

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER
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Fifth Sunday Year B Psalter Week 1 CTS Sunday Missal p.845 Week Commencing February 8th 2015

Response to the Psalm : Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.

Gospel Acclamation : He took our sicknesses away, and carried our diseases for us.

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FEAST DAYS THE WEEK : T. St Scholastica. W. Our Lady of Lourdes. S. St Cyril and St Methodius

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK ;

ST AMBROSE'S

Monday	7.30 a.m.	John and Rita Kerrigan RIP
Tuesday	8.30 a.m.	Intentions of Kathy Byrne
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.	Gertrude Corti, and deceased members of the Corti family.
Thursday	7.30 a.m.	Frank and Pat Quinn RIP
	7.30 p.m.	Adoration until 10.00 p.m. (Compline 9.45 p.m.)
Friday	9.00 - 9.45 a.m.	Adoration
	10.00 a.m.	Baby Brodie
	7.10 p.m.	Rosary
	7.30 p.m.	(Old Rite) Donor's Intention
Saturday	9.00 a.m.	Teresa McGeehan RIP
Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Arthur Wareham (Anniversary)
	6.00 p.m.	Maureen Evans RIP

SACRED HEART

Sunday 9.00 a.m. The People of the Parish

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 : Joseph McCormack, Owen Neale

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
St Ambrose's: Sunday 11.00 a.m.	A McDermott, B McFarland, M Roy, H Scott, G Sumagpao, C Vass	C Villa, F Wright
Sunday 6.00 p.m.	J Gavan, M Hesketh, C Hopkins, V Page, B Taylor	P Young, M M Oxenham
Sacred Heart: Sunday 9.00 a.m.	M Harper, A Speers	J Hughes
Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's) :	Team E	Offertory Counters: 3

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Fr Paul Chavasse, Fr Peter Jones, Revd. Tom Ashcroft, Ann Aylott, Joan Aylott, Albert and Elsie Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Alan Bullock, Linda Button, Nigel Collier, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Julie Cook, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Paul Crowley, Eamonn Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Sr Maureen Fay, Anthony Georgieff, Frances Graves, Diane Grovenor, Robert Hale, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Christine & Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Cindy Jones, Patricia Jones, Tom Jones, Jan Joyce, John Joyce, Audrey Little, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Margaret McKeever, Joe McLaughlin, Peter McQuillan, Gaetana Maffei, Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Petronilla Marciante, Lee Maund, Margaret Metcalf, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Kitty Murray, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Billie O'Keeffe, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Daniel Oxenham, Joyce Parker, Jackie Peck, Jo Peters, Chris Price, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Rita Simmonds, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Marie Stokes, Colette Stride, Edward Sutton, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Jean Villa, Patricia Virr, Edith Wilkes, Jake Wolfenden and Anne Youde

PRAYING FOR SICK PARISHIONERS : Many years ago, Revd. Dr Peter Mason inaugurated a Rosary for our sick parishioners every Friday evening before a Eucharistic Prayer Service. Over the years, numbers have dwindled, and have declined further since the Old Rite Mass was re-located for Friday evenings. After discussion with our Deacons, and with other parishioners, it has been decided that we should now have a Rosary and prayers for our sick parishioners after Mass at 9.00 a.m. each Saturday. This will be combined with the Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Knock. Prayer cards will be available. We have so many parishioners who are sick, and some, sadly, have little hope of recovery. By joining in prayer we can all contribute to their support. This new time of praying for the sick will commence on the first Saturday of Lent, February 21st. The Old Rite Mass will remain on Friday evenings at 7.30 p.m. unless otherwise notified.

FOODBANK : A shopping list of required items for the Kidderminster Foodbank is now on the notice board. Please let us continue to support this wonderful initiative.

BAPTISMS : This afternoon, **Amelia Eve Street** will be baptised by the Revd. Charles Duncombe. Her mother and her older sister are to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church after being baptised at the Easter Vigil. Next Saturday **Caomhe Rowlands** and **Charlie Rowlands** will also be baptised by Revd. Charles Duncombe. Please keep these families in prayer during this coming week.

ETERNAL LIFE : Please pray for the Archbishop's Father, **Fred Longley**, who died early on Tuesday. Also, **Thomas Evans** of Goldthorn Road died at the end of January. His Funeral Mass has been arranged for Friday, February 20th, prior to cremation.

COFFEES/TEAS will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 11.00 a.m. Mass today by the Ambrosians and the CMS and next Sunday by the UCM and FOSAS.

THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS will meet on Monday, 9th February at 7.30 p.m. It will be the Annual General Meeting. A representative from Homestart will also be there to collect a cheque.

KIDDERMINSTER DEANERY : The Clergy of the Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at St Mary's, Studley. We are to be addressed by the Diocesan Youth Officer for this area, and there will also be a prayerful reflection on the policy for recognising and supporting vocations to the Priesthood.

