

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered Charity no. 234216.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year: A

Week Commencing: 23rd February 2020.

Psalter Week: 3 CTS Sunday Missal p.712 Preface: IV of Sundays p.569 Eucharistic Prayer: III pg. 611 Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

Gospel Acclamation: *If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.*

Feast Days this Week: WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Ashes will be imposed at all Masses.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon:	8.30 a.m.	Ada Steward RIP		
Tues:	8.30 a.m.	Alane Harvey RIP		
Wed:	9.30 a.m.	Josie Lynch RIP	7.30 p.m. In Reparation	
Thurs:	8.30 a.m.	Derek Cooper RIP	7.30 p.m. Adoration until 8.35 p.m. Compline.	
Fri:	9.30 a.m.	Adoration until 10.15 a.m. Mass 10.30 a.m. Mike Knowles RIP		7.30 p.m. The Stations of the Cross
Sat:	9.00 a.m.	Olena Barchuk RIP followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions		
Sun:	11.00 a.m.	Angelo Vaccaro RIP	3.00 p.m. (Old Rite) People of the Parish	6.00 p.m. Holy Souls

Sacred Heart

Wed: 11.30 a.m. Toni Unwin RIP

Sun: 9.00 a.m. Deceased of Glenstal Abbey.

CONFESSIONS: St. Ambrose's: Saturday 11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. and by request. Sacred Heart: by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: L & J Vessey

St Ambrose's

Sun. 11.00 a.m.

Eucharist Ministers: M Bradley, E Buncle, A Colclough, S Laskey and E Darbyshire

Readers: A Flavin and M Darbyshire

Sun. 6.00 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: M Harper and M Hesketh

Readers: A Stewart and J Moran

Sacred Heart

Sun. 9.00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: A Speers and A Stanley

Readers: C. Stanley

Church Cleaners Team: B Offertory Counters Group: 1 Teas/Coffees: CMS

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:

Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jim Thomas, Nora Collins, Matteo Butera, Rosemarie Smith, Emilia Gissyng, Revd. Fr. Edward Sopala, Richard Bolton, Laura Reynolds, Fr. Bruce Dutson, Tom Hopkins, Thomas Roy, Bernard Casken, Esther Sharp, Delia Nepi, Helena Collins, Margaret Tillott, Ken Dalby, Fr. Richard Sharples, Peter Bowdler, Marion Birth, David Warr, Albert Barr, Pamela Mazzone and Eamon Dalton.

Anniversaries: Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Mary Dolours Cronin, Infant School Headmistress 1929 – 1955.

The Montini Group: Our last meeting until the autumn is in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7.45 p.m. when we shall reflect on the sublime Chapter 72 'On the good zeal that we should have'. At the end of the meeting, palms will be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday, and pancakes will be enjoyed. Thanks to all those who have participated so faithfully in our study of the Rule of St. Benedict. When we resume in the autumn, it is likely that we shall reflect on the PSALMS, which we hope will encourage and inform our prayer.

Rite of Election: Please pray this week for JAMES EDWARDS, JAMES WELFORD and JAMES YOUNG who will be at St. Chad's Cathedral next Sunday to celebrate the Rite of Election with the Archbishop, in preparation for being received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil. JAMES EDWARDS is to be baptised; JAMES WELFORD is to be conditionally baptised, and together with JAMES YOUNG they will be confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time. It is possible that one other Candidate will be joining them.

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here this weekend to make their annual appeal on behalf of the Mission Committee of England and Wales. We would be very grateful for your support.

SVP next meets on Monday, February 24th at 7.15 p.m. in the Adams Lounge. New members welcome.

The Friendship Club meets again on Wednesday, 26th February. Please contact Joyce Gavan.

St. Ambrose's Baby and Toddler Group will not meet this coming Wednesday. We will be back on Wednesday, March 4th.

Hot Cross Bun Service: On Thursday, March 5th there will be a Lenten Liturgy led by pupils from Hagley High School. Arrivals at 7.00 p.m. (with drinks and hot cross buns) and the Prayer Service at 7.30 p.m. See notice board for details.

