

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER
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OUR LADY & ST PIUS Canterbury Road Habberley (01562 748474)
SACRED HEART & OUR LADY Berrington Road Tenbury Wells
 BRC DTR Registered as a Charity
 Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb Fr Derek Edwards Revd. Peter Hesketh
 In retirement: Revd Dr Peter Mason, Revd Thomas Ashcroft

The Solemnity of the Epiphany Psalter Week 2 Pope John Sunday Missal p. 154 5th/6th January 2008

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power

Response to the Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia ! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Preface: of the Epiphany p. 157 **Eucharistic Prayer & Memorial Acclamation:** As appointed by the Celebrant.

Communion Antiphon: We have seen his star in the east and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am Charles Evans RIP

Tues: 7.30 am Michael Cannon RIP 8.30 am Meriel Jean Fernandez RIP

Wed: 7.30 am Deceased Bostock & Donigan families

Thurs: 8.30 am Isabella Kennedy's Intentions 7.30 pm Adoration until 10.00 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)

Fri: 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm Umberto Giannini (Anniv)

Sat: 9.00 am (Old Rite) Elizabeth Lamb RIP 5.45 pm Tony Pilarczyk's Intentions

Sun: 9.30 am Margaret O'Connor RIP

Our Lady's

Mon: 7.30 pm Marie Beahan RIP

Wed: 7.30 pm Adoration until 8.30 pm

Fri: 9.00 – 9.45 am Adoration 10.00 am John & Mary Hanrahan RIP

Sat: 9.30 am John Kerrigan RIP

Sun: 5.00 pm The People of the Parish

Sacred Heart

Sun: 11.30 am Reparata Rouse RIP

CONFESSIONS

St Ambrose's: Saturday: 11.45 am – 12.45 pm; 6.30 – 7.15 pm and by request

Our Lady's: Saturday after morning Mass or as announced

Sacred Heart: By request

Please pray for all in our communities who are sick especially during the Rosary at St Ambrose's each Friday at 7.10 pm:

Mary Collins, William Patrick Bannister, Anthony Piechowicz, Jumper Collins, Rosa D'Oriano, Elizabeth Westwood, Sylvia Jay, Marie Woodfine, Tony O'Dowd, Vera Farley, Gene Whitwam, Martin Cahill, Eric Whittaker, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Eric Turner, Lillian Insley, Jean Legierski, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Bill Nicholl, Mary Jones, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vaccaro, Pat Norris, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Phil Eady, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissying, Kathleen Whatley, Jean McHugh, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean, Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Helen Drew, Simon Sadler, Con Griffin, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Bill Perry, Nora Collins, Jennifer Bush, Anthony Georgieff, Joan Wareham, Steven Mitchell, Thomas Anderson, Linda Button, Ellen Patton, Fernanda Maffei, Gertraud and Dominik Chrzan, Christopher Thomas, Kathleen Mellsop, Shirley Hale, Francesca Marciante, Marion Birch, Pat Quinn, Jo Brothwood, Michael Hodges, Joseph Keogh, Frank Kane, Connie Maund, Alfonso Salsano and Fr Philip Garrett.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Church Cleaners: Team A **Offertory Counters** Group 4 **Children's Liturgy:** To be appointed

Altar Servers: weekday mornings: Dylan Aresu, James Bennison Sat. 5.45 pm: D Aresu, G Cozenza, E Davies, A Jimenez,

G Phillips, G Preston Sun. 9.30 am SENIOR SERVERS + J Bennison, R Greatbatch, E & H Kelsall, G & S Scrocca

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat. 5.45 pm T Alexander, R Quinn

Sun. 9.30 am M Bradley, A Colclough, T Hart, M Roy

Readers

S Baylie

S Heywood

Our Lady's

Sun. 5.00 pm P Collins, V Page, J Scully, B Taylor

A Mc Dermott, H Bearne

Parish Prayer: O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless our Parish in this united endeavour, strengthen our faith, grant us the spirit of sacrifice so that, with thy grace, we may provide for the needs of our Parish, Glorify Thee and sanctify ourselves, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Moveable Feasts: It is customary to announce the moveable feasts for the year at this time. They are as follows: ASH WEDNESDAY February 6th; EASTER SUNDAY March 23rd; ASCENSION DAY May 4th; PENTECOST May 11th; SACRED HEART May 30th; FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT November 30th. In addition, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION is provisionally fixed for SATURDAY June 7th.

Anniversary Mass: The Archbishop has now confirmed that he will offer Mass to mark the 150th Anniversary of the building of our Parish Church, on SATURDAY DECEMBER 6th at 12 noon. The Mass will be followed by a reception. Please make a note of the date, so that all of us can share in this memorable moment in the history of the Parish.

