

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH, KIDDERMINSTER

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Parish Clergy: Fr. Douglas Lamb, Revd Peter Hesketh

In Retirement: Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Dr Peter Mason. In Formation: Charles Duncombe & Adam Nicholls.

Seventh Sunday Year A Psalter Week 3 Pope John Sunday Missal p.632 Week ending February 19th/20th 2011.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Tue: St. Peter's Chair. Wed: St. Polycarp

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

ST AMBROSE'S:

Monday: 7.30am Mary and William Kiely (Anniversary)

Tuesday: 9am Sheila and Danny Beahan RIP

Wednesday: 9am David Weaver RIP

Thursday: 11.30am : Guiseppa di Paola RIP **7.30pm** Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45)

Friday: 7.10pm Rosary **7.30pm** HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday: 9am (Old Rite) John Bohan RIP

Sunday: 9.30am Irene Neale RIP

OUR LADY'S:

Monday: 7.30pm HOLY COMMUNION

Friday: 9.00-9.45am Adoration **10am** Kathleen Rocheford (Anniversary)

Saturday: 10.15am Gilbert Regalado RIP

Sunday: 5pm Jose Valdez RIP

SACRED HEART:

Sunday: 11.30am The People of the Parish.

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 11.45-12.45pm, 6.30pm – 7pm; and by request.

Our Lady's: Saturday after Mass.

Sacred Heart: By request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Aidan Ryan, Niall Ryan.

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's: Saturday 5.45pm E. Darbyshire, A.Nicholls.

Sunday 9.30am D.Holdstock, P.Hunt, C.Kneuss, J.Villa.

Our Lady's: Sunday 5pm M+P Bowdler, J.Da Costa, A.McDermott

Sacred Heart: Sunday 11.30am N.Taylor

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's) Team B

Offertory Counters: Group 3

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick. And for all who have need for our prayers, especially:

Dorothy Atwell, Christopher Aylott, William Patrick Bannister, Albert Barr, Peggy Baynton, Harry Berry, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Peggy Burke, Linda Button, Stephen Coates, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Mary Cull, Eamon Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Michelle Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Maura Furlong, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, George Humble, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda & Michael Maffei, Kathleen Mellisop, Sheila Mikulicz, Lee Mound, Jean Mulligan, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Pat Redmond, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Giaconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Lawrence Speers, Marie Stokes, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey, Assunta Vaccaro, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, Edith Wilkes, May Williams.

Entrance Antiphon: *Lord, your mercy is my hope, my heart rejoices in your saving power. I will sing to the Lord, for his goodness to me.*

Response to the Psalm: *The Lord is compassion and love..*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*

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Communion Antiphon: *I will tell all your marvellous works, I will rejoice and be glad in you, and sing to your name, Most High.*

EASTER VIGIL 2011: This year at the Easter Vigil, nine people are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They are, DEAN COOMBES, SARAH HEMPSTOCK, SHIRAZ HEMPSTOCK, JADE MCNABB, JAMES MCNABB, JOSEPH MORAN, KATHERINE O'SULLIVAN, CLIVE SMITH-SHAW and JOANNE TARNOWSKI. They will also be confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time. In addition, LIAN GUALANO, SUSAN MEEKINGS and CHRISTINE NEALE will be confirmed and received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. By special dispensation, Fr Lamb will confirm HOLLY GUALANO. All of these people have been preparing carefully, either in our RCIA group or alongside one of our Parishioners (or both). They have been attending Mass with us, and they will attend the Rite of Election at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday March 12th, when they will be formally elected by the Archbishop. This is a wonderful moment in the life of our Parish, and we must prepare ourselves to welcome them and be worthy of them. Please begin praying for them, and getting to know them.

BENCH REFURBISHMENT (ST AMBROSE'S): Last week, a group of parishioners agreed to work together with Trevor Webb on a rolling programme over the next few months to restore some of our Church benches and replace the kneelers on some of the original benches. The materials have been ordered and the long overdue work will begin shortly. Thanks to Trevor, Neil Darbyshire, Dino David, Lee Maffei, Brian Martin, Tony Quinn, Dermot Scully and Richard Tovey.

MASS FOR THE SICK: Thanks to everyone who made last Sunday evening's Mass such a beautiful occasion, in which sixty-two parishioners received the Sacrament of the Sick.

BAPTISM: Next Saturday GEORGIA HARRIET ODELL will be Baptised. We congratulate her proud parents.

TEAS/COFFEES: Will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30am Mass today by the Brownies and next Sunday by the Children's Liturgy group.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: The "Pie and Pint" lunch is in the Borromeo Hall today 12noon-2pm.

FAITH JOURNEY: The meeting last week considered various aspects of Sin. On Tuesday in the Montini Rom at 7.45pm we shall discuss Confession and Repentance, important subjects with Lent approaching. Everyone very welcome.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB: Meets again in Habberley on Wednesday 23rd February. Please Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh 01562 748474.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: This Year's plan discussion begins on Wednesday in the Rectory at 7.30pm when the brothers will consider the Petrine Ministry and Papal Infallibility. All men of the Parish are warmly invited.

TENBURY MEETING: Those who attend our Church in Tenbury are invited to meet in the Church on Thursday 24th February at 7pm. The main purpose of the meeting will be to plan the calendar for the coming year but also to raise any areas of concern.

PARISH RAMBLE: The February walk on Saturday 26th February will start at the Running Horse Pub at 10am. The Walk should take about 2 hours finishing with lunch at the Running Horse for those who wish. Please wear walking boots or similar as parts of the walk could be muddy. Any queries please contact Bernard Page on 01562 637456.

BIBLE STUDY: The next meeting of the new group will be on Wednesday 2nd March at 2pm at Our Lady's, Habberley. We will be considering the readings for the Mass the following weekend (ninth Sunday) and it would be helpful if these could be read in advance, looking for the connections between them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next meeting of Parents, Teachers, Catechists and Children preparing for first Holy Communion will be in the school hall, on Thursday March 3rd at 6.30pm.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The service in Kidderminster will be in St George's on Friday March 4th at 10.30am; and in Tenbury it is in our Church at 3pm. These services are open to everyone and it is good to unite in prayer with people all over the world.

FAMILY MASS: The next family mass will be in St Ambrose's on Sunday March 6th at 9.30am.

MISSA CANTATA: There will be a sung Mass in the Old Rite at St Mary's, Harvington on Sunday March 6th at 3pm. Low Mass in the Old Rite is offered in St Ambrose's each Saturday at 9am (books available).

IRISH NIGHT PARTY: Get ready for St Patrick's day – Friday 11th March, Hosted by the very popular Martin Stooke; everyone welcome to come and enjoy, Riverdance, Music, Dancing, Irish Coffee. Tickets £4 to include light refreshments available this week).

KIDDERMINSTER OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY: "Crazy for You" is being performed at the Rose Theatre on Thursday 10th to Saturday 19th March at 7.30pm with a matinee at 2.30pm on March 19th. Tickets £10. Mon -Fri; £8 Saturday Matinee, £12 Saturday evening. Box Office 01562 743745 or book online at www.rosetheatre.co.uk

FINANCES:

- i. Thank you for last week's offertory of £944.42 (Loose £628.42 Envelope Scheme £316)
- ii. Donations to CAFOD were £42.19
- iii. A further £59.81 has been donated to LIFE, bringing our total to £311.65
- iv. There is a retiring collection today for the work of the Catholic Education Service.
- v. We have received a very generous donation to the Parish from Mr and Mrs Keith Hadley, the Parents of Liz Ashcroft who express their gratitude for the support and prayers at the time of Liz's death.