

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells  
Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Revd Peter Hesketh

In retirement: Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Dr Peter Mason

In formation: Charles Duncombe, Adam Nicholls

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide Year B Psalter Week 4 Pope John Sunday Missal p416 Week ending 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** Mon: St Pius V Tues: St Joseph the Worker Wed: St Athanasius  
Thurs: St Philip and St James, Apostles Fri: The English Martyrs

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

**ST AMBROSE'S**

Monday	7.30 am	Martin Weaver RIP
Tuesday	7.30 am	Dave Harris RIP
Wednesday	9.15 am	Teresa Picken RIP
<b>Day of Eucharistic Adoration until 7.15pm Closing Devotion</b>		
Thursday	11.30 am	Cathy Kneuss RIP
	7.30 pm	Holy Hour (8.40 pm Compline)
Friday	2.30 pm	Funeral: June Garrett RIP
	7.10 pm	Rosary 7:30 pm Holy Communion
Saturday	9.00 am (Old Rite)	Sean Scanlon RIP
	5.45 pm	Bridie Kilkie, Lawrence and Kathleen McLaughlin RIP
Sunday	9.30 am	Peter Aston RIP

**OUR LADY'S**

Monday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Friday	9.00 – 9.45 am	Adoration 10.00 am Intentions of Veronica and Bernard Page
Sunday	5.00 pm	Grace Evans RIP

**SACRED HEART**

Sunday	11.30 am	The People of the Parish
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**CONFESSIONS:** St. Ambrose's: Saturday 11.45 am – 12.45 pm, 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm and by request  
Sacred Heart: By request

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**Altar Servers for the morning Mass:** Kamil Lisowski, Lawrence Park

**Eucharistic Ministers**

St Ambrose's:	Sat 5.45 pm	B McFarland, M Weaver
	Sun 10.30 am	M Bradley, C Geraghty, P Lay, J Villa
Our Lady's:	Sun 5.00 pm	J da Costa, V Page

**Sacred Heart:** Sun 11.30 am T Cole, N Taylor

**Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's):** Team A

**Readers**

V Cartwright  
J Turner  
P Bowdler, M Bowdler  
to be appointed

**Offertory Counters:** Group 7

**Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:**

Dorothy Atwell, Albert Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Jean Bullock, Peggy Burke, Linda Button, Sandra Chapman, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Maria Cosenza, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Eamonn Dalton, Thomas Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Joe Egan, Brian Evans, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Margaret Harley, Rita Harrod, Jim Heffernan, Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Philip Hunt, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Audrey Little, Eleanor Lloyd, Bridget Lock, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Lee Maund, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Margaret O'Brien, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Daniel Oxenham, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Pat Redmond, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Nancy Ruffinato, Harold Salter, Canon Jim Samuel, Margaret Skillicorn, Cecil Smith, Lawrence Speers, Pearl Stanley, Marie Stokes, Liz and Norman Taylor, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, Edith Wilkes and May Williams.

**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made. Alleluia.

**Response to the Psalm:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

**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**

**Eucharistic Prayer III**

**Memorial Acclamation 2**

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down His life for His sheep and willingly died for His flock. Alleluia.

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**Civic Mass:** Today we welcome the Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs Anne Hingley, who is attending the morning Mass at St Ambrose's, together with other members of the Charter Trustees, and civic dignitaries. Thanks to Maureen and Peter Bowdler for hosting the mayoral party on our behalf.

**Wedding:** Today the Revd Peter Hesketh will officiate at the wedding of Nicholas Batten and Rebecca Galbraith. We congratulate them, and pray for their future happiness.

**Baptism:** During Mass at Tenbury this morning, Lilly Ann Marthaler (whose home is in Switzerland) will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. It is good that our Tenbury Community can share in this happy occasion.

**Rest in Peace:** One of our oldest parishioners, Cath Escott, (who lived in Farfield for many years), died peacefully on Tuesday evening. She was in her mid nineties. Her Funeral details are not yet to hand. June Garrett, of Lister Road, died at home last weekend. Her Cremation at the Wyre Forest Crematorium is on Friday afternoon, following Mass at St Ambrose's. May they rest in peace.

