

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER
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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

Parish Clergy: Revd. Fr. Douglas Lamb, Revd. Adam Nicholls, Revd. Charles Duncombe.

In Retirement: Revd. Dr. Peter Mason.

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

The Third Sunday in Lent Year: B Week Commencing: March 4th 2018

Psalter Week: III CTS Sunday Missal p. 191 Preface: I of Lent p. 555 Eucharistic Prayer: II p. 605 Mystery of Faith: III.

Response to the Psalm: *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

Gospel Acclamation: *God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son; everyone who believes in Him has eternal life.*

Feast Days this Week: W. SS Perpetua & Felicity. Th. St. John of God. F. St. Frances of Rome.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7:30 am. Elsie Barr RIP.

Tues: 8:30 am. Thomas Geraghty (Anniv.)

Wed: 9:15 am. (in school) Jacqui Jones

Thurs: 7:30 am. Doris Williams RIP. 7:30 pm. Adoration until 9 pm. (Office of Compline 8:45 pm.)

Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Mass 10:30 am. Jean Villa RIP. 7:30 pm. Stations of the Cross.

Sat: 9 am. Lesley Thresh RIP. followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick.

Sun: 11.00 am. The People of the Parish. 6.00 pm. Jonquil Dunlea RIP.

Sacred Heart Friday 11 am. The Stations of the Cross.

Sun: 9.00 am. Pru Sales RIP.

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: F. Robinson & T. Barnbrook.

St Ambrose's: Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Martin, H. Scott, T. Hart, P. Hunt, D. Gillett

Readers: A. Flavin, G. Hodgkinson

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Saich, R. Fox.

Readers: B. Taylor, F. Robinson.

Sacred Heart: Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Coates, J. Moore.

Readers: P. Storey.

Church Cleaners Team: C Offertory Counters Group: 2 Tea/Coffee: T. O; Sullivan, B. Power, A. Colclough.

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, Matteo Butera, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Fr Paul Chavasse, Luke Coates, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Maureen Connolly, Buntty 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 Logue, 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'Keeffe, Katherine O'Sullivan, Meghann O'Sullivan, Tara O'Sullivan, Ken Peers, Doreen Reynolds, Deana Right Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, 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, Lyndon Whatley, Fr Graham Wilkinson and Anne Youde.

Lately Dead: Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Wood of Queen Elizabeth Road, Comberton, who died on February 18th aged 92. Her Funeral service will be on March 15th at 1:45 pm prior to cremation.

BAD NEWS: Unfortunately, asbestos has been found in the church boiler room. Our contractors, LORD Combustion Services, will encapsulate the asbestos insulating board ceiling panels. As previously mentioned, a full quinquennial inspection of parish property is being arranged and this should highlight any other asbestos issues we may have. Sadly, this will cause a delay, and further expense but everyone is working hard to ensure the delay is kept to a minimum. For the time being, Masses on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursday will be in the Rectory, as will Thursday evening adoration. Mass on Wednesdays will be in the School Hall.

Retiring Collection: There is a retiring collection after Masses today for the maintenance of St. Chad's Cathedral.

Passover Commemoration: Will be held on Wednesday, March 28th at 7 pm. Lists are available at the back of both churches, please indicate your intention to attend and if you'd prefer a vegetarian option. Lists will remain open until Sunday, March 18th.

UCM: meets on Monday at 7:30 pm. in the Parish Centre. Please note: Stations of the Cross will take place in the Hall, not in Church, before the meeting.

Craft Club: Meets in the Parish Centre on Tuesday at 7: 30 pm. Everyone very welcome.

CMS: The St. Ambrose branch will meet in the Wheatley Room on Wednesday at 7: 30 pm. when Br. Joseph Moran will lead a discussion on our understanding of the Mass. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend this very important meeting.

Bible Study: Will be discussing the Mass readings for the 4th Sunday in Lent (Year B) on Wednesday, March 7th. 2 pm. for 2:30 pm. start at the home of Teresa Alexander. 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster, (01562) 741794. This is to be our last meeting before Easter. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross: will be held this Friday at Tenbury Wells at 11 o' clock and at St. Ambrose's at 7: 30 pm.

Ambrosian Group: Will meet for their monthly shared lunch on Thursday, March 15th in St. Ambrose's Parish Centre from Noon. Everyone welcome.

SVP: the next meeting will be on Monday 12th March at 7:15pm in the Wheatley room of the Parish Centre.

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

Monday March 12th (7.45 pm)

Saturday March 24th (10.15 am)

200 Club: Winners for the February Draw are as follows:

First prize: £75 N^o. 103 Mrs. J. Bullock.

Second Prize: £30 N^o. 90 Mrs. S. Dovey.

Third Prize: £30 N^o. 199 Mrs. J. Nicholls.

The March Draw will be held on April 9th at the UCM Meeting.

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:

Wednesday 7th March

St Oswald's Church

Revd. Laura Betson

Wednesday 14th March

Holy Trinity Methodist Church

Lt. Louisa Hollingsworth

Wednesday 21st March

St. Ambrose Parish Hall

Revd. Andrew Mann-Ray

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

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.)

Parish Ramble: The Parish Rambling group met last Saturday to for a planning meeting. The rambles will take place from March to October, on the third Saturday of each month, meeting at 10.30am. They are generally easy walks of around 4 miles. We always welcome any new participants and may be able to offer lifts if needed. The time and starting point of the walk will be notified on the newsletter at least one week ahead. In case of bad weather the walk will be cancelled but a telephone number will be given for the leader of each walk. This month's walk will take place on Saturday March 17th 10.30 am starting from Churchfields Farm near Salwarpe, Droitwich. Postcode WR9 0AH Grid ref: 875615. Drive to Droitwich on the A422 and follow signs to Worcester at the large roundabout (i.e turn right) and follow it to the next large roundabout. Turn right off the A38 almost immediately after the roundabout, before the Copcutt Elms pub, follow the lane towards Salwarpe village, taking the first left (before the village) and then first right. There is an excellent café at the farm. For any enquiries please contact Chris Vass (K.630949) who is the rambling group co-ordinator. We look forward to seeing some new faces and hope the snow keeps off by then!

Vice Principal Position: St. Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School, Brierley Hill, are seeking to appoint a Vice Principal for September 2018.

All applicants must be practising Roman Catholics. Please enquire at Istanley@st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk or 01384 818435 for further details.

FINANCES:

i. We are grateful for last week's Offertory of £827.43. (Plate: £482.38. Envelope: £345.05)

ii. £66.61 was donated to CAFOD.

<p>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</p> <p>Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm.</p> <p>Whist: Every Wednesday 2.00 pm. Please come along and support the Parish Centre.</p> <p>Folk Music: In the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists on the second & fourth Fridays of every month. Admission free. 8 pm. till late.</p>
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