

## **ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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**Easter Sunday Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p.371 Week ending 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** There are no Feast Days during the Easter Octave

### **MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

#### ***St Ambrose's***

**Mon:** 12 noon Deceased Bostock and Donigan families

**Tues:** 7.30 am Eric Baker RIP

**Wed:** 9.15 am Emma Bostock RIP

3.30 pm Marriage: **Richard Gathua and Sarah Jane Watton**

**Thurs:** 11.30 am Intentions of Susie Kealey

7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)

**Sat:** 9.00 am (Old Rite) Intentions of Dennis O'Keefe

5.45 pm Reverend Mother Teresita Mitchell RIP

**Sun:** 9.30 am The People of the Parish

6.30 pm **May Devotions**

#### ***Our Lady's***

**Fri:** 9.00 am Mina May Carolan RIP

**Sat:** 10.15 am James Lloyd RIP

**Sun:** 5.00 pm Mortiboy family

#### ***Sacred Heart***

**Sun:** 11.30 am Dave Harris RIP

#### **CONFESSIONS**

***St Ambrose's:*** Saturday: **No Midday Confessions** 6.30 – 7.00 pm and by request

***Our Lady's:*** Saturday after Mass

***Sacred Heart:*** By request

### **MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

#### ***St Ambrose's***

**Church Cleaners:** Team A **Offertory Counters:** Group 6

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**Sat.** 5.45 pm

J Nangle M Weaver

**Sun.** 9.30 am

M Bradley M Cleary P Grealy T Hart

#### ***Our Lady's***

**Sun.** 5.00 pm

H Bearne B Gavan J Gavan B Taylor

#### ***Sacred Heart***

**Sun.** 11.30 am

A Speers

#### **Readers**

J Bicknell

S Scrocca

M Bowdler P Bowdler

H O'Neill

### **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, 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, Eamonn Dalton, Thomas 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, Droa Jeffrey, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Tery McCormick, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Lee Mound, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Pat Redmond, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Gianconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Lawrence Speers, Marie Stokes, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey, Assunta Vaccaro, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, Edith Wilkes and May Williams.

**Preface of Easter 1. p.369**

**Eucharistic Prayer: I p 566**

**Memorial Acclamation: IV**

**Thanks:** This is the most appropriate time of the year to express thanks to the very many people who work so hard in support of our Parish – in all three communities. Visitors often comment on how well our Churches are kept and how attentive we are to cleanliness in our Sanctuary and Sacristy areas. Many parishioners work conscientiously in the background and we owe them a considerable debt of gratitude. Holy Week has seen another beautiful Seder Commemoration overseen by the UCM ladies. Thanks to our musicians, sacristans and altar servers and especially everyone who has helped in the lovely Easter flowers. On a personal note I have been much heartened by many encouraging Easter cards and greetings, and kind support when it has been most needed.

**The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no 234216**

**Welcome:** Our nine Catechumens and three Candidates have now joined us in Full Communion. We are grateful for their commitment and look forward to working with them in the years ahead.

**Baptism:** This afternoon, **Jaye Matisse McKenzie** is to be baptised. We congratulate her parents on choosing so significant a day for her Baptism.

**Marriages:** On Wednesday afternoon we shall celebrate the marriage of **Richard Gathua** and **Sarah Watton**. Please pray that they will have many years of happiness together. Next Saturday, Fr Lamb has been invited to celebrate the marriage of **Philippa Meade** and **Jai Delal**. Philippa's family lived in this Parish for many years. The marriage will take place at St Peter's Leamington Spa.

**Anniversary:** Today (Easter Sunday) is the anniversary of the death in 1993 of **Fr Peter Dennison** (1963-1966).

**Coffees and Teas:** we should be grateful for volunteers today, Easter Sunday. Next Sunday after 9.30 am Mass is the turn of the Craft Group.

**Easter Monday Men's Communion:** The annual Mass for the men of the Diocese will be offered in St Chad's Cathedral at 9.00 am on Easter Monday by His Grace the Archbishop. Once again, we have been asked to provide the altar servers and the Brothers of the Catholic Men's Society, which promotes this Mass, will be attending. A convoy of cars leaves St Ambrose's at 8.00 am and all men of the Parish are welcome to come along.