Rest in Peace: Suzanne Sturrock, of Farfield, died peacefully at her daughter's home on Wednesday evening, after a relatively brief illness.

Gina Szaban RIP: Mrs Szaban's family have asked us to announce that her Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady of Ostra Brama (the Polish Church in Pitt St) on Tuesday at 10 am prior to burial in the Cemetery: Refreshments will be provided afterwards at George Law Court.

Coffees/teas: Due to the damage to the Borromeo Hall, for the time being coffees and teas are being provided after 9.30 am Mass on Sundays in the Adams Lounge/Wheatley Room (Social Club). The rota will continue as already arranged and today is the turn of the Parents and Toddlers Group and next Sunday of FOSAS. We are very grateful to Margaret Blizzard for offering to wash the cups in the Club dishwasher; and to Mary and Mike Preston for setting up the urn, cups etc in the Wheatley Room. We hope that parishioners can continue to enjoy socialising over a 'cuppa' after Mass while the Hall is out of use.

Greenhill Pact Meeting will be held in the Polish Club, George St, on Monday at 7 pm. Please take part in this local community initiative.

Whist Drive: Whist restarts next Wednesday in the Club at 2 pm. Learners welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Meeting: The joint meeting with St Wulstan's, due to take place on Thursday 10th January, will still go ahead but will be held in **St Ambrose's Social Club** at 7.30 pm. Anyone who has not yet collected a booking form, please contact Peter Young on K. 639068 as soon as possible.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting takes place on Friday 11th January at 8 pm in the Rectory. New members welcome.

Austerity Lunch: The next Austerity Lunch in support of Christian Aid will be held next Sunday, January 13th, from 12.30 pm in St Mary's.

Friendship Club: The next meeting will be for lunch at Our Lady's on Wednesday 16th January at 12.30 pm. This is open to all retired/semi-retired parishioners. Further details from Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh (K. 748474).

Catholic Men's Society: VERY IMPORTANT: the Kidderminster Branch AGM will take place on Wednesday 16th January in St Ambrose's Rectory at 7.30 pm. Would all Brothers please make a special note of this date in their diaries. Please make every effort to attend, any issues can be discussed and ideas for 2008 would be most welcome. All men of the Parish who would like to know a little more about our Society are most welcome to attend.

Ambrosian Group: will all concerned please note that the first shared lunch in 2008 will take place on Thursday 17th January in St Ambrose's Social Club. Tea & coffee can be made but there will be no facilities for cooking or heating food.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: This year is the 100th Anniversary of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The day time Services (as indicated below) will take place at 12.30 pm and will be followed by a light soup lunch. The Evening Service will be at St John's on Wednesday 23rd January at 7.30 pm and will be a Service of Celebration. Venues and leaders of Prayer for the daytime services are as follows: Monday January 21st St Mary's (Revd Pam Garrud) Tuesday January 22nd Baxter URC (Fr Douglas Lamb) Thursday January 24th Milton Hall (Revd Rose Lawley) Friday January 25th Broadwaters Methodist (Canon Owain Bell). I hope that we shall be well represented.

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill: the Archbishop of Cardiff has written to all parishes in England and Wales, asking parishioners to write to MPs during January, as this Bill will go to the House of Commons early this year. Briefing notes are available in our Churches, and the Parish Priest has copies of a Resource Pack for those who wish to take further action. He also has a copy of the Michigan Catholic Conference DVD, an excellent short film which explains clearly the science of stem cell research and why research on human embryos is not necessary. We must recognise the moral issues raised by this Bill, and act accordingly.

200 Club: Thanks to Charles Duncombe for conducting another successful year in the 200 Club, which has given a profit to the Parish of £984, an improvement on previous years. However, there are still several numbers available and it would be excellent if, in this anniversary year, ALL the numbers were taken. Those who won in December will surely agree. £800 (no. 84) Trevor & Ann Webb; £100 (no.s 91, 11, 61) Fr D Lamb, Peggy Baynton & Suzanne Sturrock. £50 (no.s 189, 99) Stephen Miller & Keith Birch. Let all of us either renew or take out a subscription. (Monthly £2, 6 monthly £12, annual £24).

St Ambrose's Club: Club News: Margaret would like to wish all members a Happy New Year and thank all those who supported the most enjoyable New Year's Eve Party – it was a huge success and was enjoyed by all.

Finances: i. Thank you for the Offerings last week of £708.40 (Envelope Scheme £190.20 Loose £512.20)
ii. CAFOD donations were £5.
iii. Collection today for PRO-LIFE charities in the Diocese.