

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

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This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered Charity no. 234216.

The First Sunday in Lent

Year: B

Week Commencing: February 18th 2018

Psalter Week: 1

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Eucharistic Prayer: I p591

Mystery of Faith: III

Response to the Psalm: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your Covenant

Gospel Acclamation: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

Feast Days this Week: W. St. Peter Damian Th The Chair of St Peter F. St Polycarp

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am David Weaver RIP

Tues: 8.30 am Edith Wilkes RIP

Wed 9.15 am Intentions of June Murray

Thurs: 11.30am Thomas Massey RIP

7 :30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8:45pm)

Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15a Mass 10.30am Jacqui Jones RIP 7.30pm The Stations of the Cross

Sat: 9.00 am Intentions of Jean Bullock followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Celine Geach RIP

6.00 pm Lesley Thresh RIP

Sacred Heart

Fri: 11.00 am The Stations of the Cross

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: M & M Conway

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: M.Martin, H.Scott, M Braley, E.Darbyshire,C.Ellwood

Readers: C. Villa, J. Walker

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Taylor, L. Farmer

Readers: M. Weaver, D. Duncombe

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: E. O'Neill, M. Peyton

Readers: S. Coates

Church Cleaners Team: A

Offertory Counters Group: 6

Tea/Coffee: C.M.S.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Aylott, Olena Barchuk, Albert Barr, Keith and Marion Birch, Catherine Blount, Jennifer Bush, Mateo Butera, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Fr Paul Chavasse, Luke Coates, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Maureen Connolly, Bunty Cook, Julie Cook, Derek Cooper, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Eamonn Dalton, Sarah Dalziel, Revd Patrick Duffy, Sr Maureen Fay, Lina Finella, Victoria Fleming, Catherine Freemantle, Martha Graham, Frances Graves, Fr Christopher Greaney, Janet Greenwood, Diane Grovenor, Shirley Hale, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Alane Harvey, Sonia Higgins, Anne Holcroft, Georgina Jones-White, John Joyce, John Kean, Kay Kelly, Wendy Kowalewicz, Arwen Lockley, Alice Loge, Josie Lynch, Joe McLaughlin, Marjorie Male, Francesca Marciante, Anthea Matthew, Robert Matthews, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Pat Motteram, Teresa Moule, Sr Breda Murphy, John Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Nichol, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Fr Denis O'Connor, Billie O'Keefe, Katherine O'Sullivan, Meghann O'Sullivan, Tara O'Sullivan, Ken Peers, Doreen Reynolds, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireschuk, Tracey Smale, Rosemary Smith, Helen Stewart, Peter Strangward, Coleen Stride, Edward Sutton, Nicky Suzman, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, James Vessey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Kate Werrett, Lyndon Whatley, Fr Graham Wilkinson, Deana Wright and Anne Youde.

THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS; Meets on Monday at 7.30pm in the Borromeo Hall of the Parish Centre.

MONTINI GROUP; The final meeting of the Montini Group for this series will be in the Rectory on Tuesday evening. We may briefly visit the still very cold Church to look at the various memorials, and to remember those who have died in the Lord. Thanks to the many faithful members who have persevered during the winter months and the recent arctic weather.

HOLY HOUR There will be a Holy Hour on Thursday March 1st as an introduction to the events leading up to the Eucharistic Congress I Liverpool in September. Brochures are available giving details of the Congress programme. We are asked to notify the Diocese early in the coming week if we require tickets for any one (or all) of the three days events. Please sign the list TODAY as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross: The devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be on the Friday mornings of Lent at 11.00 am in the Sacred Heart Church, Tenbury, and on the Friday evenings at 7.30 pm in St Ambrose's.

SVP The next meeting will be on Monday, February 19th at 7.15 pm in the Wheatley Room of the Parish Centre.

