

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**  
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**SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells**  
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First Sunday in Lent Year A

Psalter Week 1

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Wk.ending March 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 2014

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK;**

**ST AMBROSE'S**

Monday	7.30 a.m.	Maureen and John Reeves RIP
Tuesday	8.30 a.m.	Intentions of Margaret and Brendan O'Rourke
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.	Intentions of Harry and Bernadette Bunford
Thursday	7.30 a.m.	Intentions of Hugh and Roisin Fegan and family
	7.30 p.m.	Adoration until 10.00 p.m. (Compline 9.45 p.m.)
Friday	7.10 p.m.	Rosary
	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday	9.00 a.m.	(Old Rite) Intentions of Christine Hopkins
	5.45 p.m.	Intentions of Susan Wood and family
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	6.30 p.m.	The Station of the Cross

**OUR LADY'S**

Monday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Prayer Group)
Friday	9.00 – 9.45 a.m.	Adoration
	10.00 a.m.	Deceased members of Wood and Harrison families
Sunday	5.00 p.m.	John Power (Anniversary)
	6.30 p.m.	The Stations of the Cross

**SACRED HEART**

Friday	4.00 p.m.	The Stations of the Cross
Sunday	11.30 a.m.	Kelly family

**CONFESSIONS:** St Ambrose's Saturday 11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m., 6.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. and by request.  
 Sacred Heart By request.

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

Altar Servers for morning Mass :

Valentino Lucarelli, Joseph McCormack

**Eucharistic Ministers**

St Ambrose's:	Saturday 5.45 p.m.	E Darbyshire, A Harris, T Webb
	Sunday 9.30 a.m.	G Bennett, C Duncombe, C Geraghty, D Holdstock, R Tovey
Our Lady's:	Sunday 5.00 p.m.	J DaCosta, A McDermott, V Page
Sacred Heart:	Sunday 11.30 a.m.	J Moore, M Peyton
<b>Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's) :</b>		Team E

**Readers**

Filipino Mass

M Holmes

B Gavan, O Da Costa

to be appointed

**Offertory Counters:** Group 5

**Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:** Pope Benedict XVI, Dorothy Atwell, Albert and Elsie Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Margaret Blizard, Frank Bourke, Alan Bullock, Linda Button, Jackie Caine, Catherine Carroll, Nigel Collier, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Eamonn Dalton, Dorothy Donigan, Joni Dunlea, Sr Maureen Fay, Victoria Fleming, Neville Freemantle, Anthony Georgieff, Frances Graves, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Christine & Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Keeley John, Jan Joyce, John Joyce, Ben Kelly, Marie Lane, Lynda Law, Audrey Little, Eleanor Lloyd, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Lee Maund, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Maureen O'Neill, Daniel Oxenham, Joyce Parker, Gordon Peyton, Chris Price, Janet Richards, Nancy Ruffinato, Harold Salter, Rita Simmonds, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Margaret Smith, Marie Stokes, Edward Sutton, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Peter Towers, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Edith Wilkes and Jake Wolfenden.

**Entrance Antiphon :** When He calls on me, I will answer him. I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**Response to the Psalm :** Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Gospel Acclamation :** **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

**Preface :**

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**Communion Antiphon :**

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**RITE OF ELECTION :** This afternoon, the Revd. Adam Nicholls will introduce our five Catechumens and our one Candidate to the Archbishop at the Rite of Election in St Chad's Cathedral. Please pray for **Courtney Davies** (Candidate) and **Kerry Jones, Casie O'Connor, Katie O'Connor, Adriane Smirnoff-Cull and Nicola Wright** (Catechumens).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** is offered in this parish to help children grow in faith and in their understanding of the Gospel. It is ideally aimed at children between the ages of 3 and 7 (year 2). It is considered that children in year 3 and above who are preparing for or have already received First Holy Communion should remain in church and participate fully in the Mass.

**REST IN PEACE :** We are asked to pray for **Caterina Skillicorn**, daughter-in-law of the late Margaret Skillicorn, who died in the Isle

of Man on Tuesday; and for Tim Yates and David Fish, both of whom have been bereaved of parents in recent weeks.

**ANNIVERSARY :** Tuesday is the anniversary of the death in 2005 of **Fr Christopher Thornton**, Parish Priest at Our Lady's 1983-1988). He is buried in the College Cemetery at Oscott.

**COFFEES/TEAS** will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 a.m. Mass today by the Parent/Toddler Group/Craft Group and next Sunday by the Children's Liturgy Group.

**AUSTERITY LUNCH :** During the week we received notice of an Austerity Lunch taking place **today** at Baxter United Reformed Church from 12.30 p.m. The next lunch will be at St Oswald's in Broadwaters on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**STATION OF THE CROSS :** This important Lent Devotion will be taking place in our Kidderminster Churches each Sunday at 6.30 p.m., and in Tenbury on Friday at 4.00 p.m. This evening, after the Devotions in Kidderminster, an invitation is given to anyone who wishes to join the Parish Priest in the Rectory and enjoy a glass of wine while listening to the **Stabat Mater**, of Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757). The recording lasts about 35 minutes.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS** will meet on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. We shall begin with Stations of the Cross at 7.30 p.m. in St Ambrose Church, followed by the meeting in the Borromeo Hall.