**Teas and Coffees:** will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9:30 am Mass by the Craft Group and next Sunday by the Brownies.

**Sunday Lunch Club:** We apologise for omitting today's lunch from our notices last week. Lunch will be served from midday in the Borromeo Hall, with a very attractive menu. Tickets £1, with donations at the door.

**Union of Catholic Mothers:** meets at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall on Monday. New members welcome.

**Beda Association:** Fr Lamb will be absent from the Parish on Tuesday. He will be attending the Annual General Meeting of the Beda Association, which is being held in Leeds. The Beda Association supports the work of the Beda College in Rome, where Fr Edwards and Fr Lamb completed their studies for the Priesthood.

**Day of Adoration:** This is being held on Wednesday in St Ambrose's and will commence with Mass at 9:15 am, concluding with Devotions at 7:15 pm. Please sign the list at the back of the Church, indicating a willingness to spend some time in prayer during the day. It is very important that the Blessed Sacrament is not unattended at any time. This is a wonderful and fruitful initiative, introduced by Archbishop Couve de Murville, to pray for vocations in the Diocese, and the need is still very great. Please find some time to join this opportunity for prayer.

**First Holy Communion:** The next meeting to prepare for First Holy Communion will be in the School Hall on Wednesday at 6.30 pm.

**Bible Study:** Wednesday, 2 May at 2:00 pm at Our Lady's, Habberley. You are very welcome. We will be discussing the readings for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Cycle B.

**Holy Hour:** Next Thursday we have the penultimate Holy Hour in the Novena to reflect on the Priesthood, and those saints who have been outstanding examples of priestly holiness. Our subject this week is St Philip Neri, and several former members of the Birmingham Oratory will also be mentioned. St Philip's Day is on 26 May.

**Old Rite Mass:** Next Sunday there is a Missa Cantata in the Old Rite at St Mary's, Harvington at 3:00pm.

**Pensioners Party:** This is almost the last opportunity to sign up for the Parish Party on Bank Holiday Monday, 7 May. We shall begin at 2:00 pm with a meal of lavish hot pork, a range of sausages and other barbecue dishes, and a selection of salads. Everyone is very welcome, and particularly our 'pensioner parishioners', who may need to be invited and offered lifts. The Adams Lounge will be available, the Borromeo Hall will, of course, be open. The intention is to use the Rectory garden, but we shall have to pray for better weather. It would be wonderful if our whole parish could gather and enjoy this special occasion, so please do come along. The lists are important because they will help those who are doing the catering.

**Catholic Men's Society:** The next meeting of the St Ambrose's Branch will be in the Rectory on Wednesday, 9 May at 7:30 pm. We hope to welcome prospective new Brothers.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage:** The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage takes place on Saturday, 12 May. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch, will be running a coach (expected to leave at 7:00 am – to be confirmed). Spare seats are available and the cost will be around £15. Transport will be available from St Ambrose's, departing at 6:15 am. Names to Peter Young (K750529) or Ray Barber (K630740).

**Austerity Lunch:** The next Austerity Lunch in support of CAFOD and Christian Aid will be at Our Lady's on Sunday, 13 May from 12:30 pm.

**May Procession:** Our Annual Procession in honour of Our Lady will be on Sunday, 20 May, beginning in Church at 6:30 pm and processing through the grounds to the Rectory Garden where the statue will be crowned. We hope that tea will follow.

**Men's Annual Retreat:** This will take place at St Mary's, Sparkhill, on Saturday/Sunday 9/10 June. The Retreat is being organised by a former parishioner, Tim Heywood. The cost of £30 covers food and accommodation. If anyone is interested please contact Peter Young or Ray Barber.

**Finances:**

- i A collection will be taken up today for the Priests' Training Fund (now to be known as the Clergy Training Fund).
- ii Thank you for last week's Offertory of £1,052.93 (Envelope Scheme £401.65, Loose £651.28).

**Thanks:** It was an emotional evening for me on Thursday, visiting the grave of the Priest who inspired my vocation and concelebrating Mass with Bishop Pargeter in the Church of my Ordination. I was very grateful to those parishioners who were with me and whose support I very much appreciated.