

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.

Easter Sunday Year: B Week Commencing: April 1st 2018

Psalter Week: 1 CTS Sunday Missal p 362 Preface of Easter I: p 559 Eucharistic Prayer: I p 591 Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord

Feast Days this Week: The Easter Octave .

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 12.30 pm Lesley Thresh RIP

Tues: 9.00 am Jacqui Jones RIP

Wed 9.00 am Mary Nolan RIP

Thurs: 9.00 am Intentions of Ken Dalby 7:30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8:45pm)

Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Mass 10.30 am Intentions of Bernie Galvin

Sat: 9.00 am Michela Butera RIP followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Intentions of Helen Stewart 6.00 pm Joe Farmer 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:

St Ambrose's: Sun 11.00 am:
Eucharistic Ministers: E Darbyshire, S Elcock, C Ellwood, E Fox, B Galvin
Readers: R Tovey, C Vass

Sun 6.00 pm:
Eucharistic Ministers: M Bowdler, N Doherty
Readers: F Robinson, B Taylor

Sacred Heart: Sun 9.00 am:
Eucharistic Ministers: E O'Neill, A Speers
Readers: B Mountain

Church Cleaners Team: N/A Offertory Counters Group: 5 Tea/Coffee: A Harris, C Vass, L Ingrassi

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, Mateo 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 Loge, 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, Janet Richards, Deana Right, 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.

THANKS: As always, so many people work hard together to ensure that we can offer a worthy celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection. I thank the Ladies of the UCM and the Cunliffe family for their organisation and participation in our very moving commemoration of the Passover. Also it is good to thank those who have cleaned the Church, prepared the flowers and participated as Servers, Readers and in their ministries. Thanks to Alison McCormack and her parents for laundering our servers' vestments. This year I would like to make special mention of the Musicians and Choir, and our Sacristan. The Choir has spent a long time during Lent practising for our Liturgies of the Triduum, and I know their efforts are appreciated by very many of our parishioners. At the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral the presentation of the music **exactly mirrored** what has become the norm in our Parish, evidence that our music accords with the mind of the Church. We now have a proper balance of traditional plainchant (the music of the Church) in Latin (the language of the Church) with good quality vernacular hymns and Mass settings. It is particularly pleasing that we now sing the INTROIT and the COMMUNION VERSE as the Liturgy intends. There are **appropriate** items for the Choir to sing, including the Responsorial Psalm on occasions. Now that this tradition is established it is my wish and intention that it should continue. The Choir and I hope that the standard of congregational singing will be enhanced over the coming months.

No praise is too lavish for the efforts of Jean Bullock, our Sacristan, during the days leading up to Easter. She spent long hours in the cold Church, with meticulous attention to details; everything for the altar and ceremonies was in pristine condition and, as always, was immediately to hand. Hers is very much a hidden rôle, as she prefers, but one that is absolutely indispensable.

FUNERALS: The funeral of ARTHUR ROWLES will be at Wyre Forest Crematorium at 11.00 am on Wednesday, April 4th. The Funeral Service for JOHANNA DONOVAN, whose death was announced last week, has now been arranged for Friday, April 13th at 2.15 pm in St Ambrose's, prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. A reminder that the Funeral Mass for JEAN WILCOX is at 1.30 pm on Tuesday at St Mary's, Harvington.

ANNIVERSARY: Today is the anniversary of the death in 2004 of Fr Philip O'Reilly, Priest here 1966-68. May he rest in peace.

EASTER BAPTISMS: We congratulate IZABELLA DIXON and KERRY-ANN MARES, baptised at the Easter Vigil; and ALEESHA MURRIHY-NOKES, ANAYA MURRIHY-MULLANE, MIA CHESWORTH and LOGAN WALKER who will be baptised this afternoon by the Revd Adam Nicholls. Next Saturday will see the Baptisms of ALEXANDER AND DOMINIC LAMBERT-MASKO and LEON DEBICKI. Please let us pray for these families.

