

**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 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Year: B**

**Week Commencing: March 11th, 2018.**

Psalter Week: 4 CTS Sunday Missal: p. 197 Preface: II of Lent p. 557 Eucharistic Prayer III: p. 611 Mystery of Faith: III

Response to the Psalm: O Let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not.

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: **S. St. Patrick.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**St Ambrose's**

Mon: 8.30 am Joan Battye RIP

Tues: 8.30 am Edith Donigan RIP

Wed: 9.15 am John Kerrigan RIP

Thurs: 11.30 am Jacqui Jones RIP 1.45 pm Funeral: **Irene Wood RIP** 7:30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8:45pm)

Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Mass: 10.30 am Intentions of Tom Kerrigan

Sat: 9.00 am Patrick Heffernan (Anniv) followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Tom Ashcroft (Anniv)/Brian & Joshua Martin RIP 6.00 pm John Power RIP

**Sacred Heart**

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: F. Robinson, T. Bambrook

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Colclough, B. Galvin, M. Roy, R. Barber, M. Martin.

Readers: C. Vass, A. Martin.

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: V. Page, A. Saich.

Readers: M. Weaver, D. Duncombe.

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

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

Readers: A. Hughes.

Church Cleaners Team: D

Offertory Counters Group: 3

Tea/Coffee: J. Walker, 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, Buntly 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, 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, Rita Mackay, 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, David Vass, James Vessey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Lyndon Whatley, Fr Graham Wilkinson and Anne Youde.

**Walsingham:** Last Monday Joseph and I went on pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham. On the journey home we were involved in a motor accident from which both of us emerged unhurt. We were very fortunate. My car has been written off and will be replaced fairly soon. For the time being I have lost a little of my self-confidence and I apologise for any inadequacies in my present performance.

I am very grateful to Joseph, who retained his presence of mind throughout, and guided me through a very difficult situation.

**Recently Deceased:** The much loved **Mary Harris** died peacefully last Sunday evening, surrounded by members of her family. As is well known, she has been ill for many years. It is hoped that her funeral will take place before Easter.

**Arthur Rowles** died recently in Cambrian House. Although not a Catholic, we have been doing our best to look after him, and we have been asked to officiate at his funeral.

**Funeral:** Please pray for Irene Wood whose funeral service (not a Mass) will be on Thursday at 1:45 pm prior to cremation at Wyre Forest Crematorium.

**Irene McFarland:** Please pray for Irene McFarland who died on February 24th. Funeral service to be held at 1pm on 23rd March at Wyre Forest Crematorium.

**Welcome:** It is a joy for us to welcome Dr. Peter Mason to our Sunday Mass this morning. He hopes to be able to join us on other occasions in the future.

**Work in Progress:** The removal of asbestos began on Friday, and it is hoped that work will begin during the coming week on the installation of the replacement boiler. Thanks to all who have kept faith with us, and persevered during the past weeks. Please let people know that heat is soon to be restored in our church.

**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 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday will be in the Rectory, as will Thursday evening adoration. Mass on Wednesdays will be in the School Hall.

**Rotas:** please find the forthcoming rota for Extraordinary Ministers and Readers at the back of the church today.

**Kidderminster Deanery:** The clergy of the Deanery will meet at St. Ambrose's on Tuesday to discuss the work that we do with those who are sick – at homes, nursing homes and in hospitals. Please pray for the Revd. Stephen Dunton (Deacon at Studley) who has decided to stand down from his ministry to seek ordination in the Church of England. Fr. Graham Wilkinson is still very unwell (in Aston Hall), and Fr. Vincent (from Sacred Heart, Droitwich) has returned to India because of the illness of his mother. Our Deanery is under severe pressure at present, and we seek your prayers.

**First Holy Communion:** The next meeting of candidates, parents, teachers and catechists will be in the School Hall on Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

**Passover Commemoration:** Will be held on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Ambrosian Group:** Will meet for their monthly shared lunch on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St. Ambrose Companions:** Philips Travel of Bewdley are organising a day-trip to Hereford Cathedral to see the Weeping Window. A display of ceramic poppies, on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. £17 per person. Payable on booking, non-returnable, Contact Ann Harris: 01299 402160.

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

Monday March 12th (7.45 pm)

Saturday March 24th (10.15 am)

**UCM Lenten Baby Pack Project:** Many thanks to all the very generous donations towards the baby packs. We shall take these to the Wolverhampton Section meeting on Wednesday to be passed on to Fr Hudson's Care.

#### **Desert Island Lent:**

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:** Parish Ramble: The first Parish ramble of the year is next Saturday, March 17th 10.30 am starting from Churchfields Farm near Salwarpe, Droitwich. Postcode WR9 0AH Grid ref: 875615. Directions: Drive to Droitwich on the A422. At the large roundabout, follow signs to Worcester (A38) one mile to another roundabout, take 3rd exit and then the first right (before the Copcutt Elm pub) signposted Salwarpe. Take this lane for about ½ mile, go over railway bridge and immediately left and then first right signposted Churchfields Farm. There is an excellent café at the farm and homemade ice cream! For any enquiries please contact Chris Vass (K.630949).

**Church Cleaning:** Please note that on Monday 26th March, there will be a 'big clean' to get the church ready for our most important day of the year, Easter Sunday. We would be grateful for anyone 'extra' (not just the regular church cleaners) to come and lend a hand. Please also note, there will be no church cleaning in the week following Easter Sunday. The normal rota resumes on Friday 13th April - the B Team.

#### **FINANCES:**

i. We are grateful for last week's Offertory of £573.54 (Plate: £339.84, Envelope: £233.00)

ii. The retiring collection for Cathedral maintenance raised £50.76.

iii. A donation of £220 was made towards the church boiler, for which we are deeply grateful.

**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 & fourth Fridays of every month. Admission free. 8 pm. till late.