

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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In Retirement: Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Dr Peter Mason

In Preparation: Charles Duncombe

Holy Family Sunday Year B Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p 135 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> December 2008

**Entrance Antiphon:** The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

**Response to the Psalm:** He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

**Preface:** at choice **Eucharistic Prayer:** at choice **Memorial Acclamation:** at choice.

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among men.

**Feast Days this Week:** **Tues:** St Thomas of Canterbury **Thurs:** The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
**Fri:** St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

***St Ambrose's***

<b>Mon</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Sr Florinda Sciortino RIP
<b>Tues</b>	<b>7.30 am</b>	Rita Vaccaro RIP
	<b>9.00 am</b>	Tony Pilarczyk RIP
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7.30 am</b>	Joan Dinneen RIP
	<b>9.00 am</b>	William O'Leary RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Deceased of Kinney and Hopkins families
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7.10 pm</b>	Rosary <b>7:30 pm</b> Intentions of Kathy Byrne
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	(Old Rite) Charles and Marie Evans RIP
	<b>5.45 pm</b>	Alfonso Salsano RIP
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Michael Cleary RIP

***Our Lady's***

<b>Mon</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Brian Jewels RIP
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9.00 – 9.45 am</b>	Adoration <b>10.00 am</b> Betty Ecob RIP
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Julian Davies RIP
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Nora Gallagher RIP

***Sacred Heart***

**Sun** **11.30 am** The People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS:**

***St Ambrose's:*** Saturday 11.45 am – 12.45 pm, 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm and by request

***Our Lady's:*** Saturday after Mass

***Sacred Heart:*** By request

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**Altar servers for morning Mass:**

As available

**Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>St Ambrose's</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>5.45 pm</b>	D Douglas, C Hopkins
	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	M Bradley, C Geraghty, M Roy, C Vass
<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	M H Bearne, J Gavan, B Taylor, L Whatley
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	M Peyton

**Readers**

A Conway
D Reynolds
To be appointed
To be appointed

**Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's):** Team D

**Offertory Counters:** Group 7

**Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:** William Patrick Bannister, Anthony Piechowicz, Jumper Collins, Elizabeth Westwood, Sylvia Jay, Tony O'Dowd, Vera Farley, Gene Whitwam, Martin Cahill, Eric Whittaker, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Jean Legierski, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Bill Nicholl, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Pat Norris, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean, Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Helen Drew, Con Griffin, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Anthony Georgieff, Joan Wareham, Steven Mitchell, Linda Button, Fernanda Maffei, Gertraud Chrzan, Nora Collins, Jennifer Bush, Kathleen Mellso, Shirley Hale, Francesca Marciante, Pat Quinn, Frank Kane, Connie Maund, John Freeman, Eileen Postans, Joan Bone, Janet Richards, Phil Eady, Joni Dunlea, Brigid Bradbury, Peter McQuillan, Felicity Librie, Sr Maureen Fay, Mario Mazzone, May Williams, Baby Samways, Marjorie Johnson, Magda Morris, Mary Roberts (mother of Elaine Yates, our headmistress), Pat Redmond, Joan Field, Tadeusz Mazgajczyk, Michela Butera, Margaret George, Revd Roger Jones, Anthea Speers, Nancy Ruffinato, Patricia Virr, Giaconda Salsano and Lawrence Speers.

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**Thanks:** The ceremonies of Christmas were memorable, and many people contributed generously to prepare and clean our churches, display our flowers, build our cribs and arrange our Christmas liturgies. Thanks to our musicians, readers, and servers, and everyone else who took part. Those of us in the Rectory received more cards, gifts and greetings than ever, and very generous Christmas offerings. We are very grateful.

**From the Registers:**

**This year we welcomed the following into the Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:**

Theresa Collins, Harry Heywood, Daniel McClintock, Madeleine McClintock, Grace Gallagher-Kennett, Tyler Lobb, Cheryl Manley, Kate Oxenham, Charlie Bradbury, Frances Sanidad, Isobel Cunliffe, Jade Walker, Holly Walker, Thomas Kings, Mia Round, Lewis Wright, Jack Shakeshaft, Beatrice Shakeshaft, Megan O'Sullivan-Jones, Lucy Moran, Shannon Stephens, McKenzie Gandham, Joshua Hickey, Jack Bowden, Eleanor Gillett, Sean Newton-Hernandez, Jakub O'Meally, Millie Moran, Sydney-Marie Barrow, Jacob Byrne, Connor Rattigan, Oliver Rattigan, Izzie Field, Laila Field, Amelia Bentley-Hughes, Tia Anderson, Callum Spencer, Alexander Spencer, Flora Middleton, Gerardo Saporito, Joseph Lawley, Barney McGinley, Nellie McGinley, Nicole Sado, Kelsie-Rae Booth, Jade Hancox, Alfie Harrison, Charlotte Ridgway, Akeila Murrhy, Meredith Lister-Faulkner, Daniel Webb, Callum Webb and Anna Sadowski.