MARK PEYTON: I ask all in the Parish to pray for Mark Peyton of our Tenbury community, who is spending a period of aspirancy at the Benedictine Abbey in Pluscarden, near Aberdeen.

ADOREMUS: Our thanks to the José family, who have agreed to represent the Kidderminster Deanery at the forthcoming Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool.

EASTER MONDAY: As usual, there is Mass in St Chad's Cathedral at 9.00 am on Easter Monday, to which the men of the Diocese are invited. The Principal Celebrant will be His Grace the Archbishop. Cars depart from St Ambrose's at 8.00 am. All men of the Parish are encouraged to attend.

LIVING EMBERS: Wyre Forest Ecumenical Christian Ladies Fellowship is hosting a 'Living Embers' event on Wednesday, April 4th at the Jubilee International Church, Hoo Road, Kidderminster. Tea and coffee 9.45 am, meeting 10.15 am. Contact Maggie Edwards (01562) 60274.

BIBLE STUDY: Our discussion of the Holy Scriptures resumes on Wednesday, April 4th, 2.00 pm for 2.30 pm start, 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster (01562 741794). Refreshments provided. All most welcome.

DIVINE MERCY: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch, will be hosting an hour of prayer, readings, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, with an opportunity for private Confession, in honour of the Feast of Divine Mercy, from 3.00 pm on Sunday, April, 8th.

BABY BOXES: The Union of Catholic Mothers would like to extend a hearty thanks, on behalf of all the recipients, for the very generous donations to the Baby Box appeal. Unfortunately, due to the snow, Teresa Clements from Father Hudson's Care was advised not to come and collect the items as arranged, before our last UCM meeting. We have arranged for her to come instead on Monday, 9 April to collect them and give a talk to the UCM on the charity and its work with the refugee families for whom the baby items have been collected. ALL ARE MOST WELCOME to come along to the **Borromeo Hall on Monday, April 9th at 7.30 pm** to meet Teresa and to hear her talk.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thanks to all who came last Monday to give the Church a good clean, and to one lady who has volunteered possibly to join the rota and to help with removal of wax from the red Sanctuary carpet. The next regular clean will be the B Team on Friday, April 13th. For more details, or to volunteer to join the rota please contact Chris Vass (Church cleaning co-ordinator) on K 630949 or chris.vass@blueyonder.co.uk.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Invite you to a Fashion Show on Sunday, April 15th at 3.00 pm at M&Co in Stourport-on-Severn. It will give you the opportunity to see the clothes available modelled by friends and family who will be known to you. Tickets are £5 each and will be on sale after Mass and from Maureen Brewer (01562) 754322.

ACADEMY MASS: The St Nicholas Owen Multiple Academy Company will host a Mass at St Mary's, Harvington on Tuesday, April 24th at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

PARISH CENTRE: The Grealey brothers have now left the Parish Centre, and this is an appropriate time for us to consider the future of our extensive and well-appointed premises. There will be a Parish meeting soon after Easter to consider a possible change of direction. However, it is very important that we keep faith with those who have already made bookings to use the Centre and its range of facilities. The Directors would be pleased to hear of anyone who has experience in the Licensing Trade, and from others who may have bar experience. This would be paid employment, on a temporary, part-time basis, covering FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EVENINGS, SUNDAY LUNCHTIME and occasional additional cover for parties, Funerals, Baptisms and other 'one-off' occasions. The need is fairly urgent. Please contact Anne Conway, Neal Darbyshire, Greg Cunliffe of the Parish Priest, either in person or via the Rectory (01562 822839).

FINANCES:

- i We are grateful for last week's Offertory of £699.95 (Plate £360.70, Envelope Scheme £339.25)
- ii £56 was donated to the MITE Scheme
- iii Congratulations and thanks to all St Ambrose's Red Box holder. The total for 2017 was £3,054.55. A big thanks to all can be found on the noticeboard.

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 and fourth Fridays of every month. Admission free 8.00 pm – late.