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Third Sunday of Lent Year A

Week commencing: 19th March 2017

Psalter Week: 3

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Response to the Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts'.

Gospel acclamation: Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Mon: The Solemnity of St Joseph Sat: The Solemnity of the Annunciation

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am Iris Miller RIP
Tues: 8.30 am Jean Villa RIP
Wed: 7.30 am Jack Connolly (Anniv)
Thurs: 7.30 am Intentions of Bishop-Elect Michael Bibi
10.30 am Funeral: MICHELINA DI RITA RIP
7.30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8.45 pm)
Fri: 9.30 – 10.15 am Adoration
10.30 am In Thanksgiving (Bernard & Veronica Page)
Sat: 9.00 am Joan Wareham (Anniv) followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick
Sun: 11.00 am Babs Massey RIP
6.00 pm Edith Donigan RIP

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am The People of the Parish

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: Thomas Barnbrook, Matthew Conway

Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

<i>St Ambrose's</i>	Sun.	11.00 am	M Martin, R Barber, M Bradley, E Buncl, A Colclough, S Colclough	M Holmes, J Walker
	Sun.	6.00 pm	B Gavan, J Gavan, M Hesketh, V Page, J Stanley	C Lendon-Montrose D Lendon-Montrose
<i>Sacred Heart</i>	Sun.	9.00 am	A Speers, A Stanley	P Storey

Church Cleaners: Team A (Wed. 3.30 pm) **Offertory Counters:** Group I **Teas/Coffees:** CMS

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, Derek Cooper. 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, 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 Siresuk, 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.

Readers' Rotas: Please take a copy of the new rota from the back of church if you do not receive yours by email.

Funeral Arrangements:

MICHELINA DI RITA: Funeral Mass: Thursday March 23rd 10.30 am. Burial at Wyre Forest Cemetery
PETRONILLA MARCIANTE: Reception into Church: Tuesday March 28th 4.30 pm.
Funeral Mass: Wednesday March 29th 1.30 pm; Burial in Kidderminster Cemetery
MICHAEL PUGH: Funeral Service: Wyre Forest Crematorium Wednesday March 29th 11 am.
KATE BROWN: Reception into Church: Thursday March 30th 5 pm
Funeral Mass: Friday March 31st 12 noon; Burial in Kidderminster Cemetery

Anniversary: Next Saturday is the anniversary of the death in 1949 of one of our longest serving Parish Priests, Fr WALTER HOFER (1915 – 1938). May he rest in peace

First Scrutiny: Today during Mass at 11 am we shall pray for VICTORIA FLEMING, CHRISTINE HORNE, LINDA INGRASCI and KEELAN MURRIHY, all of whom are to be baptised at the forthcoming Easter Vigil.

Confessions in School for Lent: The Parish Priest will meet the children of Years 4,5,6 on Monday afternoon for a Service in preparation for Confessions in school on Tuesday 10.45 am – 12 noon; 1.15 pm – 3 pm.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting will be on Monday 20th March at 7.15 pm in the Adams Lounge.

Craft Club: meets in the hall on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Lent Talks: The third of the Lent Talks will be given by Geoff Weaver, Director of the Kidderminster Choral Society and a celebrated local musician. He will speak on FAITH and MUSIC at St George's on Wednesday at 7.30 pm. He will be conducting a performance of THE KINGDOM, a very moving work of Sir Edward Elgar, in Kidderminster Town Hall next Saturday at 7.30 pm.

Mother's Day Memories: There will be a Remembrance Service for Mother's Day at the Wyre Forest Crematorium and Cemetery on Sunday, 25th 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.

First Holy Communion: The next meeting for those preparing for Holy Communion (candidates, parents, catechists, teachers and clergy) will be in the School Hall on Wednesday March 29th at 6.30 pm.

Holy Hour: The next Holy Hour, as we approach Passiontide, will be on Thursday March 30th from 7.30 pm. It will end with the Night Office of Compline.

Lent Services of Penance: Four Services of Penance for Lent have been arranged in our Deanery as follows:

Tuesday April 4 th	St Ambrose's Kidderminster	7.30 pm
Friday April 7 th	Sacred Heart, Droitwich	7.30 pm
Monday April 10 th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch	7.30 pm
Tuesday April 11 th	St Peter's, Bromsgrove	7.30 pm

Priests from the Deanery will be available at each Service for individual confessions. Please try to attend, in order to receive the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for the great ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter

Church Cleaning. There will be a thorough church clean on April 10th (Monday of Holy Week) to prepare the church for the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Please could we ask for volunteers in addition to the regular church cleaners to meet at 10am if you are able to help.

Passover Commemoration: Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 7pm. Lists are available at the back of both 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 2nd April. Thanks to Stephen, Nina and Aidan O'Reilly who have agreed to be the host family this year.

Churches Together in Kidderminster: There is to be a Walk of Witness on Good Friday starting at Baxter Church at 10.45 am. Hot cross buns and coffee will be served at Baxter afterwards. There will be an Easter Sunrise Service on Broadwaters Park on Easter Sunday morning beginning at 6 am.

Good Friday: The Bach St. John Passion will be sung in St. Anne's Church, Bewdley, on Good Friday at 7.30pm. Please see notice board for details.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers: St Ambrose School would be grateful if parishioners would donate any vouchers in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

Harvington Hall: is in need of shop and reception volunteers at weekends. The Hall manager, Emma Pullen, would be most grateful to hear of anyone willing to help on the following dates in particular: Sun 19th March, Sat 25th March and/or Sun 26th March. She will be there herself to give support so you won't be alone! There is also a need for help on a more permanent basis even if it is only one day per month. Please contact Emma on 01562 777846.

Haberley Mission Boxes: raised £1,069 in 2016. Thanks to boxholders and collectors.

Finances: i. Thank you for the Offertory last week of £790.76 (Envelope Scheme £256.41, loose £535.35)

ii. Donations to CAFOD were £2

iii. We acknowledge with thanks a donation of £30 from the Women's World Day of Prayer Service.

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

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.