MONTINI GROUP : We had a very lively discussion on Evangelisation at our meeting last Tuesday. This week, as usual on Tuesday at 7.45 p.m. in the Montini Room, we shall be considering the nature and content of Evangelisation, (**Evangelii Nuntiandi, paras. 17-39**). Everyone welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY is on the 18th February. Parishioners are invited to bring last year's palms to Mass next Sunday so that they can be burned in preparation for the distribution of ashes.

CAKE SALE : The UCM will hold a fund raising Cake Sale on Sunday, 15th February after the 11.00 a.m. Mass.

SIMPLE LUNCH : All welcome to a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread, cheese and fruit at St George's Church on Sunday 15th February, from 1.00 p.m. Donations for the work of Christian Aid. Just turn up and enjoy not having to cook! For more information, contact Alison Burton K.824490.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : It has been arranged that our First Holy Communion Day will be on June 13th, with Mass at 12 noon. It may be that there are families where children do not attend our Parish School. If there are children of First Holy Communion age in such families they are asked to write to the Parish Priest, at the Rectory, giving notice of their intention to be included in the preparation. This request should indicate why this Sacrament is being asked for, and how the family is prepared to support the child in the preparation, and in the practice of the Faith. The first meeting will be in the School at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25th.

SYNOD ON THE FAMILY : The Bishops of England and Wales have invited us to reflect on the Gift of Marriage and Family Life in preparation for the Synod which will take place in October. A series of questions for reflection is now available, though it may be that other issues will emerge. On the Sunday evenings of Lent, in the Adams Lounge 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. there will be the opportunity to meet in an informal and relaxed setting, to consider these important topics. Copies of the questions are available at the back of our Churches. The first meeting will be on Sunday, February 22nd.

MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK : British and Sovereign Order of Malta (BASOM) are holding their annual reunion at the Church of the Oratory, Hagley Road, Birmingham on Saturday 28th February 2015. There will be solemn Mass which will be offered at 11 a.m. which will include the Sacrament and Anointing of the Sick. After Mass luncheon will be provided in the Oratory halls. Those that are sick are invited to come. Luncheon would cost the sum of £15 but for the sick it would be on a voluntary basis. Please note transport is possibly available. Could any sick that wish to come contact Andrew Grant on 01886 832368.

EXPERIENCE A 'RETREAT AT HOME' – A PRAYER JOURNEY WITH JESUS : Between Easter and Pentecost, there will be an opportunity to experience a 'retreat at home', with the aim of deepening our experience of prayer and our relationship with God. The retreat is based on five weeks of guided prayer with scripture. Each participant will have their own prayer companion with whom they will meet weekly between an opening meeting on Sunday, 12th April and the closing meeting on 17th May. More details later, but meanwhile further information can be obtained from Bob Hale (01562 861270; rhale304@yahoo.co.uk).

SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART : Bishop Robert Byrne has agreed to be the Principal Celebrant and preacher on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart in our Church in Tenbury. The Mass will be at 7.00 p.m. on Friday, June 12th.

RETREAT : Bishop Christopher Jones has now confirmed that he will visit our Parish for the retreat on Tuesday, July 7th, and the following two days. Please make a note of these days now – July 7th – 9th.

TYPEWRITERS : Thank you for the many kind offers of typewriters. They will all prove invaluable.

CAR PARKING : One or two Ministers of Holy Communion have indicated that they are sometimes 'boxed in' as they seek to take the Eucharist after Mass on Sunday mornings. This is particularly in front of the Rectory. As you know, the Ministers leave promptly in order to avoid interfering with Hospital and Nursing Homes at lunch time. Please try to ensure that everyone can have free passage in all our parking areas.

.FINANCES :

i. Thanks for two further donations, totalling £50.00 for the ongoing electrical work in the Church.

ii. The Offertory last week raised £759.52. (Loose plate £379.12. Envelope scheme £380.40).

iii. The Parish has recently been levied for the Diocesan Youth Service for £792.

iv. **200 Club: Monthly Parish Draw with 1 £75 and 2 x £30 cash prizes every month.** We need new members – please join. Great monthly cash prizes and financially helping the parish at the same time! Annual subscription is only £24 which can be paid monthly (£2 per month), quarterly (£6 per quarter), half yearly (£12 per half year) or annually (£24 per year). Cash, cheque or standing orders accepted. Existing members: payments as per usual, envelopes at the back of the church returned via collection plate or direct to Rectory. New members: Application forms at the back of the church, please return to the Rectory. Further information please contact Gary McClintock at garymccintock@hotmail.co.uk or on 07795 296245.

v. Please can all Red Mission Box holders from Our Lady and St Pius hand them in to be emptied.

BORROMEO HALL/ADAMS LOUNGE : Available for functions of all kinds: parties, receptions, etc. Please contact Mary Preston (07513 295817) or Adams Lounge (07742 730680).

EVERY FRIDAY : Folk Music in the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists. Free admission, 8.00pm – late.

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