

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**  
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**SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells**  
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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Psalter Week 3 CTS Sunday Missal p696 Week commencing 22nd January 2017**

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord is my light and my help

**Gospel Acclamation:** Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

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**Eucharistic Prayer 3 pg 611**

**Mystery of Faith iii**

**Feast Days this Week:** **Mon.** St Nicholas Owen **Tues:** St Francis de Sales **Wed.** Conversion of St. Paul

**Thurs:** Sts Timothy and Titus **Fri:** Blessed Edward Oldcorne **Sat:** St. Thomas Aquinas

**Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week:**

**ST AMBROSE'S**

<b>Monday</b>	7.30 am	Angelina Scrocca RIP	
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.30 am	Babs Massey (Anniv)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15 am	Joan Aylott RIP	<b>7.00pm ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	11.30 am	Brenda and Joe Stone RIP	7.30pm HOLY HOUR (Compline 8.45pm)
<b>Friday</b>	9.30 am	Adoration until 10.15 am	
	10.30 am	John Lainchbury RIP	
<b>Saturday</b>	9.00 am	Ann-Marie Scanlon RIP followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick	
<b>Sunday</b>	11.00 am	Charles & Marie Evans RIP	
	6.00 pm	Teresa and George Walton (Anniv)	

**SACRED HEART**

**Sunday** 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:** Aidan O'Reilly, Sebin Jose

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Readers**

**St Ambrose's:**

Sunday 11.00 am

M. Roy, H. Scott, R. Tovey, C. Vass P. Collins, T. Collins

R. Barber, M. Bradley

Sunday 6.00 pm

M. Weaver, T. Webb, M. Bowdler

G. Amphlett, L. Farmer

P. Bowdler, D. Duncombe

**Sacred Heart**

Sunday 9.00 am

A. Stanley, M. Harper

J. Hughes

**Church Cleaners: Team A (Weds. 3.30pm)**

**Offertory Counters: Group 5**

**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, Keith and Marion Birch, Catherine Blount, Jennifer Bush, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Fr Paul Chavasse, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Buntly Cook, Julie Cook, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Eamonn Dalton, Sarah Dalziel, Angeline Doherty, Rev. Patrick Duffy, Sr Maureen Fay, Lina Finella, Catherine Freemantle, Martha Graham, Frances Graves, Fr Christopher Greaney, Diane Grovenor, Shirley Hale, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Canice Heavern, Cindy Jones, Georgina Jones-White, John Joyce, John Kean, Wendy Kowalewicz, Audrey Little, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Joe McLaughlin, Gaetana Maffei, Marjorie Male, Francesca Marciante, Petronilla Marciante, Robert Matthews, Margaret Metcalf, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Pat Motteram, Sr Breda Murphy, Jacqui Murray, Kitty Murray, John Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Nichol, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Billie O'Keefe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, Peter Strangward, Edward Sutton, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Lyndon Whatley, Edith Wilkes and Anne Youde.

**Rita MacKay** In the next few days, Rita MacKay will be leaving the Rectory having been the housekeeper since 1996. She is moving into a flat, and will remain a parishioner. It has been a difficult decision for her to decide on retirement but, as is well known, her health has not been good in recent years. She has done far more than is normally expected of a housekeeper, and she has been invaluable in her support of all aspects of life in the Rectory. She has mastered the intricacies of our office equipment, and has had a marvellous memory for detail. She has been highly regarded by Bishops, Deanery and other Clergy, and those who have lived with us over the years. My canine companions have wanted for absolutely nothing and neither have I. Please keep Rita in your prayers as she settles in to her new home.

**Peter and Marie Hesketh** This week-end Peter and Marie Hesketh will be leaving the former Presbytery at Our Lady's Church in Habberley where they have been living for nearly 20 years. I thank them for all that they have done over these years and for the different contributions that they have made to the life of our Parish. They provided a very valuable pastoral focus for the Habberley Congregation and did much to safeguard our interests and the security of our property. We ask God's Blessing on them for the future, and hope that we shall enjoy their friendship and continuing participation in Parish affairs.

**Baptism** Next Saturday afternoon will see the Baptism of ALINA LILY GALLAGHER-KENNETT. We pray for her and her family.

