



**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for Andrew McGovern, of Tomkinson Drive, who died in hospital last weekend. He will be buried in Wyre Forest Cemetery next Thursday after Mass in St Ambrose's. Sarah Cox, mother of Jackie Whatley, died peacefully in a Nursing Home on 2 March. The Revd Peter Hesketh will officiate at her funeral on Thursday at Wyre Forest Crematorium. Keith Southall has also died, after a long illness. Funeral arrangements later. May they rest in peace.

**Anniversary:** Today is the anniversary of the death in 2005 of Fr Christopher Thornton (Our Lady's 1983 – 1988).

**Tenbury:** If local Catholics are unable (or know of any others) to attend church please contact Jenny and she will arrange for an appropriate visit or 'phone call. Jenny Moore (01568) 750502, email [jenny.moore32@googlemail.com](mailto:jenny.moore32@googlemail.com).

**Teas and Coffees:** provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9:30 am Mass by the Ambrosians and next Sunday by the CMS.

**Stations of the Cross:** This evening the Stations of the Cross will be followed in St Ambrose's at 6.30 pm, during which the third Lent Reflection will be given by Lucy Harler. As everyone knows, she has been one of our most accomplished Readers for several years, and is a member of St Ambrose's Choir. Lucy is studying at Sixth Form College in Stourbridge and is hoping to be a vet.

**Adams Lounge:** There is another Darts Knockout in the Adams Lounge this evening from 8pm. Everyone welcome to take part.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul:** The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Monday, 12 March at 2.00 pm.

**Kidderminster Deanery:** The Clergy of the Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at Our Lady of Ostra Brama (our Polish Church) in Pitt Street.

**Friends of Cardinal Newman:** The AGM of the Friends of Cardinal Newman will be held at the Birmingham Oratory on Tuesday, 13 March at 7.30 pm and will be followed by a public address by Fr Ian Kerr (Newman's most celebrated biographer) on Newman and Faith. Everyone welcome.

**A Worshipping Community:** There will not be a meeting this week, because of the meeting of the Friends of Cardinal Newman on Tuesday evening. The next (and final) group will meet in the Montini Room on Tuesday, 20 March at 7.45 pm.

**Service of Penance:** The children in Year 4 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday from 12.45 pm.

**Parish Ramble:** Saturday, 17 March, Stockton-on-Teme. Meet opposite Pensax turn on A443 at 10.30 am. Parking opposite. Contact Aidan 07956 546156

**St Patrick's Weekend:** St Patrick's Day – Saturday, 17 March: To celebrate we are planning to have an Irish weekend 16-18 March. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> we have a traditional Irish duo playing for us in the Adams Lounge. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> a local group of folk singers who play for us each week will entertain us, with music to suit all tastes, also in the Adams Lounge. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – by popular request Martin Stooke will host our annual St Patrick's Night party, with dancing, music, Riverdance etc. Tickets are available and it is hoped many parishioners will come along and celebrate this important feast day. Tickets £4.

**Catholic Men's Society:** The St Ambrose's Branch of the CMS will meet in the Rectory on Wednesday, 21 March, and will discuss Pope Benedict's teaching on Education, especially on his visit to the United Kingdom in 2010. The meeting begins at 7.30 pm and all men of the Parish are invited and will be made welcome.

**Kidderminster Valentines:** Are holding a concert at Hartlebury Castle on 24 March at 7.30 pm with guests Gwent Police MVC, in aid of the Castle's Preservation Trust. Tickets £10 including a glass of wine, from Marion Inman (01299) 250175, Pam Cunningham or Joan Knowles.

**Soup Kitchen:** The ladies of our community in Tenbury will be staffing the Lent Soup Kitchen at lunchtime on Friday, 28 March in the Methodist Hall, Tenbury.

**Super Soup Lunch:** 54 Nursery Grove, Kidderminster DY11 5BG on Friday, 30 March from 12 noon to 2.00 pm. Bowl over poverty. All proceeds to Christian Aid. Please telephone Jennifer and John Williams on (01562) 740913 to confirm you are coming, or email [johnrwilliams@sky.com](mailto:johnrwilliams@sky.com).

**Kidderminster Jobs Fair:** Unemployed parishioners, especially younger members of the Parish, are asked to note that there will be a Jobs Fair in the Kidderminster Town Hall on 29 March, 1.00 pm – 6.00 pm.

**Passover Commemoration:** Wednesday, 4 April at 7.00 pm. Lists are available at the back of all Churches for the names of parishioners who wish to attend the Passover Commemoration. Please indicate if you prefer a vegetarian option. Lists will remain open until Sunday, 18 March.

**Thanks:** St Ambrose's hosted the Women's World Day of Prayer with 120 people from many local churches and 50 exemplary children from our school. Teachers and parishioners are to be congratulated. From Fr Lamb's inspired talk on injustice to St Ambrose's warm welcome in the Hall, it was a triumph of ecumenicalism and goodwill, as well as a powerful and prayerful service.

#### Finances:

- i The UCM would like to thank the person who left an envelope marked UCM Funds containing £40 at last Saturday's Mass. There was no letter inside, so thank you once again for your generosity.
- ii St Ambrose's Red Boxes: Please leave them at the back of Church to be emptied.
- iii Thank you for last week's Offertory of £1,083.36 (Envelope Scheme £319.10. Loose £764.26).
- iv So far the Lent Fast Day has returned £337.89
- v Donations to CAFOD were £10.67
- vi Donations of £20 have been made to the Priests' Training Fund.
- vii The Bamenda Fund collection in Tenbury raised £39.
- viii We acknowledge a further donation from the Whist players of £100.
- ix Yet another Retiring Collection today, this time for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral.

**The First Scrutiny:** Today, as a Parish Community, we shall celebrate the First Scrutiny Mass at 9.30 am, when we pray for those who will be received into Full Communion at the forthcoming Easter Vigil. During the week please continue to pray for Neil Darbyshire, Amanda Davies, Joel Douglas, Judy Harler, Christopher Harvey, Philip Parker and Aidan Tagg.

**Readers' Rota (St Ambrose's):** Would Readers please note that new rotas are available at the back of the Church.