, Rugby.
Friday	Monsignor Peter Stonier, now retired after many years in Worcestershire Parishes.
Saturday	Fr Anthony Talbot, a young Priest dogged by poor health, living now in France.
Sunday	Fr David Tams, Parish Priest of Acocks Green.

READERS : As part of their preparation for Ordination as Deacons, we have been asked to enable Charles Duncombe and Adam Nicholls to fulfil some pastoral and liturgical roles in the life of the Parish. As previously announced, Charles is now responsible for co-ordinating the work of our Additional Ministers of Holy Communion. I have asked Adam to be responsible for the preparation and formation of our Readers. I hope that he will be able to meet with groups of Readers (at least from our Kidderminster Churches) and give some background to the Scriptures in order to enhance even further our standard of reading. I am grateful to Bernard Gavan, Trina Cole and Peter Male for preparing our Readers Rotas, which I hope they will continue to do. Adam will be in contact with them shortly to discuss how this plan may be implemented.

THANKS : Canon Jim Samuel, of St Mary's Team Ministry, has written to offer his sorrow and his sympathy about the current difficulties in the Church which are receiving so much publicity. He has also written to Fr Gora; and wishes to assure us of his prayers. I have thanked him for this very generous ecumenical gesture.

BILL NICHOL RIP : Muriel and family would like to thank all who attended Bill's Mass and for the many Mass and sympathy cards they received and for the lovely service.

BAPTISMS : We welcome Oliver Griffin and Aiden Wright who are to be baptised this afternoon, and we congratulate their parents and families.

REST IN PEACE : Please pray for Sheila Leach, mother of Sue Quinn (one of our neighbours). Mrs Leach died on April 17th. Mykola Barchuk died in Hospital during the early hours of Thursday morning, just a few weeks after the death of his wife. He was over 90 years of age. John Jimenez died suddenly in Telford Hospital during the week. Funeral arrangements will be published when available.

CTS BOOKS : Some Spring reading. Spring clean your mind and refresh your spirit! Plenty of books to choose from, all £1.95. Some are informative, others intended for quiet meditation and reflection. Please feel free to browse: St Ambrose's is open most of the day and you can often read there, undisturbed.

TEAS AND COFFEES will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 a.m. Mass today by the Pre-School Group and next Sunday by the Craft Group.

HOLY HOUR : There will be a Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations, and for Priests of the Diocese in St Ambrose's this evening at 6.30 p.m.

PHARISEE : This evening (Sunday) at Trinity Methodist 6.30 p.m. All welcome.

ELECTION HUSTINGS : Pre-election hustings for the Kidderminster Churches will be held at Baxter Church this evening (Sunday) from 7.45 p.m. The major parties will all be represented, and the meeting will be chaired by Canon Owain Bell.

BAPTISM PREPARATION : A meeting for families wishing to prepare for Baptism will take place on Monday in the Montini Room at 7.00 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL : The next meeting of the S.V.P. takes place on Monday at 2.00 p.m. New members most welcome.

THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS will meet on Monday at 8.15 p.m. in the Borromeo Hall. New members most welcome. U.C.M. projects for 2009 were Home-Start Wyre Forest and the Wyre Forest Alzheimer's Society. Both charities were recently presented with a cheque for £250. Their projects for 2010 are Cancer Research and the Acorn Children's Hospice.

E.O.S.A.S. The next meeting is in the Wheatley Room on Monday at 7.30 p.m.

CRAFT CLUB : Just a reminder to all parishioners, we meet every Tuesday evening in the Borromeo Hall at 7.30 p.m. - Cost just £2.50. Come along, learn new skills and make new friends, everyone welcome.

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

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION : There will be a meeting on Thursday, 29th April at 7.30 p.m. in the hall at St George's Catholic Church, Sansome Place, Worcester WR1 1UG. The speaker will be Mgr. Patrick Kilgarriff on "The role of the Catholic chaplain, St Richards Hospice Worcester". The end of life and palliative care are at the forefront of medical and nursing issues. This is a rare opportunity to listen to a member of the chaplaincy team and ask questions. All are welcome. Details from Dr Tony Cole, Chairman Worcestershire Branch 01886 853308.

CARDINAL NEWMAN : Fr Richard Duffield, Newman's current Successor as Provost of the Birmingham Oratory, will speak on Newman's relevance for today's church at Oscott College on Friday, April 30th at 8.00 p.m.

ADORATION AND ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS : Saturday, 1st May, Our Lady's 9.00 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.

MISSA CANTATA : The next Sung Mass in the Old Rite will be at St Mary's, Harvington on Sunday, May 2nd at 3.00 p.m.

UKRAINIAN RITE : The next Mass in the Ukrainian Rite will be in St Ambrose's next Sunday, May 2nd at 4.30 p.m.

MAY DEVOTIONS : There will be May Devotions in our Kidderminster Churches on the Sundays of May at 6.30 p.m. **except** on May, 9th. On that evening we shall have our May Procession and the Crowning of Our Lady's Statue at St Ambrose's, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

DAY OF PRAYER : Our Day of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Ambrose's is on **Wednesday May 5th**. It will begin with Mass at 9.00 a.m. and Exposition will continue during the day until the closing devotions at 7.30 p.m. Please sign the list at the back of the Church so that we can ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not unattended at any time. There are so many intentions and so many difficulties facing the Church at the present time, and our Day of Prayer is an ideal opportunity for us all to make some prayerful contribution towards a better time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : The next meeting of families preparing for First Holy Communion this year will be in the School Hall on Thursday, May 6th at 6.30 p.m. To all parents preparing their children for Holy Communion this year, the piety shop will be present at the following meetings held in school with Father Lamb: 6th May, 20th May and 27th May 6.00 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. If you need the piety shop out of our normal hours, i.e. before and after Mass, please ring Lisa on 01562 753009/07944542262.

EVESHAM PILGRIMAGE : The Pilgrimage this year will be on June 12th and will be led by the Abbot of Downside. Please see notice board for details.

FINANCES:

- i. A.P.F. Congratulations to Jane DaCosta and Christine Hopkins, for their recent award presented by the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. Both pay tribute to their promoters, and to the loyalty of the Box holders. The contributions from Our Lady's in 2009 were £1,307. At St Ambrose's the total was £2,957. Christine Hopkins writes : It is a pleasure emptying and counting your boxes knowing all monies are going to help Poor Missionary Priests. Please pick up a Red Box from the back of the Church. Every penny helps. Thank you.
- ii. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £1,053.36 (Loose £727.16. Envelope Scheme £326.20).
- iii. Donations to CAFOD raised £3.42.
- iv. Collection today for the Priests' Training Fund.