Sr. Breda Murphy: A number of Memorial Cards of Sr. Breda are now available. Please ask at the Sacristy after Mass. An afternoon to remember Sr. Breda and exchange memories of her will be held in the School on Friday March 6th from 2.00 p.m. (by kind invitation of Mrs. Brocklesby). All former pupils and other parishioners who remember Sister Breda are welcome to attend.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Praying for Zimbabwe on Friday, March 6th at St. George's Church, 10.30 a.m. (includes a Bring and Buy stall). A service for everyone.

Knock Shrine: Fr. Nigel Woollen, who spent some years working at Knock Shrine, and has published two devotional books on the Apparition, will visit our Parish on the weekend of March 6th/7th. He will give an illustrated talk on the Apparition, and the work of Knock Shrine, on the Friday evening, and will offer the Mass and lead the Knock Shrine Devotions on Saturday, March 7th at 9.00 a.m. Copies of his books will be on sale. Please try to publicise this opportunity.

Parish Meeting: There is to be a Parish Meeting to discuss our current financial position and the steps that are to be taken to address this difficult situation, especially in the light of the newly imposed levies that the Diocese has put forward. The meeting will be in the Borromeo Hall on Tuesday, March 24th at 7.30 p.m. All the members of the Parish Clergy and all members of the Finance Committee will be present and a full balance sheet with analysis of the current trends in our financial resources will be laid before the meeting. We will do our best to answer whatever questions are forthcoming and we will be pleased to receive suggestions about fund raising and cost cutting measures for the future. This is clearly going to be an important meeting, and it is open to everyone.

200 Club: We would like to thank everyone who has either renewed their membership or has joined for the first time. It is not too late to renew memberships or to join the 200 Club. Don't forget the three monthly prizes are £75, £50 and £25, along with the Big Christmas Draw with prizes of £400, £200 and £100, cost is just £24 per annum per number. Please fill in the form at the back of Church and put on the collection plate or hand in to the Rectory. Any queries, please contact Janine Nicholls or Martin Grosvenor, using the details on the application forms.

Barbara Tew (Teaching Assistant at our School) is doing a full marathon (26.2 miles) over three days next week commencing 24th February. She is doing it in memory of her Mum, Wendy Kowalewicz who passed away due to Alzheimers in February 2019. Sponsorship/donations will be going to the Alzheimers Society. Wendy and Ted Kowalewicz were popular members of the Polish Community, as well as our Parish. If you would like to sponsor Barbara, donations can be made via a link – <https://jogondementia.everydayhero.com/uk/barb> or drop a donation into School in an envelope marked 'Mrs. Tew's Marathon'. Word from Barbara : 'Any donation, no matter how large or small will be gratefully received. Thank you very much for your support'.

Knock Shrine Pilgrimage April 20th 2020: Fully escorted, £599 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10 kg hand luggage, all transfers, four nights in Knock House hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions are also included, and lunches on days out. Wheelchair-accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gamil.com Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Finances :

- i. Thank you for last week's Collection of £621.74 (Envelopes £209.42. Loose Plate £412.32).
- ii. £163.43 was raised for LIFE.
- iii. £20.00 was donated to the MITE scheme.
- iv. The 'Johnny Cash' afternoon raised £850 for the Maintenance Fund.

Lent Checklist :

- A weekday Mass.
- A period of Adoration. (Thursday 7.30 p.m.; Friday 9.30 a.m.).
- The Stations of the Cross. (Friday 7.30 p.m. or private visit).
- Join a Parish Group.
- Go to Confession. (Saturday 11.45 a.m.; March 31st 7.30 p.m.)
- Daily Bible Reading (perhaps the daily Mass reading).
- A Lent Book.
- A weekly donation to Charity.

Adams Lounge and Borromeo Hall Facilities
Available for meetings, seminars, parties and functions of all kinds.
Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or bookings.stambrose@gmail.com
Bingo : Weekly on Tuesdays at 8.00 p.m.