

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**  
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**EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A**

**WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Psaltar Week: The Easter Octave**

**CTS Sunday Missal p.362**

**Response to the Psalm : This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad. SEQUENCE: p. 364**

**Gospel Acclamation : Christ our Passover**

**Preface of Easter I: p. 560**

**Eucharistic Prayer : I p.591**

**Mystery of Faith: I**

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

**ST AMBROSE'S**

Monday 12.30 p.m.

Jean Villa RIP

Tuesday 10.30 a.m.

**Funeral : MICHELINA DI RITA, RIP**

Wednesday 9.00 a.m.

Peggy Baynton, RIP

Thursday 11.30 a.m.

Theresa Baker, RIP 7.30 p.m. Adoration until 9 p.m. (Compline 8.45 p.m.)

Friday Adoration 9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.

**Mass: 10.30 a.m.** Intentions of Kathy Byrne.

Saturday 9.00 a.m.

Intentions of Tony Quinn, followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.

Angelina Scrocca, RIP 6.00 p.m. John Lannin, RIP

**SACRED HEART**

Sunday 9.00 a.m.

The People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS :**

**St Ambrose's: 11.45 a.m. 12.45 p.m. At other times, by request.**

**Sacred Heart: by request**

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK :**

**Altar Servers for morning Mass :**

**Volunteers, please.**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Readers**

**St Ambrose's :**

Sunday 11.00 a.m.

R. Barber, M. Bradley, E. Buncle  
A. Colclough, S. Colclough, E. Darbyshire

L. Coates, M. Parker

Sunday 6.00 p.m.

B. Gavan, M. Stride, B. Taylor  
M. Bowdler, P. Bowdler

T. Alexander, P. Young.

**Sacred Heart**

Sunday 9.00 a.m.

J Moore, E. O'Neill

S. Coates

**Offertory Counters Group: 4**

**Church Cleaners : To be arranged. Thank you to all who helped with the pre-Easter thorough clean.**

**Teas/Coffees : CRAFT CLUB**

**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 Marcianti, 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, Ken Peers, Doreen Reynolds, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, Tracey Smale, Nicky Suzman, 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**

**EASTER 2017:** This is the most appropriate time to record our thanks to the many people who serve us so well during the course of each year, and whose efforts come to marvellous fruition at Eastertide. As always, our Liturgy is so important to us. It is well known that we have wonderful Altar Servers (thankfully in abundance!) and the quality of our music is now obvious to everyone – the long hours of practice are well rewarded. Our readers and additional ministers perform faithfully and regularly, and those responsible for the flowers (in both of our churches) are so generous with their time and expertise. Special mention must be made to those who clean our Churches (both our regular teams and those who helped on Monday). Care of the Church, Sanctuary, Sacristy and Church grounds should be the concern of us all. Jean Bullock has spent hours preparing for our ceremonies, as she does expertly throughout the year. Counters, collectors, accounters and those who provide hospitality (in the Adams Lounge, the Borromeo Hall and at Tenbury) deserve our thanks. It is good that we have two Deacons to share the duties.

After Easter, Joseph Moran will be joining the Parish team as our Parish Administrator. This will relieve me of many of the administrative duties and I will be looking forward to working with him. Details of his new rôle will be published next week. It is a relief to be back to full strength in the Rectory. I am pleased that my new housekeeper, Marian, has settled in so quickly and she is taking great care of both Molly and myself. She works cheerfully and efficiently, I am most grateful. On a personal note, I have felt very encouraged by the constant affirmation and goodwill of so many of our parishioners, and by the willing support that is given both to me and to our Parish. In this very special year, such encouragement means much to me and I will always be grateful for it.

**PASSOVER COMMEMORATION** : On Wednesday evening, we had our twenty-fifth Seder Meal, attended by over ninety parishioners. The organisation has been undertaken each year by the ladies of the UCM and once again, everything went extremely well and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The whole Parish owes a tremendous debt to our ladies for their willing and dedicated service to us and for this beautiful occasion which brings us together each year, during Holy Week. Thanks are especially due to the O'REILLY FAMILY, who hosted and to Bernard Gavan, who very capably guided us through the event.

**AMBROSIAN GROUP**: The Group will meet on Thursday after 11.30 a.m. Mass, for their monthly shared lunch. All are welcome.