**School News:** The School opens again on Wednesday (years 2/3 will be attending morning Mass). On Thursday the children have been invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue and there will be fun and games during the day to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Year 5 will be going on an educational trip to Hartlebury Castle on Wednesday; and last term the School raised £144 for Help the Heroes. Well done!

**Friendship Club:** The Friendship Club meets again at Habberley on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh K. 748474.

**Royal Wedding:** On the evening of the Royal Wedding Day, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, from 6 pm, the ladies of the Union of Catholic Mothers will hold a Soirée in the Rectory garden with tea, sandwiches and cake. Ladies attending are invited to wear an outlandish hat and children to come in Fancy Dress (with a royal theme). The Parish Priest will be Quiz Master later in the evening before we conclude with a sing-song of an appropriate kind. The bar will be open all evening and we hope it will bring a day of celebration to a happy end. Would parishioners who wish to attend please indicate on the list at the back of church for numbers. Everyone welcome.

**Bluebell Walk:** next Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, a walk in Shrawley Woods of approximately 4 ½ miles; meet at 10 am in the New Inn car park in Shrawley village.

**Missa Cantata:** the next Sung Mass in the Old Rite at St Mary's Harvington will be next Sunday at 3 pm.

**May Devotions:** There will be May Devotions in both our Kidderminster Churches at 6.30 pm next Sunday. The Procession in honour of Our Lady and the Crowning of the Statue will be in St Ambrose's on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.

**Day of Eucharistic Adoration at St Ambrose's:** This will be on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, commencing with Mass at 9.15 am and Adoration throughout the day. Please sign lists at the back of the Church so that we can be sure that the Blessed Sacrament is not unattended at any time. The families preparing for First Holy Communion will meet on that evening in the School Hall at 6.30 pm and will join the final Devotions at 7.15 pm.

**Bible Study:** We will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning on 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2 – 3.30 pm at Our Lady's Habberley. At present the readings for the following Sunday Mass are being studied especially looking at the background to the Old Testament reading. All are very welcome.

**New Life Together: Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm Trinity Methodist Church:** to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this ecumenical choir, 'Two Sisters and a Funeral' will be performed with Roger Jones and his soloists. Tickets £7.50 from Chris Vass (K.630949).

**Austerity Lunch:** The next Austerity Lunch in support of Christian Aid is at St Barnabas, Franche, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 12.30 pm. Please see notice board for details.

**Bible Reading:** Thanks to those who have volunteered to take part in the Continuous Bible Reading on May 12<sup>th</sup> (2pm – 7 pm) and May 13<sup>th</sup> (3 pm – 4 pm). We are some way short of sufficient volunteers so if anyone else can be persuaded please indicate on our lists. It has been agreed that the Reading will be given from the Pulpit so that passers-by can listen for a while. We shall use the microphone and the main doors of the Church will remain wide open. Please let us respond generously to this initiative.

**The Motor Neurone Association:** will be supported by an evening of music and dance including Valentines Choir, Powick Parish Community Choir and the Vocalettes. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7 pm at Baxter URC. Tickets £6 (£4 children) from Madeleine Roy (K. 822189) and Carole Watkins.

**Finances:** i. Today the Collection is the customary Easter Offering for the Parish Clergy.

ii. The Mite Scheme: We have got off to a great start thanks to the generosity of Parishioners. I have already send a cheque for £32, representing 500 x 5 p pieces and £7 in other kind donations. There are lots more coins waiting to be counted and I'll pay those in as soon as I reach the next £10. So far we have paid for about 900 rehydration sachets, so thank you very much! Please hand any 5p coins, however few, to Jennifer Bush. It is easy for me to keep them separate from other money and we shall be a great support to this worthwhile cause.

iii. Thank you for the Offertory last week of £995.85 (Envelope Scheme £315.93, Loose £679.92).

iv. Donations to CAFOD were £21.15

v. A further £59.60 has been added to the collection in support of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's, Harborne following the disposal of Fr Edwards' books etc. A little more is still to be added and a final sum will be forwarded to Mother Francis after Easter.