**KIDDERMINSTER DEANERY :** The Clergy of the Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at the Sacred Heart, Droitwich. The discussion will focus on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate to this Diocese. In this Parish we recall the ministry of Dr Peter Mason, Revd. Peter Hesketh, Revd. Thomas Ashcroft over the years since 1992. We pray for the Revd. Adam Nicholls in his first year of ministry, for Charles Duncombe in his year of Ordination, for Richard Tovey as he continues his studies, and for two other parishioners who are currently considering the possibility of offering themselves.

**CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH :** It used to be during Lent that attention was given to the Last Things – Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven, The Destiny of the Church will be our theme on Tuesday in the Montini Room at 7.45 p.m.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION :** The next meeting of parents, catechists and children will be in the School Hall on Wednesday at 6.30 p.m.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KIDDERMINSTER :** The Lent Talks begin in St Ambrose's on Wednesday when Revd. John Howard (Chairman of the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District of the Methodist Church) will speak on the theme 'The Easter God who changes lives'. The meeting begins in Church at 7.30 p.m., there will be an opportunity for questions and refreshments afterwards in the Borromeo Hall.

**DEACONS AREA MEETING :** The Revd. Adam Nicholls will be the host to Bishop Pargeter and Deacons from this Episcopal area of the Diocese in St Ambrose's on Thursday. Evening Prayer and Benediction will be at 7.30 p.m., and our usual Adoration will continue afterwards, with compline at 9.45 p.m.

**PARISH RAMBLE :** Next Saturday (15<sup>th</sup>). Meet outside Belbroughton Parish Church at 10.30 a.m. for a fairly short and easy ramble. Contact Chris Vass (K.630949) for details.

**ST PATRICK'S NIGHT :** To mark this ever-popular Saint's day a local duo, The Ranters, will be returning this year to entertain us with traditional Irish songs and tunes – they proved very popular last year. This will take place on Sunday, 16 March from 8.00 pm in the Adams Lounge. Admission is free and everyone is very welcome.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE :** A poster is available in our Churches, demonstrating how, during Lent, we can pray and witness the sanctity of life outside an Abortion Clinic in Birmingham. The **'March for Life'** begins from St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. People from all areas of the United Kingdom will be taking part. Please see Notice Boards for further details.

**CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLLS :** The new Cardinal will be visiting St Chad's Cathedral for a Mass of Welcome and Thanksgiving on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5.00 p.m. Two people from each parish are invited to attend. Please notify the Parish Priest **this week** if you wish to attend, and a ballot (if necessary) will take place after Mass at Our Lady's on Friday.

**TENBURY 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY :** To celebrate 75 years of Catholic Worship in the town, it is hoped to produce a booklet containing contributions from current parishioners; plus any parishioners who might have moved away, but would appreciate being part of this venture. These may take the form of personal recollections, photographs, letters, poems, prayers, family memories, cuttings from local newspapers or memories from other churches in the town. Pieces would also be welcome from St Ambrose's community and other churches around Kidderminster. The only requirement is that everything should be relevant to the church of the Sacred Heart, its formation and history.

**CHRISTIAN HOLIDAY HANDBOOKS** are now available.

**LENT FAST DAY :** Friday is Lent Fast Day for CAFOD. Envelopes are available at the back of Church. We are asked to give up something for that day and place the money saved in the envelope to return next Sunday. Also, the Hungry for Change campaign has been extended until Easter. Cards are available with the fast day envelopes for you to sign and send by Freepost to CAFOD. Please make this an action for Lent.

**ST AMBROSE RED APF BOXES :** Please leave the boxes at the back of Church to be emptied.

#### **FINANCES :**

- i. The Offertory last week was £1,118.74 (Loose £696.74. Envelope Scheme £422.00). Thank you for the continuing generosity to our Parish.
- ii. The Subscribers in the Clergy Training Fund have raised a further £234.
- iii. So far, our collection for St Chad's Cathedral as totalled £108.12.
- iv. There have been further generous donations to our impending building work. Thanks to those who have, in the past week, donated £1,230.00.
- v. Our Whist players have, once again, come up trumps with a further gift of £100.
- vi. At Tenbury last week £83.70 was raised, to be split equally between 'Shoot for the Stars' and the Mandy Davies Cancer Support Group – two local Charities.

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

**EVERY FRIDAY :** Folk Music in the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists. Free admission 8 p.m. – late.

**STOP PRESS :** The Vicar General attended a meeting at Our Lady's on Thursday evening and indicated that, in line with Diocesan Pastoral Policy, the number of Masses in our Parish at the weekend should be reduced from four to three. The Archbishop's Council has proposed that the main focus of Sunday Mass provision should be in St Ambrose's, and the Sacred Heart Church in Tenbury. A consequence of this would be that the Sunday Mass be discontinued at Our Lady's, and that the Church should close. This proposal will be considered by the Archbishop's Council in the light of the observations made on Thursday evening, and we must now await a decision. Thanks to all those who attended the meeting, and made their views known.