**PARISH RAMBLE SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL** : A 2½ mile walk around the top of Kinver Edge. No stiles. All are most welcome. Meet at 10.30 a.m. at the pull in where the road from Blakeshall meets Church Lane. OS ref. 834 829. Contact T Alexander Kidd.741794.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**: The Devotions to the Divine Mercy will take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 3 p.m. for an hour of prayer, adoration and the opportunity for the sacrament of Confession.

**PACT MEETING**: The next meeting of the Greenhill PACT will be in the Adams Lounge on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity for Greenhill residents to raise issues of local concern.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**: The next meeting of Candidates, parents, Catechists, teachers and Clergy in preparation for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be in the school hall on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY**: The Brothers of the Kidderminster (St Ambrose's) Branch will meet in the Wheatley Room, on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. to discuss THE SACRAMENTAL CHURCH (A fresh look at the Sacraments) from our Plan discussion booklet. All gentlemen of the Parish are warmly invited to attend.

**HOLY HOUR**: A Holy Hour for EASTERTIDE will be on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 7.30 p.m., concluding with the Office of Compline (Night Prayer) and Benediction.

**UBI CARITAS** : On Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> the Principal Celebrant of Mass at 11.00 a.m. will be **Bishop Philip Pargeter**, and at the conclusion of the Mass he will present the Diocesan **UBI CARITAS** award to **Maureen and Peter Bowdler, Jean Bullock, Anne Conway, Jane Da Costa, Patrick Hunt and Trevor Webb**. This is a huge honour for our Parish and we hope that very many will take the opportunity to attend, and to welcome Bishop Pargeter who, before his retirement, gave such kind support to us over many years. We should celebrate with these parishioners, and celebrate the contribution that all of us make to the life of our Parish. There will be a buffet lunch in the Adams Lounge and the Rectory garden afterwards. We would like to encourage ladies attending the Mass to wear extravagant hats for the occasion (as happened on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007). This Courtesy of the ladies then made a memorable evening even more special.

**FRIENDS of the HOLY LAND** : Come and join us at the Granary Hotel Kidderminster for dinner with Don Maclean on 10<sup>th</sup> May 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. 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**.

**THE SACRAMENT of HOLY ORDER** : The third of our Sacramental Celebrations for this year will take place over two weeks in **May**. On Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> we shall celebrate Priesthood in the Catholic tradition with contributions from three priests with different vocation journeys. **Fr Roger Raven**, a married former Anglican priest, **Fr Tomas Zuna** who was ordained last year, and **Fr Joseph Vu-Duc-Yen** who will tell the fascinating story of the Vietnamese refugees who founded their Chaplaincy in Birmingham. On Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a reflection on **Ministry within the Christian Churches**, when we shall welcome **Revd. Hugh Burton** (Church of England), **Revd. Nick Collison** (the Methodist Church) and **Fr Craig Szmidt** (Catholic). Both evenings will begin at 7.30 p.m., and will end with tea and cakes in the Borromeo Hall following the Office of Compline. Posters are on display this weekend in our Churches, and will be available with flyers after Easter.

**MOZART REQUIEM**: Bewdley Choral Society and Stourport Choral are presenting a performance of the Mozart REQUIEM in Kidderminster Town Hall on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see noticeboard for details.

**KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK**: This is an urgent appeal from the Foodbank for all basic foodstuffs; there is a marked increase in the number of larger families needing urgent help. There is a notice by the Foodbank collection point, detailing what is urgently needed. Thank you for your continued support.

**CONGRATULATIONS**: Tuesday Night Bingo Players have paid another £100 to KEMP Hospice, total to date is £500. Well done and thank you to you all for your generosity.

**POSTSCRIPT**: Gill Pardoe's body will be received into Church on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 p.m. Her Funeral Mass is on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 p. m. prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetary.

#### **FINANCES** :

- i. The Offertory last week was £845.58p. Thank you. (Loose plate £544.47. Envelope Scheme £301.11p).
- ii. Our Clergy Training Fund subscribers have added £32.00 to the fund. Thank you.
- iii. The Collection at Mass this week is the traditional Easter Offering to the Clergy of the Parish. Happy Easter to you all.

**Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge** : Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513295817 or [bookings.stambrose@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.stambrose@gmail.com).

**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.