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The Fourth Sunday in Eastertide

Year A

Week commencing May 7th, 2017.

Psalter Week 4

CTS Sunday Missal p. 377

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Preface III of Easter: p. 561.

Eucharistic Prayer III: p. 611.

Mystery of Faith: I

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: S. Our Lady of Fatima.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

ST. AMBROSE'S

Monday	7.30 am	Martin Weaver RIP	
Tuesday	8.30 am	Jean Villa RIP	
Wednesday	9.15 am	Theresa Baker RIP	
Thursday	11.30 am	John Lannin RIP	7.30 pm Liturgy to celebrate Holy Orders
Friday	Adoration	9.30 am – 10.15 am	Mass 10.30 am Joan Battye RIP
Saturday	9.00 am	Intentions of Heavern Family followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick	
Sunday	11.00 am	Sheila Hodges RIP	6.00 pm The People of the Parish

SACRED HEART

Sunday 9.00 am Denzil Kelly RIP

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: **Saturday:** 11:45am – 12:15pm, and by request. **Sacred Heart:** by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's Sunday 11.00 am: M. Martin, M. Roy, H. Scott,
C. Vass, R. Barber, M. Bradley.
Sunday 6.00 pm: T. Rock, J. Stanley, M. Stride,
B. Taylor, M. Weaver.
Sacred Heart Sunday 9.00 am: E. O'Neill, M. Peyton.

Readers

R. Tovey, M. Holmes.
G. Amphlett, D. Robinson.
J. Moore.

Church Cleaners: Team B (Friday 2.00pm) **Offertory Counters:** 1 **Teas/Coffees:** Jane Bishop, Nicki 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, 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, 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'Keeffe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Ken Peers, Doreen Reynolds, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshuk, Tracey Smale, Peter Strangward, Susan Stubbins, 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.

Ubi Caritas: We welcome Bishop Philip Pargeter to 11.00 am Mass, during which he will present the **Diocesan Ubi Caritas** awards to Maureen and Peter Bowdler, Jean Bullock, Anne Conway, Jane DaCosta, Patrick Hunt and Trevor Webb.

Baptism: Next Saturday we have the Baptism of **Gabriel James Freeman**, grandson of Jan and Peter Purvey. Please pray for this family as they celebrate this important occasion.

Resurrection: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jane Anton**, of Wynn Cottage, Bewdley, who died peacefully at home early on Tuesday morning. She was a weekly attender at Mass here until her illness made it impossible for her to come. Her Funeral Mass will be at 11.30 am on Wednesday May 17th prior to burial at Wribbenhall. **Bridget Locke's** body will be brought to Church on Wednesday May 17th at 4.30 pm; her Funeral Mass is the following morning at 11.00 am and she will be buried in Kidderminster Cemetery.

Anniversary: Today is the anniversary of the death in 1972 of the redoubtable **Sister Cathaldus Cooney**, Head Mistress of our Schools 1937-1965. Happy memories!

Old Rite Mass: There is a Sung Mass in the Old Rite this afternoon at 3.00 pm. Books are available, and tea and cake will be enjoyed in the Rectory garden afterwards.

Union of Catholic Mothers: Meets on Monday at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall. All ladies will be made most welcome.

Kidderminster Deanery: The Clergy of the Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at St Mary's Harvington, for a Day of Recollection to be led by Dom Paul Gunter OSB, a monk of Douai Abbey and Liturgical Adviser to the Bishops of England and Wales.

Craft Club: are pleased to donate £250 to Parish funds from the sale of scones and Easter novelties over the last few weeks. We would once again like to thank everyone who generously contributed the Cadbury's eggs. We meet in the hall on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Fraternal: The Ministers of the Churches in Kidderminster will meet for lunch on Thursday at the home of Canon Rose Lawley, Team Rector of St. Mary's.

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 Szmidt (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.

Parish Ramble: Saturday, 20th May. A four-and-a-half mile walk through the Spennells Nature Reserve, along the old railway path, up to Stone and back through Dunclent. There are a few stiles along the way, and a couple of gentle climbs. Meet at 10.30 am in the lay-by at the end of Spennells Valley Road on the A448 Bromsgrove Road (at the former Stourminster School). New walkers always welcome. Contact Mary Heffernan (01562 743639) for further details if required.

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.

Parish May Procession: Our annual Procession in honour of Our Lady is on Sunday May 21st at 4.30 pm. We shall begin in Church and after the Rosary Procession to the Rectory garden, **Lil Cook** has kindly consented to crown the statue on behalf of the whole Parish. The UCM will provide tea afterwards.

Finances:

i	200 Club:	The April draw was carried out in the Parish Hall on 30 th April 2017. The lucky winners:
	£75 No. 115	C. Nicholls
	£30 No. 174	C. Geraghty
	£30 No. 69	M. Heffernan

Thank you to those members who have paid their 2017 subscriptions and for the new members that have joined. There are still plenty of numbers available. The next draw will take place at Tenbury after Mass on Sunday 28th May. To clarify what appears to be a grey area, the 200 Club rules are that only fully paid up members (£24 per annum) are eligible to be entered in the Christmas draw. We appreciate that we have taken on the 200 Club part way through the year. It has been decided that we will make a 1-time offer for this year only, any brand new members who join before 28th May can pay a pro-rata rate of £16 for entry into the rest of the monthly draws as well as the Christmas draw. Any other people who want to become new members during the rest of the year will be subject to the £16 joining rate to be eligible for the Christmas draw along with the remaining monthly draws.

- ii **The Mite Scheme:** Parishioners have supported this small charity since April 2011. In six years we have sent 24 cheques, £1,256 altogether, which has helped over 36,000 children and given peace of mind to their families. One added improvement in recent years is the 'Aqua-Tab' for sterilizing water. Things are getting better! Our Co-ordinator, Keith Garner, always sends a receipt and a short note thanking St. Ambrose's parishioners, who are particularly generous. Please continue to save 5 pence coins, or any loose coins. Every penny is spent on re-hydration sachets. Most of them are given to healthy children affected by diarrhea, a killer where hygiene is poor.
- iii We acknowledge with gratitude donations of £238.00 in memory of Gill Pardoe. May she rest in peace.
- iv Thank you for the offertory last week of £793.15. (Loose £487.65, Envelope Scheme £305.50.)
- v Retiring Collection today for the Clergy Training Fund.

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.