

ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH
SACRED HEART CHURCH

KIDDERMINSTER
TENBURY WELLS

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SECOND SUNDAY in LENT

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Psalter Week II

March 14th – 20th 2022

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:

MON: 9:15 am. Morning Prayer
9:30 am. Int. of Sr. Maureen Fay.

TUE: 9:15 am. Morning Prayer
9:30 am. Int. of Lyndon Whatley
3 pm. Rosary & Prayers for Ukraine

WED: 9:15 am. Morning Prayer
9:30 am. Int. of Nuala Thompson
11 am. (School Hall) Mother Clare Agnes RIP

THURS 8:50 am. (Winterfold) Fr. Joseph Houghton RIP
11:30 am. Patrick Heffernan (Anniv.)
5 pm. Reception: Pompilia Mazzone RIP
7:30 pm. Adoration (with Confessions) & Office of Compline 8:35 pm.

FRI: 9:15 am. Morning Prayer
9:30 am. Revd. Tom Ashcroft (Anniv.)
10:30 am. (Tenbury) Stations of the Cross
11 am. FUNERAL: Pompilia Mazzone RIP
2:30 pm. (Crematorium) FUNERAL: Catherine Crayton RIP
7 pm. Stations of the Cross

SAT: 8:45 am. Morning Prayer
9 am. Int. of Joyce and Bernard Gavan

SUN: 9 am. (Tenbury) The People of the Parish
11 am. Karen Aldridge RIP
6 pm. Canon Mykola Matyczak (Anniv.)

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

READERS for Sunday Mass: 11 am. Charlie Villa 6 pm. S. José
Tea & Coffee: Catholic Men's Society & Alberto Maffei.

REVERENCE IN CHURCH: With his usual exquisite timing, a parishioner came uninvited into the Sacristy last Sunday evening shortly before Mass was about to begin; to complain that I had asked people to refrain from making noise in the church in case others wished to pray quietly as they prepared for Mass. He accused me of making people frightened to come to church, of being miserable and turning people away by my attitude, and saying that I had no right to ask people to moderate their tone in the church. If he is right in his assessment I am truly sorry for any offence I may have been giving over the years. He reminded me that it was 'his church', and he would 'do what he liked' and that he 'did not care' that I have had more complaints about him over the past 30 years than about any other parishioner (three more complaints have been received since Sunday evening). I apologise for the unseemly outburst of last Sunday. There is little I can do about such aggressive ignorance, and the crass insensitivity of one parishioner towards the feelings of others. Perhaps if we refuse to engage with disruptive people, it may enable an atmosphere of prayer before our Masses. Thank you.

FEAST DAYS: Next Thursday is the Feast of St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland and one of the greatest missionary teachers in the history of the Christian Church. On Friday we commemorate St. Cyril of Jerusalem, a 4th Century Doctor of the Church. Saturday is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, please make a special effort to attend Mass to honour the greatest of the Saints.

ANNIVERSARIES: of your charity pray for repose of the soul of Deacon Thomas Ashcroft, who served in this parish, and died on March 18th 2015.

FUNERALS: Pompilia Mazzone's body will be brought to the church on Thursday at 5 pm. Her Funeral is on the following day, March 18th at 11 am, and her body is to be buried in Kidderminster cemetery. The Funeral of Catherine Crayton will be at Wyre Forest Crematorium on Friday at 2:30 pm. May they rest in peace.

UKRAINE: Please consider making the Stations of the Cross, or visiting the Blessed Sacrament, or attending Mass in order to pray for and sustain the stricken people of Ukraine. There will be a Rosary said in our church on Tuesday at 3 pm to pray urgently for peace in Eastern Europe.

There will also be a small table-top sale after 11 am Sunday Mass in the Adams Lounge for the people of Ukraine.

The total raised in our Parish for the Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal was £1,259,79. We may have a bucket collection later on in Lent.

UCM: Will meet on Monday, March 14th at 7:30 pm. in the church for Stations of the Cross, followed by a meeting in the Adams lounge. New members welcome.

CRAFT CLUB: Craft Club will meet on Tuesday in the Hall from 2 pm – 4 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

MONTINI GROUP: We meet again on Tuesday evening in the Montini Room at 7:30 pm to reflect on Psalm 50 (The Miserere) – the lament of King David and one of the most heartfelt prayers for repentance in the whole of Sacred Scripture. Everyone welcome.

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.

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.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH is taking place from March 10th – 18th 2021 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead.

If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses will be celebrated on: 10 – 12 March at 7.30pm, 13 March at 10am.

14 March at 11am, 15 – 18 March at 7.30pm or go to www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena for more information.

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.

STEM CELLS FOR AUTISM IRISH CONCERT, Friday 18th March 2022, in St Ambrose Parish Hall, 7.00pm until 11.30pm. A celebration of Irish songs, music and dance. There will be a raffle during the evening for a large range of exciting prizes. Tea, coffee, sandwiches, rolls available to purchase. Bring your own drinks! Tickets available from Charlie Villa H: 01562754482 Mob: 07759629938.

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 Gissingy.