



**Eucharistic Ministers:** please collect a copy of next month's rota from the back of the church.

**LENT 2017 :** The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We offer a small booklet on **The Meaning of Lent** and it is highly recommended. Please make a donation of £1 per copy. Between now and Shrove Tuesday, please bring last year's palms and place them in the incinerator near the Baptismal font. They will be burned on Shrove Tuesday evening to provide **Ash** for the following day. Stations of the Cross during Lent will be at 11 a.m. each Friday in Tenbury and 7.30 p.m. in Kidderminster (except March 3<sup>rd</sup>). Please note that Ash Wednesday is a penitential day and we should observe fasting and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and imposed at all Masses: 9.30 am/7.30 pm in Kidderminster, 11.30 am in Tenbury. Compline will be at 9 pm, and ashes will be given afterwards.

**BAPTISM:** Today, the Revd. Adam Nicholls will baptise Isaac Jones-Reynolds. This will be the last baptism in the Parish until the Easter Vigil. According to the customary practice, Baptisms do not take place during Lent. For those preparing to enter Full Communion with the Catholic Church, Lent is a time of Spiritual preparation and intense prayer.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for MICHELINA DI RITA of Shrubbery Street, who died last Sunday morning. MARY HATTON, who taught for some years at St Ambrose's Infants School, died last week-end after a very long and distressing illness.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:** The body of SHEILA SKITT will be brought to the Church at 5.30 pm on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral will be on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 am, followed by cremation at Wyre Forest Crematorium.

**HABBERLEY MISSION BOXES:** Would Red mission box holders from Habberley please return them to be emptied.

**ST AMBROSE'S SCHOOL:** The staff will have an RE Focus training day tomorrow, in which the Parish Priest will be taking part. Mrs Stewart has sent the following note: "A huge thank you to all the parishioners who joined y5 Junior SVP members of school on Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, for a game of bingo. £25 was raised for the Father Hudson Society. The children are keen to make this a regular event, once a month, so please watch out for the date and ask your friends to join us! The next charity to be supported will be Water Aid." Parishioners will also be pleased to note that ALBERTO MAFFEI has been appointed as School Caretaker.

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Next meeting will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15 pm in the Adams Lounge.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** meets on Monday at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall. At this meeting, we will present a representative from S.M.A. (spinal muscular atrophy) with a cheque for £600.

**MONTINI GROUP:** The penultimate meeting of the present series will be in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7.45 pm, when we shall look at some of the practicalities of life in the Catholic Church. As is traditional, the meeting will end with the burning of palms and, of course, pancakes!

**BIBLE STUDY:** We are meeting on Ash Wednesday afternoon, 1<sup>st</sup> March, to discuss the readings for the first Sunday of Lent, year A. Do consider joining us. 2pm for 2.30 pm start at 34 Aggborough Crescent. (Tel: K. 741794)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The next meeting of children, parents, catechists, teachers and clergy will be in the school hall on Wednesday at 6.30 pm.

**HOLY HOUR :** The next Holy Hour will be on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the feast of St Chad.

**NEXT FRIDAY:** This will be a very important part of our year of Celebration. On Friday morning, at 10.30 am, we are hosting the annual Women's World Day of Prayer, which has been prepared by the Filipino women, for use throughout the world. Everyone is welcome at this service. On Friday, the Mass will be at 7.30 pm and is being co-ordinated by members of our own Filipino community. We are grateful for their membership of this Parish and for the generous contribution they make to the local community. Please do come along to worship with them at this mass and also to enjoy their very generous hospitality after in the hall.

**OLD RITE:** There will be a Sung Mass in the Old Rite at St Ambrose's at 3 pm next Sunday, the first Sunday in Lent. Books are provided and this Mass fulfils the Sunday obligation. Hospitality afterwards.

**RITE OF ELECTION:** Four people have indicated their intention to enter Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil. Next Sunday, they will attend the Rite of Election at St Chad's Cathedral, when the Archbishop will formally accept their request and delegate their Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion to us. Please pray for: VICTORIA FLEMING, CHRISTINE HORNE, LINDA INGRASCI and KEELAN MURRIHY.

**PARISH CENTRE NOTICES :** Today, there will be a **Wedding and Events Fair** in the Borromeo Hall 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please see parish notice boards, and Adams Lounge publicity for further details. The Wye Valley Country Music Club presents **West Country** (a superb Country duo.) on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 p.m. Tickets £7. Please let all of us try to support the events as they are publicised.

**CHOIR PRACTICES:** The first of the choir practices in preparation for the Easter Triduum will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm – 8.30 pm and further dates will be posted in the newsletter next week, including a music workshop day, which will take place on a Saturday during Lent. For those looking for something extra to take on (rather than give up!) for Lent, being a member of the choir gives excellent opportunity to prepare spiritually for the season. Please don't feel you need to be a strong singer, you will be taught and supported in all you sing.

**CHURCH WALK:** On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, a walk will take place from Blackstone car park, Bewdley, at 10.30 am, lasting about 1½ hours. Contact Bernard Page (K. 637456) for more details.

**WEDDING RINGS :** Do you have a wedding ring (perhaps once owned by a relative) which is no longer worn by anyone? Please consider donating it to the Grace and Compassion Benedictine nuns, where it will be worn by a young nun who will pray daily for the original owner. Vocations mainly come from southern India and Sri Lanka and their work is mostly in their U.K. homes for the elderly, the nearest being Stroud. No hurry to decide. Tel. Jennifer Bush 01684 563241 or leave your name at the Rectory.

**FINANCES :**

- i. Thank you for the Offertory last week of £862.42 (Loose plate £485.67. Envelope Scheme £376.75).
- ii. Donations to CAFOD were £3.60.
- iii. Thanks to the Whist Club for yet another welcome donation of £100.
- iv) Thanks also go to the Ambrosians for a welcome donation of £152.

**Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge:** Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on (07513295817).

**Bingo:** Every Tuesday 8.00 p.m.

**Whist:** Every Wednesday 2.00 p.m. Please come along and support the Parish Centre.

**Folk Music:** In the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists on the second and fourth Fridays of every month. Admission free 8.00 p.m. – late.

**POST SCRIPT:** Extensive internal plumbing work has begun in the Rectory, following a winter with several mishaps. Please excuse the mess and disruption and be patient when calling the Rectory, either personally or by telephone.. The work is being carried out by the wonderful Patryk Madujuraski and is expected to last approximately two weeks.