

Lately Dead: Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of LILIAN BULLOWS, of Greatfield Road, who died recently. Her Funeral Service (not a Mass) is on Friday at 3 o'clock prior to Cremation at Wyre Forest Crematorium.

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of LIAM BUCKLEY, who died earlier this month at the fine age of 94 years. He had been a school master for many years prior to his retirement. His Funeral will be at St Mary's Harvington early in March. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Of your charity, pray for the good repose of Fr George Brewster (d.1990) who ministered in this parish 1935 – 1937; and for Fr George Tarrant (d.2004) who ministered in this parish 1960 – 1961.

Heating: The installation of the new boiler will begin during the coming week. Thanks especially to Fil Vaccaro for preparing the estimates for the Diocese to consider; and for undertaking the necessary groundwork with the various parties concerned. Thanks, too, for all the support and the perseverance of our parishioners who have endured such intense cold during the last couple of weeks. Please do let people know that the heating will be restored fairly soon.

Friendship Club: Meets again on Wednesday February 28th. Please note the price is £3.50. Contact Joyce Gavan.

St Ambrose Companions: A group for widows and widowers will meet next Thursday, March 1st in the Wheatley Room of the Parish Centre 12 noon – 2 pm. Please bring a packed lunch but tea and coffee will be provided.

Holy Music: Music and readings from the Tudor period for the start of Holy Week. The Birmingham Bach Choir will present THE GREAT SERVICE, composed by the Elizabethan William Byrd, in St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday March 24th at 7.30 pm. There will be hymns and organ voluntaries from the Tudor period, and the Archbishop will be reading some of John Donne's Holy Sonnets. There are leaflets in our churches. (www.birmingham.bachchoir.com for further details.)

Choir Practices: The next series of choir practices will be held on:

Saturday March 3rd (10.15 am)
Monday March 12th (7.45 pm)
Saturday March 24th (10.15 am)

UCM Lenten Project: Many thanks to those who have already contributed to our 'Baby Pack' appeal. The box is now situated at the back of the church for your contributions and there is a list of the sort of items needed attached to it. It will be emptied regularly for the items to be kept safely before taking them to the Wolverhampton Section meeting on March 14th. It would therefore be helpful if any contributions could be made by then.

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 to make their time as Castaways more spiritual and fruitful. On Wednesday evenings 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.

The remaining dates, venues and Castaways are:

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 Centre - Revd Andrew Mann-Ray.
All evenings are 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. Please support Lent with *Churches together Kidderminster*

National Novena to St Joseph: will take place from 10 – 18th March 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 Rd, Maidenhead SL6 7HT.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Takes place **next Friday 2nd March**. This ecumenical service will be held at the Salvation Army Jerusalem Walk 10.30 – 2 pm. It originates from the women of Suriname. This is not simply a day of prayer for women but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it. Please come along and give your support.

Line dancing: for beginners in the Borromeo Hall on Wednesday 28th February at 7.30 pm. Entry £4. Raffle prizes would be appreciated. In aid of the church boiler.

Finances: i. We are grateful for last week's Offertory of £801.99 (plate £445.43 Envelope: £355.66)
ii. £16.37 was given towards the MITE initiative
iii. We are grateful to those kind parishioners who have donated towards the cost of the new boiler.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 (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.