

**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.

Palm Sunday Year: B Week Commencing: March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

Psalter Week: II CTS Sunday Missal p. 233 Preface of the Passion p. 266 Eucharistic Prayer: III. p. 605 Mystery of Faith: III.

Response to the Psalm: *My God, my God why have you forsaken me?*

Gospel Acclamation: *Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross, but God raised Him high & gave Him the name which is above all names.*

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

**St Ambrose's**

Mon: 7:30 am. Mick GALVIN RIP.

Tues: 9:30 am. (School) Joseph METCALF RIP

Wed: 7:30 am. Elsie BARR RIP 7:30 pm. Passover Commemoration

Thurs: 7:30 pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the watch at the Altar of Repose (Lesley THRUSH RIP). Compline 11:40 pm.

Fri: Noon: Children's Stations of the Cross. 3 pm. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 7:30 pm. Stations of the Cross.

Sat: 8:30 pm. The EASTER VIGIL & First Easter Mass (People of the Parish)

Sun: 11.00 am. Jacqui JONES RIP. 3 pm. Deceased of BOSTOCK & DONNIGAN families 6.00 pm. David WEAVER RIP.

**Sacred Heart**

Tues: 7 pm. Ecumenical Service for Holy Week Fri: Stations of the Cross

Sun: 9 am. In thanksgiving (KOZICKI)

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Sunday 5 pm. – 5:45 pm., Wednesday 6 pm. – 7 pm. and by request. Sacred Heart by request.

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

Altar Servers for morning Mass: L. Barry & L. Kennedy

St Ambrose's: Sun 11.00 am:  
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Colclough, A. Harris, S. Elcock, M. Martin, E. Buncle

Readers: M. Roy, C. Villa

Sun 6.00 pm:  
Eucharistic Ministers: V. Page, P. Bowdler

Readers:

Sacred Heart: Sun 9.00 am:  
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Hughes  
Readers: S. Coates, J. Moore

Church Cleaners Team: 'Big clean' Offertory Counters Group: N/A 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, 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 Marcianite, 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.

**Bishop Robert Byrne:** His Lordship Bishop Robert Byrne (Cong. Orat.) will be Principal Celebrant for the Mandatum ceremonies of Holy Thursday at St. Ambrose's.

**Anniversary:** Today is the anniversary of the death in 1949 of Fr. Walter Hofler. Priest of this church 1915-1938. May he rest in peace.

**Thank you:** I took possession of my replacement car on Tuesday. Thank you to all those who have been so understanding and sympathetic in recent weeks, and for the kind messages, gifts and prayers that have been sent. Things will, I hope, be back to normal before too long.

**Confessions:** Please note the additional times for Confessions, as listed overleaf.

**Lately Dead:** The Funeral of **Arthur Rowles** will be at Wyre Forest Crematorium at 11 am. on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.  
The Funeral of **Jean Wilcox**, former Secretary of Hagley R.C. School will be at Harvington, on Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm.

**SVP:** the next meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) will be on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> in the Wheatley Room.

**Easter Monday:** As usual there is Mass in St. Chad's Cathedral at 9 am. on Easter Monday to which the men of the Diocese are invited. The principal celebrant will be His Grace the Archbishop. This tradition dates back to 1919 when a Mass was offered in the Cathedral on Easter Monday to pray for those who had died during the Great War. It was given a new emphasis in the 1940s when the Anglican Bishop of Birmingham made disparaging remarks about the Catholic doctrine of the Eucharist. Since then it has been an Act of Witness to our belief in the Eucharistic Mystery. The Catholic Men's Society has always promoted this Mass, and does so again this year. We provide Altar Servers also. Cars depart from St. Ambrose's at 8 am. All men of the Parish are encouraged to attend.

**The following are asked to be Altar Servers at the Easter Triduum:**

**HOLY THURSDAY** 7:30 pm. The Mass of the Last Supper (Practice – Wed. 5:30 pm.)

Masters of Ceremony P. HUNT P. STANDING  
Cross Bearer W. SCOTT  
Thurifer A. SAICH  
Boat Bearer L. VESSEY  
Acolytes C. VESSEY H. GILLETT  
Book Bearer A. O' REILLY

**GOOD FRIDAY** 3 pm. The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion (Practice 9 am.)

Masters of Ceremony P. HUNT P. STANDING  
Acolytes E. MARTIN T. WRIGHT  
Acolytes of the Cross A. SAICH W. SCOTT  
Book Bearer L. KENNEDY

**EASTER VIGIL** 8:30 pm. (Practice 9 am.)

Masters of Ceremony P. HUNT P. STANDING  
Cross L. WHATLEY  
Thurifer A. SAICH  
Boat Bearer E. MARTIN  
Acolytes H. GILLETT L. KENNEDY  
Book Bearer W. SCOTT

**The following are asked to give Readings at the Easter Triduum:**

**HOLY THURSDAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> M. BOWDLER 2<sup>nd</sup> F. ROBINSON

**GOOD FRIDAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> D. GILLETT 2<sup>nd</sup> J. WALKER

**VIGIL:** 1<sup>st</sup> D. DUNCOMBE 2<sup>nd</sup> B. TAYLOR 3<sup>rd</sup> P. Young Epistle: L. FARMER

**Ecumenical Service:** The three Christian churches in Tenbury are celebrating Holy Week with a series of services in each of the three churches. We shall be the hosts on Tuesday at 7 pm. and our thanks to Bunty Cook and Bernard Casken for devising the service and producing a booklet. It is hoped that representatives of our community will be present at the other two gatherings.

**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>. We are grateful to the Cunliffe family for agreeing to be the host family at our commemoration. **Please note:** the lists are still available at the back of the church as we are mindful that some parishioners were unable to hear Mass last Sunday due to the adverse weather conditions.

**Church Cleaning:** We will be very pleased to see anyone who can come along tomorrow (Monday) morning from 10.30 am (even if only for a short time) to help with the 'big clean' for Easter. We are still in need of a few more volunteers to join the regular church cleaning rota. It only involves cleaning the church once every four weeks: the days and times for each team are always posted on the newsletter the Sunday before. The next regular clean will be the B team on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. For more details please contact Chris Vass (church cleaning co-ordinator) on K.630949 or chris.vass@blueyonder.co.uk. Many thanks to you all.

**Churches Together in Kidderminster:** will be hosting a 'Good Friday Witness' outside the Town Hall from 10 am. – 1 pm. All welcome.

**Collections:** There is a collection on Good Friday for the upkeep of the Holy Places; and next Sunday is the traditional Easter offering for the Clergy of the Parish.

**FINANCES:**

i. We are grateful for last week's Offertory of £477.55. (Plate: £223.69, Envelope: £253.86)

ii. Donations of £1003,50, £500 & £100 were made towards the repair of the church boiler for which we express our thanks.

**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.