

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY Berrington Road Tenbury Wells

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

Third Sunday of Eastertide Year B

Week Commencing April 15th 2018

Psalter Week: 3 CTS Sunday Missal p.429 Preface: IV of Easter p.563 Eucharistic Prayer: III p.611 Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Feast Days this week: Sat: St Anselm

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am Elsie Barr RIP

Tues: 7.30 am Carmen Thomas (Anniv)

Wed: 9.15 am John & Rita Kerrigan RIP

Thurs: 11.30 am Frank & Pat Quinn RIP 7.30 pm HOLY HOUR

Fri: Adoration: 9.30 – 10.15 am Mass: 10.30 am Canice Heavern RIP

Sat: 9.00 am Patrick Kealey RIP - followed by Rosary and Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Carmela Tiene RIP 6.00 pm Joan Battye 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: L Barry and L Kennedy

St Ambrose's: Sun. 11.00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: M Martin, A McDermott, H Scott, R Tovey
Readers: M Holmes, A Lockley

Sun. 6.00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: R Fox, J Gavan
Readers: L Collins, D Duncombe

Sacred Heart: Sun. 9.00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: J Moore, E O'Neill
Reader: C Stanley

Church Cleaners: Team C Offertory Counters: Group 1 Teas and Coffees: CMS

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, Catherine Carroll, 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, 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, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, Tracey Smale, Rosemary Smith, Helen Stewart, Peter Strangward, Coleen Stride, Edward Sutton, Nicky Suzman, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, David Vass, James Vessey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Lyndon Whatley, Fr Graham Wilkinson, Deana Wright and Anne Youde.

Thanks: Bishop Robert Byrne has written to thank us for our hospitality on Holy Thursday for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. He wrote: 'I particularly enjoyed your Catholic Liturgy which made me feel at home'.

Lately Dead: Please pray for the repose of the soul of JOHN NEALE, father of Elizabeth Fox. He died peacefully in a local Nursing Home on Monday night, shortly after receiving the Last Anointing.

The funeral service for TONY TAYLOR, father of Joy Farmer, will be at Wyre Forest Crematorium on Monday April 23rd at 9.30 am.

Rest in Peace: Parishioners may remember JOAN HOLLIS, who attended here for many years before her retirement to Stourbridge. Her funeral was at Our Lady & All Saints in Stourbridge on Friday.

Moving Forward: Thanks to everyone who contributed to the meeting on Wednesday evening to discuss the future of the Parish premises. It seems to be accepted that the SOCIAL CLUB ceased to fulfil that title some years ago, and we should now speak of the specific premises (i.e. the BORROMEO HALL, ADAMS LOUNGE, MONTINI ROOM, WHEATLEY ROOM). The whole site remains open for use, the bar facility remains to serve events that are pre-booked. Normally, this will be on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays but this does not preclude other occasions when requested. Terms and conditions can be obtained from Joel Douglas when bookings are made. Michelle Kealey has agreed to become the Steward, Joel Douglas & Mary Preston continue in their rôles as Bookings Secretary and Caretaker respectively, and the overall administration will be covered by Anne Conway, Neil Darbyshire and Greg Cunliffe. We are grateful to parishioners who have offered help and support. It was also agreed that the carpet in the Adams Lounge is disgusting, and it is suggested that we open a 'carpet fund' as a matter of urgency. It may be that a parishioner, or group of parishioners, may be prepared to sponsor a new carpet; or arrange some fund raising events. This would reinforce the commitment evident at the meeting that the whole premises are a very valuable PARISH facility for which the Parish should be responsible.

Red Boxes: Please leave them in church to be emptied. Thank you.

Friends of the Holy Land: Invite you to a Fashion Show today 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.

UCM Annual General Meeting: Several members of our Parish Foundation, along with Fr Lamb, will be attending the Annual General Meeting of the Archdiocesan Union of Catholic Mothers at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday.

Churches together in Kidderminster: The next meeting is at Trinity Methodist Church on Tuesday at 7.30 pm.

Ambrosian Group: Members meet on Thursday in the Parish Hall from midday. All welcome.

Holy Hour: The Eastertide Holy Hour will be on **Thursday April 19th** at 7.30 pm ending with Compline and Benediction at 8.35 pm. All those who have ministries in the Parish are invited to attend.

Parish Ramble: The next Parish Ramble will take place next **Saturday 21st April**. We are meeting at **Rowberry's Garden Centre** just beyond Chaddesley Corbett on the A448 at **9.45 am** in order to share lifts and/or give directions to the start of the walk at **Stoke Prior** (by the Birmingham Canal south of Bromsgrove). The walk is 3 – 4 miles and should take about 2 hours with a pub option at the end. For more details please contact either Bernard Page (K.637456) who is leading the walk or Chris Vass (K. 630949) who is the Rambling Group co-ordinator. We would very much like to see some new participants; lifts from Kidderminster can be arranged if needed, so do please give it a try. We are a small, and very friendly group of mostly 'not so young now' parishioners, and their friends, who will give you a very warm welcome!

PACT: The Greenhill PACT will meet in the Adams Lounge on Monday April 23rd at 7.00 pm to discuss matters of local concern. All Greenhill residents are invited to attend and are welcome to participate. Councillors, Police and local residents are represented.

SVP: meet on Monday April 23rd at 7.15 pm in the Wheatley Room.

The Union of Catholic Mothers met last Monday and handed over the numerous items collected by the Parish for the 'Baby Box' appeal to Teresa Clements from Father Hudson's Care. She was overwhelmed by the generosity of parishioners and others who have contributed to this appeal. We also handed over a cheque for £132 which included £90 donated by the Tenbury community, as well as money raised by selling some of the items on e-bay. She asked us to pass on her gratitude and that of the recipients; many (though by no means all) are women who have escaped from war torn Syria, women and babies who are very much in our prayers. You can find out more about Father Hudson's Care on www.fatherhudsons.org.uk. Please note that the next **UCM meeting** is on **Monday 23rd April at 7.30 pm** in the Borromeo Hall. Any ladies, of whatever age or marital status (despite its name you don't have to be a mother!), are most welcome to come and see what we do - you would be under no obligation to join the UCM, just come along and meet us.

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.

CMS: The next meeting of St Ambrose's Branch will be in the Wheatley Room on Wednesday, April 25th at 7.30 pm when Br. Martin Groveron will lead a discussion on the Mass and our participation.

First Holy Communion: The next meeting of Candidates, parents, Catechists and teachers will be in the School Hall on Wednesday April 25th at 6.30 pm.

Antiques Evaluation: Hagley High School is holding a fundraising antiques lecture and evaluation evening on Wednesday April 25th 7pm – 9.30 pm. Admission free.

Finances:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £1179.37 (Plate: £673.37 Envelope: £506.00)
- ii. Retiring collections total: £330.12

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 (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.