

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells
Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Revd Peter Hesketh

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In formation: Charles Duncombe, Adam Nicholls

Fourth Advent Sunday Year B Psalter Week 4 Pope John Sunday Missal p95 Week ending 17th/18th December 2011

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

ST AMBROSE'S

Monday	7.30 am	Intentions of Christine Hopkins
Tuesday	9.15 am	Intentions of Sr Maureen Fay
	3.00 pm	Funeral: Joan Winter RIP
Wednesday	9.00 am	Anthony O'Dowd RIP
Thursday	11.30 am	Harry Berry RIP
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 10.00 pm (9.45 pm Compline)
Friday	6.00 – 7.00 pm	Confessions
	7.10 pm	Rosary 7:30 pm Holy Communion
Saturday	9.00 am (Old Rite)	Elin Young (Anniversary)
	5.45 pm	Bridie Mason RIP
	Midnight	The People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30 am (Old Rite)	Deceased Bostock and Donigan families
	10.30 am	Jack. Amy, Michael Connolly and Dave Harris RIP

OUR LADY'S

Monday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Friday	9.00 – 9.45 am	Adoration 10.00 am Margaret Stock RIP
Saturday	7.00 pm	Val Tromans RIP

No Mass on Sunday

SACRED HEART

Saturday	7.30 pm	Intentions of Chris Bickley
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No Mass on Sunday

CONFESSIONS: St. Ambrose's: Friday 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Saturday 11.45 am – 12.45 pm and by request
Our Lady's: Friday after Mass
Sacred Heart: By request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for the morning Mass:	Volunteers, please	
St Ambrose's:	Sat 5.45 pm	Eucharistic Ministers
	Sat Midnight	E Darbyshire, A Nicholls
	Sun 10.30 am	A Harris, T Webb
Our Lady's:	Sat 7.00 pm	E Fox, C Geraghty, P Grealy, A Hunt
Sacred Heart:	Sat 7.30 pm	B Taylor, M Hesketh,
Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's):	Team B	N Taylor
		Readers
		Children's Mass
		A Conway
		C Villa
		J Walker, A Wright
		A Speers
		Offertory Counters: Group 4

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:

Dorothy Atwell, Christopher Aylott, William Patrick Bannister, Albert Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Peggy Burke, Linda Button, Sandra Chapman, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Eamonn Dalton, Thomas Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Joe Egan, Gervase Elwes. Brian Evans, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Rita Harrod, Jim Heffernan, George Humble, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Harold Mason, Lee Maund, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Pat Redmond, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Nancy Ruffinato, Harold Salter, Margaret Skillicorn, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Lawrence Speers, Pearl Stanley, Marie Stokes, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Assunta Vaccaro, Patricia Virr, Josephine Warner, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, Edith Wilkes and May Williams.

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a saviour.

Response to the Psalm: I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Preface of Advent II

Eucharistic Prayer II

Memorial Acclamation I

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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Fr Lukasz Szweda: My dear Friends! It's time to say goodbye. I thank God for the time spent with you here in St Ambrose Parish in Kidderminster. This time was very important for me. I was afraid at the beginning that I couldn't manage, but your kindness and compassion made me feel very comfortable with you. Today I would like to thank everyone who showed me a good heart during this time – especially Fr Lamb. I am sure that he was a little frightened at the beginning, but he opened the door of his house and he showed me great confidence and hospitality. I thank him for his generosity and witness of the priestly life. Thank you very much to Rita, who cared about me. I was never hungry and looked neat. Thank you for having accepted me in the kitchen when I wanted to cook something on my own. Thank you for your warmth and smile. I thank my lovely teachers who cared about the development of my English. Thanks to Heather Bearne, who helped me every Monday to prepare the texts for the liturgy, thanks Maureen Cleary and Jennifer Bush, who took me on trips and showed me many beautiful places near here. Thanks Bunty Cook, who has always cared about expanding my vocabulary and who would come to me all the way from Tenbury. Thank you Peter Hesketh and his wife Marie, for all the help and support. Thank you to everyone who helped me in the liturgy, thank you to Jean and John and to all the Altar Servers. Thank you to everyone who wanted to spend a few moments with me in their free time and share with me a little of their lives. Thank you for your large presence at the Polish evening – especially thanks to the ladies who helped me prepare this evening. Thank you for all who sent me Christmas cards and to all from whom I received other signs of goodness. I will always bear you in my heart and will remember you in prayers. The first Saturday of each month I celebrate Mass for the intention of the people who have helped me in my life, from this time onward I will also think about you. Of course I invite you to visit me in Jamaica. You will always be very welcome. Fr Lukasz Szweda.

