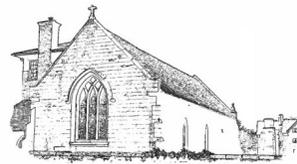


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 8 March*

Third Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Mass intention for: *Peggy Brotherton*

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

**There will be a second collection today for Cathedral Maintenance*

8.30am

10.30am

Monday 9 March

Commemoration of St Frances of Rome

No Mass today.

Tuesday 10 March

Lent Feria

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.00am

Wednesday 11 March

Lent Feria 10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.00am

Thursday 12 March

Lent Feria

Dementia Prayer Week

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

11.00am

Friday 13 March

Lent Feria

Dementia Prayer Week

Mass intention for: *Marie Packwood R.I.P.*

11.00am

Saturday 14 March

Lent Feria

Dementia Prayer Week

Mass intention for: *Michael Bianco R.I.P.*

10.00am

Sunday 15 March

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Dementia Prayer Week

Mass intention for: Ernest & *Patricia Godwin R.I.P.*

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

8.30am

10.30am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following Mass each Saturday and by appointment at other times.

Anniversaries in March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Lucy Moran (1988), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013) Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018), Vincent Glynn (2019), Michael Bianco (2019), Tony Davenhill (2022), Jane Young (2022), John Weston (2023), Anne Sharples (2024), John Harvey (2024), Barbara Knott (2025).

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of

CHRISTINE SPENCER

Who died on Friday 27th February

May she Rest In Peace.

Christine's Funeral Service will take place at St Mary's at 11.00am on Tuesday 31st March

In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:

Deirdre Brookes, Averil Crofton, Norma Fox, Denise Grant, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Columb and Merryn Howell, Elizabeth Howell, Darren Jaye, Kath Lahive, Angela Magaro, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Catherine Neale, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.

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 ... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 22 Feb-1 March 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£110.00
Loose cash:	£284.84
Second collection for CAFOD:	£712.71



Following his sale of handmade bookmarks, Dominic would like to thank everyone for their generosity. He raised £192 towards Winterfold's scheme to support projects at the schools in Ncenameni and Ncekuya in South Africa.

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PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH. If you wish to make a donation when Mass is not taking place and the church is otherwise empty, please post your offering (in an envelope) in the letterbox in the door of the Priest's House.

**** DIRECT DEBIT, GIFT AID FORMS** are available from the folder on the notice board in the church porch. Please complete and either hand to Fr Richard or Fr John or put the Priest's House letterbox.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Valerie Nolan**. She can be contacted via:

sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 01212306240 / **safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concerns.

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The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.

The
Season
of
Lent



During Lent at **ST AMBROSE CHURCH KIDDERMINSTER** there will be the Office of Vespers / Evening Prayer in the Church at 7 pm followed by presentations from Guest Speakers on these Tuesdays:

MARCH 10th *As Others See Us (2)* Canon Robert Jones; (retired) Archdeacon of Worcester Cathedral.

MARCH 17th *As Others Find Us* Sarah Lemiech, Anne Nicholls, Cris Crassus. (Three new parishioners)

ST WULSTAN'S CHURCH STOURPORT during Lent offer the chance to see DVD talks by Bishop Robert Barron on the *Creed*. The third and final one is being shown on Tuesday 17th March with Mass at 11am followed by the Film 11.45-12.30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be said during Lent at St. Wulstan's Church , Stourport on Friday evenings at 7.00pm.



Our collection for the **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** takes place this weekend. Donations of food and other essentials will be delivered on your behalf to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster. If you would prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to '**The Kidderminster Foodbank**', please use an envelope marked '**FOOD BANK**', and put it in the Offertory collection. Donations will be passed directly to the Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer. If you wish the Foodbank to benefit from the tax paid on your monetary donation please complete the **GIFT AID** form (available in the church porch) and include it in the envelope.



An **IRISH CHARITY CONCERT**

will be held on **Saturday 14th March 7.30pm—11.00pm** in **St Ambrose Parish Hall, Kidderminster** to raise funds for **KEMP Hospice** and **MACMILLAN Cancer Support**.

Join in for a celebration of Irish Songs, music and dance and a chance to win a prize in the Raffle.

Tea, Coffee, rolls, available to purchase on the night. Patrons are welcome to bring their own alcoholic and soft drinks.

Admission:

Adults: £10.00 / Children under 16: £5.00

Tickets available from Charlie Villa (07759629938) and Sinead Maffei (07980846301)





DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK runs annually from 12 -19 March with the aim to raise awareness and a deeper understanding of the spiritual needs of people living with dementia.

Dementia Prayer Week, previously run by the Pastoral Care Project, now features under Redemptorist Publications pastoral outreach initiative.

Redemptorist Publications, a Christian publisher and registered charity, help translate the Gospel into human words, relevant to daily life and to aid the Christian community on its journey towards God. Part of this mission includes a pastoral outreach series which tackles many trials that one may face in life.

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/dementia-prayer-week-1>

Dementia is a degenerative disease which tends to isolate both the sufferer and the families that surround them. Confronted with this condition we naturally feel inadequate. Prayer is one very powerful way of connecting with all concerned. Let this Dementia Prayer Week become your link to the many families struggling with dementia.



Loving Father,

*You hold each of us in Your tender care, even when memories fade
and words are lost.*

*We pray for those living with dementia, may they feel surrounded by
Your peace and know that they are always known and loved by You.
Bless those who care for them with patience, strength, and gentleness.*

*In moments of weariness, give them comfort; in times of sadness,
grant them hope. May every act of care become a reflection of Your
enduring love. Through Christ our Lord.*

Amen