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First Sunday in Lent Year A

Psalter Week 1

CTS Sunday Missal p151

Week commencing 5th March 2017

Response to the Psalm: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Preface of the Sunday: p155

Eucharistic Prayer: I p591

Mystery of Faith II

Feast Days this Week: **Tues:** Ss Perpetua and Felicity **Wed:** St John of God **Thurs:** St Frances of Rome

Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week:

ST AMBROSE'S

Monday	8.30 am	Thomas Geraghty (Anniversary)
Tuesday	8.30 am	Intentions of Rita MacKay
	7.45 pm	(In Montini Room) Archbishop Couve de Murville RIP
Wednesday	9.15 am	Peggy Baynton RIP
Thursday	7.30 am	Teresa Baker RIP
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 9.00 pm (Compline 8.45 pm)
Friday	10.30 am	Adoration until 11.10 am
	11.30 am	Funeral Mass: Sheila Skitt RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9.00 am	Tom Geraghty and Phil Hopkins RIP followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick
Sunday	11.00 am	Jean Villa RIP
	6.00 pm	The People of the Parish

SACRED HEART

Friday	11.00 am	Stations of the Cross
Sunday	9.00 am	Deceased of the Kelly Family

CONFESSIONS:

St Ambrose's: Saturday, 11.45 am – 12.45 pm and by request

Sacred Heart: By request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Christopher Parkes, Lewis Kennedy

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
St Ambrose's:		
Sunday 11.00 am	B Galvin, C Geraghty, D Gillett, A Harris, T Hart, D Holdstock	R Tovey, G Pardoe
Sunday 6.00 pm	M Stride, B Taylor, M Weaver, T Webb, D Duncombe	M Bowdler, P Bowdler
Sacred Heart		
Sunday 9.00 am	M Harper, J Moore	S Coates

Church Cleaners: Team C (Wednesday, after Mass) **Offertory Counters:** Group 5 **Teas/Coffees:** Jane Bishop, Nicola Wright

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Aylott, Olena Barchuk, Albert and Elsie Barr, Keith and Marion Birch, Catherine Blount, Jennifer Bush, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Fr Paul Chavasse, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Maureen Connolly, Bunty Cook, Julie Cook, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Eamonn Dalton, Sarah Dalziel, Angeline Doherty, Revd Patrick Duffy, Sr Maureen Fay, Lina Finella, Victoria Fleming, Catherine Freemantle, Martha Graham, Frances Graves, Fr Christopher Greaney, Diane Grovenor, Shirley Hale, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Canice Heavern, Cindy Jones, Georgina Jones-White, John Joyce, John Kean, Wendy Kowalewicz, Audrey Little, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Joe McLaughlin, Gaetana Maffei, Marjorie Male, Francesca Marciante, Petronilla Marciante, Robert Matthews, Margaret Metcalf, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Pat Motteram, Sr Breda Murphy, Jacqui Murray, Kitty Murray, John Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Nichol, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Fr Denis O'Connor, Billie O'Keeffe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, Tracey Smale, Peter Strangward, Edward Sutton, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Lyndon Whatley, Edith Wilkes and Anne Youde.

Rite of Election: Four people have indicated their intention to enter Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil. Today 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 Murrhiy.

Recently Deceased: Mary Voice, of Keats Place, died in Hospital on 22 February. Her Funeral will be at the Crematorium on Thursday at 3.30 pm. Sheila Skitt's body will be received into Church on Thursday at 5.30 pm. Her Funeral Mass will be at 11.30 am on Friday, prior to Cremation. (Please note that Adoration next Friday will be from 10.30 – 11.10 am).

Old Rite Mass: There will be a Sung Mass in the Old Rite at St Ambrose's at 3.00 pm today, the first Sunday in Lent. Books are provided, and this Mass fulfils the Sunday obligation. Hospitality afterwards.

Craft Club: Meets in the Hall on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. We would be grateful for any donations of Cadbury Creme Eggs for our Easter Bunnies. These could be left at the back of the Church. All proceeds go to the Parish. Thank you.

Montini Group: Our final meeting will be in the Montini Room on Tuesday, when Mass will be offered (with a commentary throughout). This is the first of the group Masses for Catechesis that we have during the year. Please be in places by 7.40 pm so that we can begin at 7.45 pm without interruption. Thank you.

School Staff Meeting: The Parish Priest will join the School staff at their meeting on Wednesday afternoon to begin planning the Pageant which will bring our Year of Celebration to a conclusion in December.

Union of Catholic Mothers: The Wolverhampton Section meeting is on Wednesday at Holy Cross, West Bromwich. We shall be represented by our Officers, who will travel with Fr Lamb, now Spiritual Adviser to the Wolverhampton Section of the UCM.

West Mercia Women's Aid: The UCM are collecting items for women and children who have been made homeless due to domestic violence. A box will be at the back of Church (near the Piety Stall) for donations of a) toiletries and b) children's toys, books, crayons, colouring books etc. Thank you for your generosity.

Churches Together in Kidderminster: The first of this year's Lent Talks will take place on Wednesday evening in St George's. The Revd David Wright (Chaplain to Wolverhampton Wanderers FC) will speak on Faith and Sport. The talk begins at 7.30 pm.

Town Clergy: Ministers of the Town Churches will be meeting for lunch on Thursday at the home of the Revd John Williams, retired Pastor of Franche Baptist Church.

CAFOD Mass: Bishop Robert Byrne invites priests and people from our Deanery to gather for Mass next Thursday at 7.00 pm in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Redditch. This has been arranged by the Redditch CAFOD group. Fr Lamb will have some spaces in his car if there are parishioners who wish to attend.

National Novena to St Joseph: Takes place from 10-18 March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr Liam Cummins, MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email novena@millhillmissionaries.com.

Parish Centre Notices: The Wyre Valley Country Music Club presents West Country (a superb Country duo) on Friday, 10 March from 8.00 pm. Tickets £7. Please let all of us try to support events in the Parish Centre as they are publicised.

Catholic Men's Society: The St Ambrose's Branch will meet in the Wheatley Room on Wednesday, 15 March at 7.30 pm for an open discussion on the relationship between Faith and Austerity. All men in the Parish are warmly invited to attend.

St Patrick's Charity Night: Friday, 17 March. Big Irish Night in the Parish Hall. Irish sing-along. Prize for best-dressed Irish colleen. Do come along and join the fun. Admission £5 if showing something green, otherwise £6. Children free. Please bring along food for a buffet.

Parish Walking Group: On Saturday, 18 March a walk from Blackstone car park Bewdley at 10.30 am, lasting around 1½ hours. Contact Bernard Page (K637456) for more details.

Mother's Day Memories: There will be a Remembrance Service for Mother's Day at the Wyre Forest Crematorium and Cemetery on Sunday, 25 March at 3.00 pm. It will be led by the Revd Alex Vaccaro, and will be followed by afternoon tea. Please see noticeboard for details.

Pilgrimage: A Pilgrimage has been arranged by the Stour port Parish to Palazzola (19-26 September), to be led by Fr Christopher Greaney. Please see notice board for details.

FINANCES:

- i **St Ambrose's Red Mission Boxes.** Please bring these along to Church to be emptied. Thank you.
- ii Thank you for the Offertory last week of £827.01.
- iii Donations to the Clergy Training Fund were £125.00.
- iv There is a collection today for the maintenance of the Cathedral.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817.

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm.

Whist: Every Wednesday 2.00 pm. 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 pm – late.