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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Year A

Week commencing April 2nd, 2017.

Psalter Week 1

CTS Sunday Missal p. 176

Response to the Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

Preface of the Sunday: p. 180.

Eucharistic Prayer II: p. 605.

Mystery of Faith: II

Commemorations of: St Isidore (Tues) St Vincent Ferrer (Wed) and St John Baptist de la Salle (Fri).

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

ST. AMBROSE'S

Monday	7.30 am	Michaelangelo Maffei RIP	
Tuesday	8.30 am	Theresa Baker RIP	
Wednesday	8.30 am	Peggy Baynton RIP	
Thursday	8.30 am	Jean Villa RIP	7.30 pm Adoration (Compline 8.45 pm)
Friday	Adoration	9.30 am – 10.15 am	Mass 10.30 am Michaela Butera RIP
Saturday	9.00 am	Neville Freemantle RIP	
Sunday	11.00 am	The people of the Parish	followed by by Rosary and Novena prayers for the sick.
	6.00 pm	Joe Farmer RIP	

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Sunday **9.00 am** Marion Jahli RIP.

CONFESSIONS: **St Ambrose's: Thursday** : 7.30-8.30pm, **Saturday:** 11:45am – 12:45pm, and by request.

Sacred Heart: by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Aidan O'Reilly, Sebin Jose.

Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

St Ambrose's	Sunday 11.00 am:	C.Geraghty, M.Martin, M.Roy, C.Vass, H.Scott, R.Tovey.	G.Hodgkinson, M. Darbyshire.
	Sunday 6.00 pm:	J.Gavan, M.Hesketh, V.Page, T.Rock. J. Stanley.	M.Hesketh, D.Duncombe.
Sacred Heart	Sunday 9.00 am:	J. Moore, E. O'Neill	J.Hughes

Church Cleaners: Team C (Wed after Mass) **Offertory Counters:** 3 **Teas/Coffees:** Betty Martin, Pam Lay, Clare Thompson.

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, Anthea Matthew, 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'Keefe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Doreen Reynolds, 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.

'The mystery that we live in every Eucharist is rich in significance. The mystery of Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper can neither be separated from Good Friday nor the Easter Vigil; it is one mystery that unfolds in three days; the mystery of Jesus crucified, buried, and risen...'

Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini

Golden Wedding Anniversary: Congratulations to **Christine and Tom Hopkins**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Monday. Several of us were able to celebrate with them.

Rest in Peace: We record the death of **Maria Gualano** of Vine Street, last weekend after some years of illness. Her funeral Mass is on the Tuesday in Holy week, April 11th at 10.30am prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. **Don McLaughlin**, brother of Joe, died on Wednesday in Ireland. May they rest in peace.

Anniversary: On Wednesday we have the anniversary of the death in 2005 of **Sister Mary Modwena of Jesus**, who was born in Kidderminster, who, a convert to the Faith, became a Poor Clare nun in Cheshire. May she rest in peace.

Third Scrutiny: Today during Mass at 11.00 am we shall pray for **Victoria Fleming, Christine Horne, Linda Ingrassi** and **Keelan Murrihy**, all of whom are to be baptised at the forthcoming Easter Vigil.

Old Rite: Today at 3.00 pm there will be Sung Mass in the Old Rite. This Mass fulfils the Sunday obligation. Books are available, and tea and coffee and cake are served afterwards in the Wheatley Room.

Choir Practices: The final two practices for the Easter Triduum will be on Mondays 3/4/17 and 10/4/17 at 7.15pm. Please come along if you intend to sing with the choir Passiontide and Easter. A very warm welcome to the new members who have recently joined.

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

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

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

Bible study: Wednesday 5th April at 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster. (741794) 2pm for 2.30 start to discuss aspects of the Passion according to St Matthew.

Lent Talks: The final talk in this year's series is in St John's, Blakebrook on Wednesday at 7.30pm and will be given by Professor David Stewarton FAITH and POETRY. Professor Stewart had many years of teaching experience and is an Elder of the United Reformed Church.

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 10.00 am 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: Good Friday: The Walk of Witness will start at 11.00am from Baxter Church and will end back at Baxter for coffee and hot cross buns. 7pm Evening Service at Baxter Church.

Holy Saturday 15th April: The Easter Trail event in Brinton Park starts at 10.30am. This year there are more activities and a more Christian focus. Youth for Christ are providing hot drinks and a 'Jesus' tent space for prayer and quiet reflection. There will also be Circus Skills, Face Painting, Pancake Tossing as well as the Easter Trail. Suitable for children up to 12 years. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. All activities are free. **Easter Day:** 6.00am Sunrise Service on Broadwaters Park adjacent to St. Oswalds.

Family Fun for Easter Sunday: The Parish Centre will be open after Mass on Easter Sunday for a wide range of activities including an Easter Bonnet Parade, an Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Party Games and Disco. Please see the 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.

Knock Shrine: Fully escorted 5 night Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 24th April 2017. £649 per person sharing. Price includes flight from Birmingham with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish breakfast each morning and 4 course dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups and individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime on 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL.

Friends of the Holy Land: Come and join us at the Granary Hotel Kidderminster for dinner with Don Maclean on 10th May 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £35 each including 2 course meal with welcome glass of wine/juice and entertainment by Don Maclean as he recalls 50 years in the world of showbusiness. Tickets available from Stephen Brown 01562 753422 or Maureen Brewer 01562 754322 TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS.

Finances: i Thank you for the offertory of £870.14 (Envelope scheme £420.15 Loose £449.99).

ii The collection for the East Africa Disaster Fund raised £583.51. This has been sent via CAFOD.

iii Contributions to CAFOD were £12.79.

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, 8.00pm-late.

TENBURY: Next Sunday, PALM SUNDAY, members of St Mary's Church, Tenbury will have a procession through the town and will join with us at 10am for prayers and hospitality. We look forward to welcoming them as we did last year.