

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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Second Sunday in Lent

Year: A

Week Commencing: March 8th 2020

Psalter Week: 2 CTS Sunday Missal p. 157 Preface of the Transfiguration p160 Eucharistic Prayer: I p 591 Mystery of Faith: II

Response to the Psalm: *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

Gospel Acclamation: *From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.*

Feast Days this Week: Beginning on Wednesday we are asked to pray a Novena of prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon:	8.30 am	John and Rita Kerrigan RIP	
Tues:	8.30 am	Ada Steward RIP	
Wed:	9.15 am	Derek Cooper RIP	
Thurs:	7.30 am	Anne-Marie Dermody RIP	7:30 pm. Adoration until 8.35 pm. Compline
Fri:	9.30 am	Adoration until 10:15 am	Mass 10:30 am: Lilia Beecroft RIP 7.30 pm The Stations of the Cross
Sat:	9.00 am	Alane Harvey RIP followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions	
Sun:	11.00 am	John Power (Anniversary)	
	6.00 pm	Fr Christopher Thornton (Anniversary)	

Sacred Heart

Fri:	10.30 am	The Stations of the Cross
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: M & O Conway

St Ambrose's:	Sun 11.00 am:	
	Eucharistic Ministers:	A Harris, T Hart, D Holdstock, A Hunt, P Hunt
	Readers:	M Roy, A Lockley

	Sun 6.00 pm:	
	Eucharistic Ministers:	D Duncombe, M Hesketh
	Readers:	M Weaver, P Young

Sacred Heart:	Sun 9.00 am:	
	Eucharistic Ministers:	A Speers, A Stanley
	Readers:	J Hughes

Church Cleaners Team: D Offertory Counters Group: 3 Tea/Coffee: T & M O'Sullivan, A Maffei

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, Helena Collins, Margaret Tillott, Ken Dalby, Fr Richard Sharples, Peter Bowdler, Marion Birch, David Warr, Albert Barr, Pamela Mazzone and Eamon Dalton.

Anniversaries: of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of FR CHRISTOPHER THORNTON (died March 11th 2005) and REV THOMAS ASHCROFT (died March 18th 2015). May they rest in peace.

Lately Dead: Please pray for CATHERINE STOCKFORD, of Grendon Bishop, who died last week. She and her sister Teresa were frequent members of our congregation in Tenbury, and supported all our activities.

The Funeral of DELIA NEPI will be in St Ambrose's on Tuesday, March 17th at 12 noon, after which she will be buried in the Churchyard at Rock. We pray, too, for ESTHER SHARP, sister of Veronica Page. Esther died last weekend after a long and distressing illness. She was a member of the Stourbridge Parish.

The Stations of the Cross: will be followed in both our Churches on Friday, in Tenbury at 10.30 am and in St Ambrose's at 7.30 pm.

Kidderminster Deanery: The Clergy of the Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at St Mary's, Studley, to consider the revised proposals for Diocesan levies.

SVP: The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Wednesday, March 11th in the Adams Lounge. Please note the change of date.

CMS: The next meeting of the CMS will be a joint event with the UCM, who will participate in a discussion of the role of women in the Church, to be held in the Borromeo Hall on Wednesday, March 18th.

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 pm. 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 is open to everyone.

Knock Shrine Pilgrimage April 20th 2020: Fully escorted, £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg 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@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Very Advance Notice: There will be a Mass in Sacred Heart, Tenbury on Thursday, April 23rd (St George's Day) during which we shall celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We hope that there will be tea served afterwards and we will conclude with a Community meeting to discuss plans for the year in Tenbury, and other matters of Parish interest.

40 Days for Life: During Lent there will be a prayer vigil at The Robert Clinic, Kings Norton. If anyone is available on Saturdays from 12-1pm to join Madeline Roy please contact her on K 822189 for further information. If you are able to support at any other time please contact Isabel on 07773 501721. Persistent prayer helped to close Calthorpe Abortion Centre and helped over 100 women to choose life, with the support they needed.

Union of Catholic Mothers: The UCM met last Monday for its Annual General Meeting. During the meeting Danuta Duncombe was elected Foundation Secretary to take over from Christine Vass. Miriam Cunliffe continues as President. Betty Martin, as the former President, is Vice-President and Anne Colclough remains as Treasurer. At the meeting a cheque for £650 was presented to Mrs Stewart, who was representing St Ambrose's School, one of our 2019 'Projects' along with a Parish in Uganda, to which a further £650 will be sent care of Gloria Katatumba, with whom the Parish is associated. A vote was taken for the 2020 'Projects', which this year will be **HELP** (a charity for homeless people) and **Wyre Forest Children's Respite Unit** (in Moule Close, Kidderminster). In addition we are collecting for our Lenten Project, which is **Shelterbox**, a charity which provides emergency aid throughout the world but particularly at the moment for Syrian refugees fleeing their homes in Idlib Province. If you would like to donate to the Lenten Project please contact Christine Vass in person or on K630949.

200 Club: Following the draw last Sunday during Teas and Coffees, the lucky winners are:

1 st	£75	Nº 118	Mrs Veronica Page
2 nd	£50	Nº 154	Mrs Jo Walker
3 rd	£25	Nº 73	Mr Jamie Bishop

UNICEF Mite Scheme: Thanks have been received from the Scheme Co-ordinator for the generous donations made by parishioners from St Ambrose's. Over eight-and-a-half million life-saving sachets have been funded by the Scheme.

Finances:

- i Thank you for last week's Offertory of £734.54 (Plate £471.84, Envelope scheme £262.70).
- ii £62.57 was donated to St Chad's Cathedral

A Reflection for Lent: Many years ago, Fr Dominic Johnson, a monk at Glenstal Abbey reminded me that, if we perform the Liturgy as well as possible with the resources available, all else in the Parish will fall into place. This became obvious to me last Sunday when the tone of the Liturgy changed, and assumed the starkness which the Church clearly wishes us to have during the Lent Season. Occasionally comments are heard about the length of our Sunday Mass, the extent of our music provision and the amount of ceremonial we have. When I attended the AGM of the Union of Catholic Mothers; when I hear from parents about the good things going on in our School; when I see the range of activities and opportunities we provide within our Parish Community; and when the goodness of so many of our parishioners is so obvious, I am more than ever aware of the wisdom of Fr Dominic's words. A good undertaking for Lent would be to resolve, all of us, to play our own unique and significant part in our Parish life.

Lent Guidelines:

- A weekday Mass
- A period of Adoration (Thursday, 7.30 pm, Friday 9.30 am)
- The Stations of the Cross (Friday, 7.30 pm or private visit)
- Join a Parish Group
- Go to Confession (Saturday 11.45 am, March 31st 7.30 pm)
- Daily Bible reading (perhaps the daily Mass reading)
- A Lent book
- A weekly donation to charity

St Ambrose's Parish Centre

Available for meetings, seminars, parties and functions of all kinds.
Contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or at bookings.stambrose@gmail.com
Bingo: Weekly on Tuesdays at 8.00 p.m.