UCM LENTEN PROJECT We are collecting items to put into "Baby Packs" to be given to vulnerable mothers as part of a scheme being run by Fr. Hudson's Care (for many refugees and migrants living in extreme poverty) A box will be available at the back of the Church to receive any donations of items such as disposable nappies, baby Clothes, toiletries etc. Many thanks.

200 CLUB The February draw will be on Sunday after Mass at the Parish Centre 25th February. For those who have not renewed/joined please consider subscribing. The 200 Club allows vital funds to be available to our Parish in order to meet the financial obligations we have. For those who subscribe to the 200 Club there is the opportunity to win cash prizes. Total cost is £24 per annum per number. Application forms and envelopes are available at the back of Church. For further details, please see Janine Nicholls or Martin Grosvenor.

RED BOXES The Red APF Boxes are at the back of Church. Would the owners please pick them up.

BIBLE STUDY We will be discussing the readings for Mass for the second Sunday In Lent (Year B) on Wednesday February 21st at 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster. 01562 741794 2pm for 2.30pm start. All welcome.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH will take place from 10th-18th March 2018 at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, Their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's Blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena Booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr. Liam Cummins MHM, St. Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 7HT or email novenamhm@gmail.com

CHOIR PRACTICE: Will be held on Monday, February 19th at 7.15 pm.

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DESERT ISLAND LENT: Lent is a time that calls Christians to spend some time in the desert or wilderness, in prayer and reflection. If you were to spend Lent on a desert island, what would you take with you for comfort, inspiration and enjoyment? On Wednesday evenings during Lent we will be asking five local Faith Leaders what they would take to make their time as Castaways more spiritual and fruitful. Please do come along and find out about their choices and the stories behind them. Dates, venues and Castaways are:

Wednesday, 21 February	Franché Baptist Church	Fr Douglas Lamb
Wednesday, 28 February	Baxter Church	Revd Nick Collison
Wednesday, 7 March	St Oswald's Church	Revd Canon Rose Lawley
Wednesday, 14 March	Holy Trinity Methodist Church	Lt Louisa Hollingsworth
Wednesday, 21 March	St Ambrose's Parish Hall	Revd Andrew Mann-Ray

All evenings are 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start. Please do support Lent with *Churches Together in Kidderminster*.

MITE SCHEME A huge thank you to parishioners for £152.25 and warmest thanks to those who counted the mighty mites, thousands of them. Every 5 pence is more than enough to pay for a rehydration sachet used to treat childhood diarrhoea, a killer in 126 countries so please keep saving those little coin

WEDDING RINGS There was no response to the appeal for wedding rings, to be given to young nuns in the Grace & Compassion Benedictine Order, who care for the elderly in the UK and also India. This is understandable as gold rings are precious objects and a visible reminder of marriage and loved ones. However, if you have a ring that is not worn, please consider donating it to the Order. The nun who receives it will, in return, pray daily for the original owner.

THANK YOU To all who came forward to be anointed during the Sacrament of the Sick last week and to those who provided transport for them. Over 80 people were anointed during our Sunday Masses.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER This year the Ecumenical Service will be held at the Salvation Army, Jerusalem Walk, Kidderminster at 10.30am. on Friday 2nd March. It originates from the women of Suriname, South America, This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it. The service which was held at St Ambrose's last year was generously supported by many of our fellow Christians in Kidderminster. It will be a privilege to join together again at the Salvation Army to celebrate the theme "All God's Creation is Very Good!"

LINE DANCING for beginners in the Borromeo Hall on Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm. Entry £4. Raffle Prizes would be appreciated in aid of Church boiler.

FINANCES:

- i We are grateful for last week's Offertory of £799.90 (Plate £497.50, Envelope Scheme £302.40)
- ii Thanks to the Craft Club for its donation of £100
- iii £56.37 was raised for LIFE Charity
- iv Thanks to the C & L Frayne Trust for its donation of £500
- v Thanks to Mrs J Bush for her donation of £20 in memory of Rocco Giannini

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.