

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH, KIDDERMINSTER
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This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Second Sunday of Eastertide Year A Psalter Week 2 CTS Sunday Missal p367 Week commencing 23rd April 2017

Response to the Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation: Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'.

Preface I of Easter: p559

Eucharistic Prayer: I p591

Mystery of Faith I

Feast Days this Week: Mon: Solemnity of St George Tues: St Mark Sat: St Catherine of Siena

Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week:

ST AMBROSE'S

Monday	8.30 am	Jean Villa RIP
Tuesday	7.30 am	Lynda Law RIP
Wednesday	9.15 am	Harry Berry RIP
Thursday	11.30 am	Michael O'Shaughnessy RIP
	2.00 pm	Funeral: Gill Pardoe RIP
	7.30 pm	Holy Hour - Compline and Benediction
Friday	9.30 am	Adoration until 10.15 am
	10.30 am	Teresa Baker RIP
Saturday	9.00 am	Peggy Baynton RIP followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick
Sunday	11.00 am	Intentions of Jacqui Jones and June Murray
	6.00 pm	Tommy Kearns RIP

SACRED HEART

Sunday	9.00 am	The People of the Parish
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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
St Ambrose's:		
Sunday 11.00 am	S Elcock, C Ellwood, E Fox, B Galvin, C Geraghty	A Lockley, M Roy
Sunday 6.00 pm	M Weaver, T Webb, D Duncombe, N Doherty, R Fox	M Bowdler, P Bowdler
Sacred Heart		
Sunday 9.00 am	A Speers, A Stanley	C Stanley

Church Cleaners: Team D (Friday, after Mass) **Offertory Counters:** Group 5 **Teas/Coffees:** G & M Cunliffe

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'Keeffe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Ken Peers, Doreen Reynolds, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireschuk, Tracey Smale, Peter Strangward, Edward Sutton, Nicky Suzman, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Lyndon Whatley, Edith Wilkes and Anne Youde.

Thanks: I am, as always, very grateful for the Easter offering, and for so many cards, greetings and gifts. The kindness of our parishioners is very affirming, and appreciated.

Parish Administrator: In recent years, smaller parishes than ours, and with fewer responsibilities than we have, have decided to engage a Parish Administrator. In the past few months I have not been able to attend to administrative matters in the Parish and in the Deanery, and in other places also, as efficiently as I would wish. On occasions some parishioners have been left anxious because of delays in returning communications etc. I am grateful that Joseph Moran has agreed to work with me as Parish Administrator. As this is a new venture, it may take some time to define the position exactly, but I envisage that he will be able to provide administrative and secretarial support. I hope that he will handle all Parish correspondence, the management of the various diaries that we have to keep, co-ordinate details and arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, and Sacramental programmes in conjunction with the School. Also, he will help in my work in the Deanery and with Winterfold School. Initially I am going to form a consultative group with the Deacons, and representatives of various areas of Parish life, so that all our activities can be properly co-ordinated, and a better sense of community can emerge. Joseph will be an important part of this. It is not intended that he should replace anyone (eg Newsletter typists and those who draw up the various rotas) but will, I hope, enhance our efficiency. Please pray that this initiative will prove fruitful for all of us. Joseph and I will go to Walsingham on 8 May to ask Our Lady's help for this new venture.

Funeral Services: There will be a Funeral Service for the infant Terry Baker on Wednesday afternoon at 2.00 pm, and she will be buried in the Children's section of Kidderminster Cemetery. Gill Pardoe's body will be brought to Church on Wednesday at 4.30 pm, and she will be buried in Kidderminster Cemetery after her Funeral Mass at 2.00 pm on Thursday. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Last Friday was the anniversary of the death in 1955 of Sr Catherine McGrann (Headmistress of the School 1910-37). She is buried in the Convent cemetery in the Mother House at Selly Park. Tomorrow is the anniversary of the death in 1993 of Fr Peter Dennison (Curate 1963-66). He had several appointments after leaving Kidderminster, including a period as Spiritual Director at Oscott College, and as Diocesan Archivist. His brother, Fr Thomas Dennison, was Parish Priest at Birchen Coppice.

Baptisms: Yesterday, Megan Rowlands was baptised by Revd Charles Duncombe. Today, the Revd Adam Nicholls will baptise Robyn Henderson, and Lily and Luca Sorano. Congratulations and blessings to these families.

PACT Meeting: The next meeting of the Greenhill PACT will be in the Adams Lounge on Monday, 24 April, at 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity for Greenhill residents to raise issues of local concern.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting will be on Monday, 24 April at 7.15 pm in the Wheatley Room.

Craft Club: Meets in the Hall on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

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, 26 April at 6.30 pm.

Catholic Men's Society: The Brothers of Kidderminster (St Ambrose's Branch) will meet in the Wheatley Room on Wednesday at 7.30 pm for an Open Discussion on Vatican II – Over 50 Years On. All men of the Parish are warmly invited to attend.

Holy Hour: A Holy Hour for Eastertide will be on Thursday, 27 April from 7.30 pm, concluding with the Office of Compline (Night Prayer) and Benediction.

Churches Together in Kidderminster: The next General Meeting of the Kidderminster Churches Together will be in the Borromeo Hall on Tuesday, 2 May at 7.30 pm.

Ubi Caritas: On Sunday, 7 May, the Principal Celebrant of Mass at 11.00 am will be Bishop Philip Pargeter, and at the conclusion of 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 Rectory garden afterwards. We would like to encourage ladies attending the Mass to wear extravagant hats for the occasion (as happened on 19 June 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 May, 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Tickets £35 each, including a two-course meal with a welcome glass of wine/juice and entertainment by Don Maclean as he recalls 50 years in the world of show business. Tickets available from Stephen Brown (10562 753422) or Maureen Brewer (01562 754322), 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, 11 May, 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, 18 May 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 Szmids (Catholic). Both evenings will begin at 7.30 pm, and will end with tea and cakes in the Borromeo Hall following the office of Compline. Posters are on display in our Churches, and will be available with flyers.

Mozart Requiem: Bewdley Choral Society and Stourport Choral are presenting a performance of the Mozart Requiem in Kidderminster Town Hall on Saturday, 20 May. 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.

FINANCES:

200 Club. I am pleased to say that Janine Nicholls and Martin Grovenor have volunteered to take over the running of the 200 Club. They write as follows: Thank you for your continued support and patience. The draw for January, February and March was carried out in the Rectory on 8 April. The lucky winners are:

January:	£75	N° 72	N Hill
	£30	N° 25	B Gavan
	£30	N° 110	J Moore
February:	£75	N° 91	Fr Lamb
	£30	N° 74	S Hill
	£30	N° 45	J Farmer
March	£75	N° 133	J Nicholls
	£30	N° 149	J Bishop
	£30	N° 186	B Martin

Thank you to those members who have paid their 2017 subscriptions. It would be appreciated if outstanding subscriptions could be paid as soon as possible, using the envelopes at the back of the Church. The 200 Club is a vital source of income for our Parish. There are good monthly prizes and a big extra draw at Christmas. Please take this time to think about joining – only £24 per year per number. Don't forget: 'You have to be in it to win it'.

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.