**Lately Dead** Please pray for MARY MORGAN, who lived for many years in Holmcroft Road, and died in heron's Park Nursing Home on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Her Funeral Service will be on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 11am, prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. One of our most faithful parishioners, TONY FRANCIS, died peacefully on Tuesday morning after a long and distressing illness. His Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**Anniversary.** Tomorrow is the anniversary of the death in 1985 of SISER MARY OF DOLOURS CRONIN (Head Mistress of St. Ambrose's Infants School 1929-1955. She was much loved, and is well remembered.

**The Montini Group** The next meeting is on Tuesday in the Montini Room at 7.45pm, when the topic will be RIGHT AND WRONG – THE CHOICES WE FACE. Everyone is very welcome.

**Craft Club** meets in the hall on Tuesday at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

**Friendship Club:** Meets for the first time in the Borromeo Hall at St Ambrose's on Wednesday, 25 January. For catering purposes please contact Joyce Gavan.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** We begin our year of Sacramental Celebration to mark the 1620<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St Ambrose, and the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the present Parish Priest, with an Ecumenical Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism on Wednesday, 25 January at 7.00 pm. There will be a Liturgy in Church, which will include a Profession of Faith and a Renewal of Baptismal Promises, and the preacher will be Fr Tim Williams, Team Rector of Kidderminster West Team Ministry and Vicar of St John's, Blakebrook. Light refreshments will be available in the Borromeo Hall afterwards, together with various displays from representatives of ecumenical organisations in the area. Chris Harvey and Danny McCormack have worked very hard to organise this very significant celebration. They will introduce it during Mass this weekend, and I hope that we shall all do our best to support them and join with them in welcoming members of the other Christian communities in our town. Please pray for the success of this first celebration, and for the whole year to come.

**Holy Hour:** The monthly Holy Hour for all engaged in Parish Ministry (Readers, Additional Ministers, Musicians, Servers etc), and for all parishioners, will be on Thursday, 26 January from 7.30 pm. As that day is the feast of SS Timothy and Titus, early disciples of St Paul, the theme will include a prayerful consideration of Christian discipleship.

**Greener Living Fair:** In Kidderminster Town Hall, Saturday 28 January 10.30 – 2.30 pm. Please see noticeboard for details.

**PACT Meeting;** The next meeting of the Greenhill PACT will be in the Adams Lounge on Monday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All local residents are invited to attend, and contribute to the efforts to improve the quality of life for all our residents.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** A meeting for parents who would like their children to receive Holy Communion for the first time this year has been arranged to take place on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> in the School Hall at 6.30pm. Children who are 7+ years of age (Year 3) or older can be included. The Parish Priest will lead a discussion on the responsibilities we all have towards our children as they approach this very important milestone on their journey of Faith.

**Catholic Men's Society.** The first meeting of the St. Ambrose's Branch will be in the Wheatley Room on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm when Brother Joseph Moran will lead our discussion on the challenges following the recent YEAR OF MERCY. This meeting is open to all men of the Parish.

**St. George's Church:** We have the West Mercia Police Band on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and the bar will be open from 7pm. Tickets are £8 prior to the concert and £10 on the door, Phone 01562 60370 or text 07887500110.

#### **FINANCES:**

i **Clergy Training Fund:** There are currently 12 men in formation in the Diocese, studying at Oscott, at Valladolid and in Rome, and the Fund supports their training and education. It also provides practical resources to assist those who are considering whether they may have a vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life. Parishioners may contribute to the Fund annually or on a monthly basis and there is no need to commit to a fixed amount. Annual contributions are usually made in January. Anyone who wishes to make a monthly donation will be given a set of envelopes to put in the collection plate. And, of course, if contributors are UK tax payers they may sign up to Gift Aid their donations, which increases the amount the Fund received at no further cost to the donor. Anyone who would like more information should contact Mary Heffernan on (01562) 743639. More details about the Diocesan Vocations Office and how the Fund is used may be found at [www.vocations.org.uk](http://www.vocations.org.uk). Lists are available at the back of the Church.

ii Thank you for the Offertory last week of £849.38. (Envelope Scheme £291.20, Loose £558.18).

iii Our subscribers to the Clergy Training Fund have added £27 to our annual total.

**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. Admission free 8.00 pm – late.