Funeral: I hope that as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend the Funeral of Jean Winter in St Ambrose's on Tuesday at 3:00 pm, prior to cremation at Stourbridge. She was a parishioner all her life and has very few relatives. Please pray for Archie Cockburn of Forge Court, who died suddenly on Wednesday morning. His Funeral will be at Wyre Forest Crematorium on Thursday at 10:00 am. May they rest in peace.

St Ambrose's School: During this past week we had two superb performances by both Key Stage 1 and 2 children. The KS1 Nativity Play was excellent throughout and the singing of the children of KS2 both in Church and in School was outstanding. Congratulations to Mrs Yates and to all who prepared and supported the children.

UCM Calendar: Beautiful 2012 calendar featuring all three churches – only £5. All proceeds to Parish funds. Orders through the Piety Stall or any UCM member. Excellent Christmas present. Hurry, as limited numbers available.

Teas and Coffees: provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9:30 am Mass by the Choir. No coffees next Sunday (Christmas Day).

Evening Prayer for Advent: St Ambrose's at 6.30 pm tonight. The psalms, canticles and prayer of the Office of Vespers with appropriate Advent music.

Carols by Candlelight: This evening there will be Carol Singing in the Adams Lounge from 8.00 pm, with mulled wine and mince pies. There will be some festive readings. The Christmas Draw will be made at 9.30 pm. Please be sure that money and counterfoils are returned today. There are still a few books of tickets available.

Confessions for Christmas: There are two remaining Services of Penance in our Diocese – on Monday at St Wulstan's, Stourport; and on Tuesday at St Peter's Bromsgrove. There will be Confessions on Friday at Our Lady's after morning Mass, and at St Ambrose's 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm. There will be the usual Confessions on Saturday at 11.45 am – 12.45 pm and at any other time by request.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve:	5.45 pm (St Ambrose's)	Children's Family Mass with carols	Fr Lamb
	7.00 pm (Our Lady's)	The First Mass of Christmas	Fr Denis O'Connor MHM
	7.30 pm (Sacred Heart)	Carols and the First Mass of Christmas	Fr Lamb
	12 Midnight (St Ambrose's)		Fr Lamb
Christmas Day:	8.30 am (St Ambrose's)	Missa Aurora – Dawn Mass in the Old Rite	Fr Lamb
	10.30 am (St Ambrose's)	The Third Mass of Christmas	Fr Lamb

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

Altar Servers Awards: Five of our Altar Servers are to receive the Bronze Medal of the Guild of St Stephen on his Feast Day, Monday, 26 December, during Mass at 11:00 am. We congratulate Callum Atkins, Dylan Chapman, Dominic Ford, Ben Gualano and Will Turner.

Lunch Party: At Our Lady and St Pius X on Wednesday, 28 December, at 12:30 pm. We thought it would be a good day to have a shared table, so please bring a plate or just bring yourself. If you need a lift or can give a lift please let us know – K 748474. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Party: The usual Parish post-Christmas Party will be in the Adams Lounge on Wednesday, 28 December from 7.45 pm. It is an opportunity for the Parish to express its gratitude to all those who work so hard on our behalf during the course of the year. I had hoped that we might be able to avoid the annual Christmas Quiz, but there appears to be popular demand I hope that all our faithful parishioners will be able to join for an evening together.

New Year's Eve: The usual party will be held in the Adams Lounge on New Year's Eve from 7.30 pm until late (or early on New Year's Day). Tickets are £3 (adults) and £1.50.

Diocesan Directory: Copies of the Archdiocesan Directory are available in our three churches. They are £5 per copy and this edition contains the obituary of Fr Derek Edwards.

Finances:

- i Fairtrade Sale: A big thank you to all who supported the recent Grand Fairtrade Sale in the Corn Exchange, whether by making cakes, manning stalls, serving refreshments or coming along to make purchases. We sold over £2,000 of Fairtrade goods and made enough on refreshments to cover the cost of the hall and give us £50 towards next year's sale in November 2012!
- ii Thank you for last week's Offertory of £963.19 (Envelope Scheme £310.20. Loose £652.99).
- iii Thanks to our Whist players who have contributed a further £100.
- iv The collections next week are the traditional offerings to the Clergy of the Parish.