

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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Year: B

Week Commencing: March 18th, 2018

Psalter Week: 1 CTS Sunday Missal: p. 202 Preface I of Lent p.555 Eucharistic Prayer: I p.601 Mystery of Faith: III

Response to the Psalm: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there, too.

Feast Days this Week: M. The Solemnity of St Joseph.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am Brigida Saporito RIP

Tues: 8.30 am Lesley Thresh RIP

7.30 pm PENANCE SERVICE (with visiting Confessors).

Wed: 9.15 am Rita Kerrigan RIP

10.30 am Funeral: MARY HARRIS RIP

Thurs: 7.30 am Jack Connolly (Anniversary)

7.30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8.45 pm)

Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Mass: 10.30 am Jacqui Jones RIP

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Sat: 9.00 am Ruby Drury RIP followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Joan Wareham (Anniversary)

5 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Intentions of Kate Werrett

Sacred Heart

Fri: 11.00 am Stations of the Cross

Sun: 9.00 am The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday NO MIDDAY. Sunday 5 pm and by request. Sacred Heart by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: S Jose, C Parker

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: D Gillett, A Harris, T Hart, D Holdstock, P Hunt

Readers: C Villa, J Walker

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: T Alexander, P Bowdler

Readers: M Weaver, P Young

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: A Speers, A Stanley

Readers: A Hughes

Church Cleaners Team: A

Offertory Counters Group: 4

Tea/Coffee: B Martin, C Thompson, P Lay

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, 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, 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'Keefe, 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 Sireshuk, 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, Kate Werrett, Lyndon Whatley, Fr Graham Wilkinson and Anne Youde.

Lately Dead:

The Funeral of **Mary Harris** is on Wednesday at 10:30 am. followed by burial in Kidderminster Cemetery.

The Funeral of **Irene McFarland** will be held at 1pm on Friday, 23rd March at Wyre Forest crematorium.

The Funeral of **Arthur Rowles** will be at Wyre Forest Crematorium at 11 am. on Wednesday, April 4th.

The Funeral of **Jean Wilcox**, former Secretary of Hagley R.C. School will be at St. Mary's, Harvington, on Tuesday April 3rd at 1:30 pm.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Johanna Donovan**, mother of Sue Donovan and mother-in-law of Dermot Scully, who died in her home in Comberton last Tuesday morning. She was 97.

Anniversary: Today is the anniversary of the death in 2015 of Rev. Thomas Ashcroft. Deacon in this Parish 2002-2015. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations to Gloria Katatumba and her two sons Giorgio and Domenico who will represent the Kidderminster Deanery at the World Meeting of Families, being held in Ireland during August. It is expected that the Pope will be present.

Confessions: Fr. Lamb will be hearing Confessions in school on Wednesday from 1:15 pm. – 3 o'clock; and on Thursday from 10:30 am. – 12 noon.

The Service of Penance for this parish is on Tuesday at 7:30 pm. with visiting priests to hear individual Confessions. There is a Service of Penance on Thursday at the Sacred Heart Church, Droitwich Spa at 7:30 pm. On Saturday Fr. Lamb will **not** be available for midday Confessions as he will be with the Wolverhampton section of the UCM on their Lent Day of Recollection. Confessions will be available next Sunday 5 pm. – 5:45 pm., and on further occasions during Holy Week. As is our custom we will not celebrate the Sacraments during the Triduum, except in emergency.

The Union of Catholic Mothers meets in the Borromeo Hall of the Parish Centre on Monday at 7.30 pm. The main item for discussion is the upcoming Passover Commemoration on Wednesday 28th March.

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

The Friendship Club will meet on Wednesday, March 21st. Please contact Joyce Gavan for details.

First Holy Communion: Those preparing for First Holy Communion (Candidates, Catechists, Parents & Teachers) will meet again on Thursday in the School at 6:30 pm.

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.

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 this evening's Mass. We are grateful to the Cunliffe family for agreeing to be the host family at our commemoration.

Choir Practices: The next choir practice will be held on Saturday March 24th (10.15 am)

Desert Island Lent:

Wednesday 21st March

St. Ambrose Parish Hall

Revd. Andrew Mann-Ray

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start.

Please do support Lent with *Churches Together in Kidderminster*.

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.)

Women's World Day of Prayer - Due to the bad weather only a few managed to attend the Service this year at the Salvation Army. To help offset the financial loss, you may be interested in the goods for sale after 11 am. Mass in the Hall. In particular, "Together in Prayer" features an article and two photos from our own Service last year - selected from over 5000 Services! It is also our intention, at 2pm-4pm on Friday 13th April, to host at the Salvation Army Afternoon Tea and Cake, with resources for Children as it is during School holidays, and a bring and buy. Your support would be appreciated.

Church cleaning: Please note that on Monday 26th March at 10.30 am, 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. Also please note that we are still short of regular cleaners, mainly to cover when regular cleaners are absent for any reason. We should be grateful for more volunteers that we can call upon in such cases. Please contact the parish co-ordinator, Christine Vass (either in person after Mass, at the big church clean or phone or email: tel: K.630949 chris.vass@blueyonder.co.uk if you are able to help out the parish in this way. Many thanks.

FINANCES:

i. We are grateful for last week's Offertory of £841.48. (Plate: £446.40, Envelope: £395.08)

ii. Many thanks to the Sacred Heart, Tenbury parishioners for their generous donation of £90 to the U.C.M. Baby Pack Project.

<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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