**We continue to pray for the lasting happiness of those who were married in our Parish this year:**

Lee Goodwin and Melissa Butera, Paul Gawden and Tracy Burke, Howard Hughes and Veronica Powell, James Ridgway and Amy Watters, Jason Mahoney and Clare Bladen, Lee Prescott and Gemma Dipaola

**We commend to the mercy of Almighty God those who have died since this time last year:**

Peter Bennett, Eileen Billingham, Joanna Bradbury, Dominik Chrzan, Otto Ciba, Michael Cleary, Muriel Coleman, Mary Collins, Sheila Connolly, Andrew Dalton, Fr John Danaher, Julian Davies, Anna Maria Desogus, Brenda Donovan, Rosa D'Oriano, William Drew, Lucette Dudzinski, Edward Fahy, Catherine Galbraith, Desmond Gallagher, Nora Gallagher, Fr Philip Garrett, Philip Harrington, Amy Harris, Joseph Heaney, Michael Hodges, Mary Homer, Adrian Roger Hopkins, Anthony Richard Hopkins, Lilian Insleay, Richard Larkin, Iolanda Lucarelli, Kathleen Lynch, Bill McGirr, James McHugh, Jean McHugh, Mary Mann, Margaret Mayall, Mildred Meekings, Anne Milward, Stefan Nodzak, Mary Patricia O'Leary, Argia Orsettieg, Mary Elizabeth Packwood, Muriel Pearce, Bill Perry, Stefan Proc, Simon Sadler, Alfonso Salsano, Michela Salsano, Cecilia Saunders, John Shipton, Margaret Southall, Evelyn Spratt, Suzanne Sturrock, Eric Turner, Rita Vaccaro, Ada Wall, Mary Ward, Peter Ward, Kathleen Whatley, Marie Woodfine, Wladyslaw Zachara.

**Recently Deceased:** Lilian Insleay, who lived in our Parish for many years, died suddenly last Saturday in Wolverhampton where, after the death of her husband, she could be nearer to her family. Her funeral Mass will be in St Ambrose's on 7 January. Rita Vaccaro died in hospital on Christmas Day, after a long illness. Details of her funeral will be announced when the necessary arrangements have been made. May they rest in peace.

**Coffees/Teas:** Today in the Borromeo Hall after 9:30 am Mass by the Ambrosians, and next Sunday by the Parents & Toddlers Group.

**Parish Party:** The Parish Priest invites all those who work hard during every year to join him for a party in the Adams Lounge on Monday, 29 December from 7:45 pm. The first drink will be on the house, there will be a ludicrously easy (and brief) Christmas Quiz, and the Christmas Draw for the 200 Club with the year's major prizes will be made. It is, therefore, very important that subscriptions are paid up to date. Any queries, please contact the organiser, Charles Duncombe (K 746748).

**New Year's Eve:** Hosted in the Borromeo Hall 7.30 pm – very late. Music by Barry. Tickets £3.00, available from the Stewardess in the Club. Everyone welcome.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes at St Ambrose's Next Thursday, New Year's Day, from 7:30 pm. Compline 9:45 pm. Next Saturday at Our Lady's there will be Adoration and Rosary for Vocations 9:00 – 9:45 am and there is Adoration at Sacred Heart, Tenbury next Sunday before Mass, from 10:30 am.

**Hagley Catholic High School:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. 8 January marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first day of opening for Hagley Catholic High School, and to mark this date the school has arranged for a celebratory Mass to be held at Our Lady and All Saints church in Stourbridge at 7:30 pm. The school would like to invite any former pupils or their parents, former staff and governors to join them at this celebration Mass and afterwards for a buffet reception in the school hall.

**Catholic Men's Society:** Very Important. The Kidderminster Branch AGM will take place on Wednesday, 21 January 2009 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 any ideas for 2009 would be most welcome. Any men of the Parish who would like to know a little more about our Society are most welcome to come along.

**Finances:**

- i Congratulations and thanks to everyone who participated in the Grand Draw, which raised £535.05. We had a very happy evening of Carol Singing in the Adams Lounge last Sunday evening, when the Draw was made.
- ii The raffle for the Christmas Hamper, organised by the UCM, was won by Lina Finella; and raised £95 for Parish funds.
- iii Helen Scott thanks everyone who took part in the Christingle Service last weekend. A total of £63.10 was raised for the Children's Society.
- iv Last week's Offertory was £844.67 (Envelope Scheme £302.70, Loose £541.97) for which, many thanks.
- v Donations to CAFOD were £4.85.
- vi We are grateful to the Parents & Toddlers for a donation of £100.