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**Twenty fourth Sunday
CTS Sunday Missal p. 1056**

Year C

Psalter Week 4

Week commencing September 11th, 2016.

Response to the Psalm: I will leave this place and go to my Father.

Gospel Acclamation: God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself, and He has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

Preface VII of Sundays: p. 573.

Eucharistic Prayer II: p. 605.

Mystery of Faith: I

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: **M.** The Most Holy Name of Mary, **T.** St. John Chrysostom, **W.** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, **Th.** Our Lady of Sorrows, **F.** SS. Cornelius & Cyprian, **S.** St. Robert Bellarmine.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

ST. AMBROSE'S

Monday 8.30 am Peter McQuillan RIP

Tuesday 7.30 am Frank Bourke RIP

Wednesday 8.30 am Seamus McCann RIP

7.30 pm Sheila Kelly RIP

Thursday N.B. 7.00 pm Irene & Andrew Neale RIP

7.30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8.45 pm)

Friday 9.30 am – 10.15 am Adoration

10.30 am John Mason RIP

Saturday 9.00 am Seymour & Stella Shore RIP - followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sunday 11.00 am The People of the Parish

6.00 pm Honora Gallagher RIP

SACRED HEART

Sunday 9.00 am Phyllis Benham RIP

CONFESSIONS: **St Ambrose's:** 11:45am – 12:45pm, and by request.

Sacred Heart: by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Thomas Barnbrook, Matthew Conway.

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's Sunday 11.00 am: C. Geraghty, D. Gillett, A. Harris, T. Hart, M. Roy, P. Hunt.

Readers

J. Walker, M. Darbyshire.

Sunday 6.00 pm: L. Farmer, B. Gavan, J. Gavan, M. Hesketh, V. Page.

G. Anphlett, D. Robinson.

Sacred Heart Sunday 9.00 am: E. O'Neill, M. Peyton.

B. Mountain.

Church Cleaners: Team B **Offertory Counters:** Group 1

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Aylott, Olena Barchuk, Albert and Elsie Barr, Joan Battye, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Catherine Blount, Jennifer Bush, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Ann Catchpole, Fr Paul Chavasse, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Rob Conway, Bunty Cook, Julie Cook, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Eamonn Dalton, Sarah Dalziel, Angeline Doherty, Sr Maureen Fay, Catherine Freemantle, Martha Graham, Tess Grantham, Frances Graves, Fr Christopher Greaney, Diane Grovenor, Shirley Hale, Ken Harler, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Canice Heavern, Cindy Jones, John Joyce, John Kean, Wendy Kowalewicz, Audrey Little, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Mike Lockley, Joe McLaughlin, Gaetana Maffei, Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Francesca Marciante, Petronilla Marciante, Margaret Metcalf, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Pat Motteram, Sr Breda Murphy, Jacqui Murray, Kitty Murray, John Neale, Delia Nepi, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Billie O'Keeffe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Amelia Piatek, Revd Philip Prince, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, Edward Sutton, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Jean Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Ann Webb, Lyndon Whatley, Edith Wilkes and Anne Youde.

THE YEAR OF MERCY. During this year we have been inviting parishioners to identify and pray for one other person; either to encourage a return to the practice of the Catholic Faith in our Parish, or to consider joining the Catholic Church in our Parish. There is good reason to believe that this initiative has been fruitful in several different ways. It will be good if, at this time, we can ALL make an effort to make a positive invitation to the person (or persons) for whom we have prayed. It would be wonderful if many were given the opportunity to share in our forthcoming year of celebration and that our Easter Vigil next year will see the gift to us of many new parishioners. It may also be an opportunity for us to seek to reclaim those who began attending other Churches when our Mass times were altered last year.

The Montini Group: This gathering of parishioners each year aims to deepen our understanding of the Catholic Faith, and to provide an introduction to those who may wish to join us in Full Communion at some time in the future. Over the years, we have tried to offer a varied programme, approaching matters of Faith in various different ways. This year we are hoping to provide a completely different approach as the titles listed on our programme suggest. If you are hoping to invite someone to return to the practice of the Faith, please offer them the poster titled '**An Exploration of the Catholic Faith**' together with a list of the subjects to be covered. If you are inviting someone who is not a Catholic to take part in the Group, please take the poster titled '**An Introduction to the Catholic Faith**'. Everyone will be made welcome, and we hope the usual faithful core group will be on hand to help us.

