

ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH
SACRED HEART CHURCH

KIDDERMINSTER
TENBURY WELLS

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THIRD SUNDAY in LENT

YEAR C

Psalter Week III

March 21st – 27th 2022

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:

MON: 9:15 am. Morning Prayer
9:30 am. Joan Battye RIP

TUE: 9:15 am. Morning Prayer
9:30 am. Jack Connolly (Anniv.)

WED: 9:15 am. Morning Prayer
9:30 am. John Kerrigan RIP
2 pm. (School Hall) David Begley (Anniv.)

THURS 8:50 am. (Winterfold) Fr John Joe Donnelly (Anniv.)
11:30 am. Int. of Veronica & Bernard Page (Diamond Wedding)
7:30 pm. Adoration (with Confessions) & Office of Compline 8:35 pm.

FRI: 9:15 am. Morning Prayer
9:30 am. In Thanksgiving (Da Costa)
10:30 am. (Tenbury) Stations of the Cross
7 pm. Stations of the Cross

SAT: 8:45 am. Morning Prayer
9 am. Sharon's Int. followed by Rosary & Novena prayers

SUN: 9 am. (Tenbury) Bishop Humphrey Bright (Anniv.)
11 am. Francesco Vaccaro RIP
6 pm. The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: Thursday 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm (during Adoration)
Saturday 11:45 am - 12:45 pm and at any time by request
In School: Thursday 10 am – 12 noon.

READERS for Sunday Mass: 11 am. Miriam Cunliffe 6 pm. Teresa Alexander

Tea & Coffee: July & Peter Harler, Peter Young.

REVERENCE in CHURCH: Thank you to so many people who have written, spoken and emailed and telephoned their kind support for our efforts to create a prayerful atmosphere in church prior to our Masses. It does seem that my recent assailant is somewhat isolated. I do hope that he will now respect what is by far the majority opinion, and refrain from trivial conversation until a more appropriate time and place. Thank you.

THE RECTORY: Anna Schiavone has left the Rectory. We are registered to accept Ukrainian refugees.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: There is a meeting on Wednesday in the Parish Centre for parents of those children who will be preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time later this year.

ANNIVERSARIES: Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Walter Hofler, priest here 1915-1938. Who died March 25th 1949. May he rest in peace.

CONFESSIONS: In preparation for the Service of Healing, and for Easter, Confessions in the week prior to the service will be as follows:

Mon. April 4th 6 – 7 pm.
Tue. April 5th 3 pm – 4 pm.
Wed. April 6th 8:30 am – 9 am.
Thurs. April 7th 10am – 10:30 am. & 7:30 pm. – 8:30 pm.
Fri. April 8th 10:15 am – 10:45 am
and at any time by request.

SERVICE of HEALING: As many of us know, there can be many hurts, frustrations and disappointments in life – some that are visited upon us by circumstances that we cannot control or understand. Others are often the result of our own human limitations or even our own wrong choices. Many can feel lost or bewildered, others alienated and angry but there is no human experience that is beyond Our Lord's healing touch. On April 8th at 7:30 pm we shall have a Service of Healing during which we can bring life's hurts before the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord, where we can pray for understanding and acceptance, for renewed hope and commitment, and for that peace which only Our Lord can offer. It may be that there is unresolved conflict in our homes and families, anger or frustration towards the Church, the Parish, our neighbour; we may be experiencing difficulties in our relationships, suffering from addiction, trying to come to terms with a recent and seemingly untimely bereavement, or suffering from COVID or post-COVID anxiety. This list is not exhaustive and some of us have burdens we choose to carry privately. There will be Eucharistic exposition, readings, hymns and prayers, together with reflections and a period of intercession. Those who wish may receive an anointing with oil, and we will conclude by receiving the Eucharistic Benediction. Then there will be a hymn to Our Lady, and a blessing with holy water. Please encourage those who have become separated from us to come along – anyone who may have need for a healing moment in life. Members of other Christian communities are very welcome.

EASTER CRAFT FAYRE: A sale of Easter gifts and cards is taking place immediately after 11 am Sunday Mass today in the Adams Lounge. All proceeds will go towards church maintenance. Raffle tickets will be on sale for an Easter Chocolate Hamper (3 prizes).

THANKS: Isobel Cunliffe would like to thank all those that supported her table top sale last week. You were all very generous. She raised £167.50. Much more than she expected. The money will be donated to D.E.C. Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

SEAMSTER OR SEAMSTRESS: I would like to commission a set of Mass vestments for use on the great Feasts of Our Lady, and if such could be produced in the Parish it would be the ideal. Any suggestions, or offers, to Fr. Lamb as soon as possible please.

St. Ambrose's Maintenance Fund (SAM) Auction: Do you have a good quality item that you would like to donate to the fund? The auction takes place in the Adams Lounge after Mass on Sunday, April 3rd. Items can be left in the back of the church or handed in to the Rectory.

BABY & TODDLER: St Ambrose Baby and Toddler group will be on in the parish hall on Wednesday morning 9-11. Suitable from newborn to preschool. If you would like to know more you can contact us by email at StAmbroseToddlers@gmail.com.

WHITTLES RAFFLE: Day trip of your choice worth £40. Tickets are £1 each, sold after Mass in the Parish Hall. The draw will be held on April 3rd.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This traditional Lent devotion will take place in both our churches on the FRIDAYS of Lent; in Tenbury at 10:30 am, and in Kidderminster at 7 pm.

LENT:

i. Please can we make a special effort to attend morning Mass? This will keep us in tune with the Lent Scriptures and keep the themes of this season in our minds.

ii. As you know, the church is open ALL DAY, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for private reflection on the Stations of the Cross.

iii. During this year, we are all asked:

- to encourage one other person to return to the practice of the Catholic Faith in our parish.
- to encourage those who remain reluctant to return to Mass, preferably on Sunday but on any other day instead.
- to encourage at least one other person to consider joining the Catholic Church in our parish.

LENT IS THE IDEAL TIME FOR US ALL TO ENGAGE IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK

Lenten Alms - Fr Hudson's Society: CAFOD: Aid to the Church in Need or any other of the many charitable associations in the Church.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: A Sponsored Walk on the Feast of St George - Saturday April 23rd 2022. This is advanced warning of a sponsored walk to Harvington the "Friends of the Holy Land" in Wyre Forest are planning on the Saturday in the Octave of Easter, which, this year is on the feast of St George. Please volunteer to sponsor yourself, or even better get friends and family to sponsor you. If you would like to join the walk or would like more information, please contact Deacon John O'Brien Email: jmcobrien@btinternet.com Phone: 07482 098 158.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Trina Cole, Pat O' Doherty, Peter Hesketh, Jessie Tolley, Annie Holcroft, Veronica Pugh, Sheila Mikulicz, Edward Sage, Jackie Sands, John & Audrey Choyce, Shirley Keogh, Joyce Berry, Clare Conway, Fr. Graham Wilkinson, Madonna Endeley, Christopher Tovey, Mary Kissane, David Warr, Amanda Rattigan, Neil Moule, Kathleen Hegarty, Marie Hesketh, Jim Thomas, Mary Kozicki, Clare Saich, Richard Brocklesby, Lawrence Speers, Arwen Lockley, Lyndon Whatley, Maria Cholowa, Margaret Holmes, Ray Stride, Fr. Tony Rohan, Tommy Purcell, Emilia Gissing, Michael Dunne.