

**ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**  
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**SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells**

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This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered Charity no. 234216.

**Second Sunday Ordinary time**

**Year: B**

**Week Commencing: January 14th, 2018.**

Psalter Week: 2 CTS Sunday Missal: p. 837 Preface of Sunday I: p. 567 Eucharistic Prayer III: p. 611 Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life.

Feast Days this Week: **W.** St. Antony, Abbot, **F.** St. Wulstan, **S.** SS. Fabian and Sebastian.

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

**St Ambrose's**

Mon: 7.30 am John and Martin Weaver RIP

Tues: 8.30 am Margaret Lefferty RIP

Wed: 9.15 am Bob Beadle RIP

Thurs: 11.30 am Tony O'Dowd (Anniv)

7:30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8:45pm)

Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Mass: 10.30 am Gaetana Maffei RIP

Sat: 9.00 am Audrey Little RIP

followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Remedios Aguinaldo RIP

6.00 pm Simon and Pat Redmond RIP

**Sacred Heart**

Sun: 9.00 am The People of the Parish

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

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

Altar Servers for morning Mass: S. Jose, C. Parker.

**St Ambrose's:**

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Hunt, E. Darbyshire, T. Hart, A. Harris, R. Tovey.

Readers: M. Roy, A. Lockley.

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: J. & B. Gavan.

Readers: P. Young, M. Hesketh.

**Sacred Heart:**

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Readers: C. Stanley

Church Cleaners Team: D

Offertory Counters Group: 1

Tea/Coffee: J. Walker, B. Power, A. Colclough.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Aylott, Olena Barchuk, Albert Barr, Keith and Marion Birch, Catherine Blount, Jennifer Bush, Matteo Butera, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Fr Paul Chavasse, Luke Coates, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Maureen Connolly, Bunty Cook, Julie Cook, Derek Cooper, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Eamonn Dalton, Sarah Dalziel, Revd Patrick Duffy, Sr Maureen Fay, Lina Finella, Victoria Fleming, Catherine Freemantle, Martha Graham, Frances Graves, Fr Christopher Greaney, Janet Greenwood, Diane Grovenor, Shirley Hale, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Alane Harvey, Sonia Higgins, Anne Holcroft, Cindy Jones, Georgina Jones-White, John Joyce, John Kean, Kay Kelly, Wendy Kowalewicz, Arwen Lockley, Alice Loge, Josie Lynch, Joe McLaughlin, Marjorie Male, Francesca Marciante, Anthea Matthew, Robert Matthews, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Pat Motteram, Teresa Moule, Sr Breda Murphy, John Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Nichol, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Fr Denis O'Connor, Billie O'Keeffe, Katherine O'Sullivan, Meghann O'Sullivan, Tara O'Sullivan, Ken Peers, Doreen Reynolds, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshuk, Tracey Smale, Rosemary Smith, Helen Stewart, Peter Strangward, Coleen Stride, Edward Sutton, Nicky Suzman, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Lyndon Whatley, Fr Graham Wilkinson, Deana Wright and Anne Youde.

**Recently Deceased:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Winnie Tustin who died at the end of 2017; John Blount who died in Hereford Hospital on January 2<sup>nd</sup>; Margaret Metcalf, widow of Joe Metcalf of Hagley School, who died in Worcester Hospital on January 5<sup>th</sup>; Jean O' Shaughnessy who died in Worcester Hospital last Sunday evening; Maria Kirstein who died at Heron's Park Nursing Home last Sunday; and James Kelly who died peacefully in a Nursing Home on Wednesday afternoon.

**Funeral Arrangements** are as follows:

**Bridget Dowd RIP** Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Yardley Crematorium (1:45 pm)

**Margaret Metcalf RIP** Reception: Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 pm.

Funeral Mass: Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Cremation: Wyre Forest 12 Noon

**John Blount RIP** Funeral Mass: Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm. Cremation: Wyre Forest 3 pm.

**Winifred Tustin RIP** Reception: Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

Funeral Mass: Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am. Cremation: Wyre Forest 12 Noon

**Rocco Giannini RIP** Reception: Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

Funeral Mass: Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm. Burial in Kidderminster Cemetery at 1:45 pm.