Volunteers: There may be parishioners who would like to volunteer as **Choir Members** (11am Adult and Children's voices), **Catechists for Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage** (preparation available), **Church Cleaners, Offertory Counters**. Please contact a member of the Parish Clergy if you would like to participate in these, or other Parish ministries. Our existing Parish groups are always pleased to receive new members: **St. Vincent De Paul Society** (Mondays as announced), **Union of Catholic Mothers** (alternate Mondays), **Catholic Men's Society** (Wednesdays as announced), **Craft Club** (alternate Tuesday evenings), **Bible Study** (Wednesday afternoons as announced), **Ambrosian Group** (third Thursday lunch times), **Friendship Club** (last Wednesday of each month), **Rambling Group** (Saturdays, as announced).

Baptism: This afternoon we celebrate with the Massey Family at the Baptism of **Eliza Lily Massey**, their daughter. The Revd. Adam Nicholls will officiate.

Old Rite Mass: This afternoon at 3.00 pm there will be Mass in the Extraordinary (Tridentine) Form. Books are available during Mass, with tea and cakes afterwards.

Requiescant: Please pray for Teresa Hart's brother, **John Lainchbury**, who died suddenly earlier this week. **Brenda Stone** died peacefully at home last Sunday afternoon. Her Funeral Mass is on Friday, September 23rd at 10.00 am prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. The Funeral Mass for **Joan Aylott** is on Thursday September 22nd at 1.30 pm, and she will be buried in Kidderminster Cemetery. **Alan Whatmore** died last week after a sudden deterioration in his condition. His Funeral is in Lincolnshire. **Angelina Scrocca**, a much loved parishioner, died in Hospital, surrounded by her family, on Our Lady's Birthday (Thursday). May these souls, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Anniversary: Today is the anniversary of the death in 1920 of Fr. William Bernard O'Dowd. He is commemorated in our window on St. Joseph's side; Parish Priest 1908-1913 and thereafter Master of St. Charles House, Cambridge. He is buried in the Churchyard beside the Catholic Church in Dudley.

Transforming Lives in Bolivia: A Meeting sponsored by CAFOD in St. George's Parish Hall, Worcester, on Monday September 12th (10.30am – 12 noon). Just turn up to hear how we can help this year's Harvest Fast Day. See noticeboard for further details.

Union of Catholic Mothers: Meetings resume on Monday at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall, following our summer break. We are always pleased for anyone interested in the UCM to come to any of our meetings. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

Study Day: The Parish Priest will be absent on Tuesday, taking part in a Study Day at Edgbaston Cricket Ground(!). It has been organised by the Diocese.

Catholic Men's Society: There will be a Mass, during which new Brothers will be inducted, on Wednesday September 14th at 7.30pm, followed by a social gathering in the Wheatley Room.

Ambrosian Group: The Group meet for their monthly shared lunch on Thursday (15th). Everyone welcome.

Knock Shrine Pilgrimage 2017: There is to be a meeting of the Parish Consultative Group on September 27th to continue planning for our Year of Celebration next year. I hope, also, that we shall make a decision about the possibility of a Parish Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, probably in Eastertide 2017. There are posters at the back of the Church. Next week, we shall publish a list for those who may wish to join the pilgrimage.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: This year's MacMillan Coffee Morning is on Friday 30th September 2016 in the Borromeo Hall, 9.00 am until 12 noon. Please make a note in your diary and come and support this very worthwhile cause.

Finances:

- i The offertory last week was £618.40 (Loose plate £391.94; Envelope Scheme £226.46). Thank you.
- ii Collection today for the Catholic Education Service.
- iii Thank you to the Whist Players for a further donation of £100.
- iv Sacred Heart, Tenbury collection last week for 'Shoot for the Stars' and the Mandy Davies Cancer Support Group came to £124.00.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Peter Grealy on 07513 295817 or 07742 730680.

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm. **Whist:** Every Wednesday, 2.00 pm. Please come along and support the Parish Centre.

Folk Music: In the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists on the second and fourth Fridays of every month. Free admission, 8.00pm-late.