**Jean O'Shaughnessy RIP** Reception: Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm.

Funeral Mass: Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:45 pm. Cremation: Wyre Forest at 4 pm.

**White Flower Sunday:** There will be a retiring collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children after Mass today.

**Christmas Crib:** The Crib was removed during the week, but by common consent it was one of the most beautiful we have ever had, and it was very encouraging to know that so many spent time praying there, and making visits. Thanks to Jean Bullock, Joy Farmer and all whose efforts made it so devotional. Thanks also to all who donated poinsettias, and invited us to pray for the intentions listed.

**Montini Group:** The next meeting will be in Church on Tuesday evening at 7:45 pm. We shall assemble near St. Joseph's chapel, and our discussion will be on **work** and **prayer**. Everyone welcome.

**Bible Study:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2 pm. for 2:30 pm. start at the home of Teresa Alexander – 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster (01562 741794). We will be discussing the readings for the Baptism of the Lord (Year B). All welcome.

**New Life Together:** are performing Roger Jones' musical 'While Shepherds Watched' at Stourport Wesley Methodist Church on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 pm. and also at Bewdley Baptist Church on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**CMS:** Due to a clash of dates, Fr. Lamb will be unable to attend the AGM so the new date is set for **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**; the location is unchanged.

**Holy Hour:** The monthly Holy Hour will be on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. This is the last day of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Holy Hour will reflect on issues of Ecumenical concern, and will pray that all Christians will be able to reach a shared understanding of the truth.

**Friends of the Holy Land:** will be holding one of their famous 'Pie and Pint' lunches on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at St Ambrose Church Hall. Lunch served at 12 pm. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January in the hall at £8 each. Please try to join us and support our brother and sister Christians in the land of Our Lord's birth. For further information or to purchase tickets please contact Gail & Stephen Brown on 01562 753422 or Maureen Brewer on 01562 754322.

**An Invitation:** Following the wonderful reflection on **Widowhood** given by Betty Martin during the Evening of Celebration of Marriage organised by the Union of Catholic Mothers, a number of people have suggested that we may find an opportunity to form a group of those who have experienced widowhood (men & women); it is thought that many would welcome the chance to be together, to share experiences in an informal and supportive way. There would be scope for prayer, reflection, conversation, refreshments and the occasional excursion – anything that members would find helpful and enjoyable. Anyone interested in exploring this possibility is invited to meet in the Wheatley Room of the Parish Centre after Mass next Saturday (about 10 am.). Tea and Coffee will be available, and all suggestions will be welcomed.

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick:** This year, February 11<sup>th</sup> (the world Day of Prayer for the Sick) falls on a Sunday.

Accordingly, those who wish to be anointed are invited to any one of our three Parish Masses, during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated. The homily during Mass will be brief, and the Prayer of the Faithful is included in the Sacrament, so that the Mass should not be unduly prolonged. Please try to see that anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament is enabled to do so, by offering lifts and possibly arranging transport. This will give the whole parish community an opportunity to share in our Ministry to the sick. We will try to facilitate everyone on that day. Registration (purely to give an idea of numbers) will take place over the next two weekends. Further details will be given nearer the day.

**200 Club:** 2018 subscriptions/renewals are now due. As a parish community, it is so important that we support this endeavour. It allows vital funds to be available to our parish in order to meet the financial obligations which we have. For those who subscribe to the 200 Club there is an opportunity to win cash prizes. Total cost £24 per annum per number payable monthly, quarterly, half yearly or annually in January. If you wish to join, applications are at the back of church or please give your name and contact details to either Janine Nicholls or Martin Grovenor. Please consider joining. The January draw will be after Mass on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Ambrosian Group (Correction)** – Please note that the date mentioned in last week's newsletter for the Shared Lunch was incorrect. The lunch will take place on **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** (the Third Thursday).

#### **FINANCES:**

i. Thank you for last week's Offertory collection of £730.90 (Plate: £405.40, Envelope: £325.50).

**Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge:** Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817.

**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. Admission free 8.00 pm – late.