

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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Twenty fifth Sunday Year A:

Psalter Week 1

Week commencing: September 24th 2017

CTS Sunday Missal p. 776

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is close to those who call him.

Gospel acclamation: Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

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Mystery of Faith: II

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Mon: Blessed Paul VI Tues: SS Cosmas and Damian Wed: St Vincent de Paul

Fri: SS Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Sat: St Jerome

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7.30 am Sheila Skitt RIP
Tues: 8.30 am Intentions of June Murray and Jacqui Jones
Wed: 9.15 am Intentions of Peter Strangward
Thurs: 11.30 am Intentions of Frances Tovey
7.30 pm HOLY HOUR (Compline 8.45 pm)
Fri: 9.30 – 10.15 am Adoration
10.30 am NO MORNING MASS
7.30 pm Anniversary Mass (Celebrant's Intention)
Sat: 7.30 am Jean Villa RIP
Sun: 11.00 am The People of the Parish
3.00 pm OLD RITE (In Thanksgiving – Janina)
4.30 pm Service of Animal Blessing
6.00 pm John Weaver RIP

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am In Thanksgiving (O'Neill)

CONFESSIONS: *St Ambrose's*: Saturday: NO MIDDAY; by request ; *Sacred Heart*: by request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: S José C Parker

Eucharistic Ministers

			Readers
<i>St Ambrose's</i>	Sun. 11.00 am	S Elcock, C Elwood, E Fox, B Galvin, C Geraghty D Gillett	R Tovey, M Holmes
	Sun. 6.00 pm	M Bowdler, P Bowdler	M Hesketh, L Farmer
<i>Sacred Heart</i>	Sun. 9.00 am	A Speers, A Stanley	C Stanley

Church Cleaners: Team B (Fri afternoon) **Offertory Counters:** Group 3 **Coffees/teas:** A Harris, C Vass, L Ingrasci

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, 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, Canice Heavern, Cindy Jones, Georgina Jones-White, John Joyce, John Kean, Kay Kelly, Wendy Kowalewicz, Arwen Lockley, Alice Loge, Josie Lynch, Joe McLaughlin, Marjorie Male, Francesca Marcianti, Anthea Matthew, Robert Matthews, Margaret Metcalf, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Pat Motteram, Teresa Moule, Sr Breda Murphy, Jacqui Murray, Kitty Murray, John Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Nichol, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Fr Denis O'Connor, Billie O'Keeffe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Meghann O'Sullivan, Tara O'Sullivan, Ken Peers, Doreen Reynolds, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, Tracey Smale, Peter Strangward, Edward Sutton, Nicky Suzman, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Lyndon Whatley, Deana Wright and Anne Youde.

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered charity no: 234216

Lately Dead: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr David Mellor, Parish Priest of St Bernadette's and Dean of Lichfield who died on Wednesday evening after a very long and distressing illness.

Retiring Collection: Today's retiring collection is for Fr Hudson's Society, the Diocesan social care service for the elderly, those with dementia, supporting vulnerable children. The Society works throughout the Diocese though mainly in Coleshill.

Congratulations: This week TOM and MADELEINE ROY will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Also, about this time JOYCE and BERNARD GAVAN both become octogenarians. All four have been very active and committed parishioners for very many years, and all of us owe them much. AD MULTOS ANNOS.

Hagley School: Congratulations to Hagley Catholic High School whose pupils attained record-breaking A Level results with 60% attaining A* - B and 27% achieving AAB or above.

Absent: Next Saturday, a small group of parishioners will be joining the Parish Priest in the Oratory Pilgrimage to Littlemore, to mark the anniversary of the reception into the Catholic Church of Cardinal John Henry Newman. Fr Lamb has been invited to say the Pilgrimage Mass and will give an afternoon talk on NEWMAN IN LITTLEMORE.

Anniversary: Next Saturday the anniversary of the death in 1899 of Canon James McCave (Parish Priest 1870 – 1877). He was also Parish Priest in Stourbridge and Canon Theologian of the Diocesan Cathedral Chapter.

Children's Liturgy: At the meeting during the week, it was agreed that the Children's Liturgy of the Word should be restructured and formalised. Therefore, it will resume on Sunday October 8th during Mass at 11 am. Information will be distributed via the School Newsletter and the Parish Newsletter.

Union of Catholic Mothers: meets on Monday at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall. All ladies welcome.

Catholic Men's Society: Please be aware that the Induction Mass and Shared Supper has been moved to 11 October. Br Martin will now do the Plan talk on 'Migration' in the Parish Centre as normal on Wednesday, 27 September.

Friendship Club: meets again on Wednesday 27th September in the Borromeo Hall. Please contact Joyce Gavan.

Holy Hour: There will be a Holy Hour on Thursday, 28th September, at 7.30 pm, during which the Parish Priest will reflect on the life of our Parish. The following evening, Friday, 29th September, there will be an Anniversary Mass at 7.30 pm (the Parish Priest was inducted by Bishop Philip Pargeter on 29th September 1992), after which parishioners are invited to join together for a shared supper. It is understood that some may not feel it appropriate to celebrate this anniversary, but for those who think otherwise the Parish Priest strictly enjoins that there should be absolutely no gifts or tokens whatever, simply prayers and something to share afterwards.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: This year's Coffee Morning is on Friday, 29th September in the Borromeo Hall, from 9.00 am until 12 noon. Please make a note in your diary and come and support this very worthwhile cause.

Big Bible Study: The Ecumenical Big Bible Study will be held at St George's Hall, Sansome Place, Worcester on Saturday, 30th September from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Service of Animal Blessing: In the Rectory Garden on Sunday, 1st October at 4.30 pm. It is right that our pets and companions should be included in our year of celebration. This service will take place just a few days before the fest of St Francis of Assisi (4th October).

Harvest Mass: Our annual Mass of Thanksgiving and Harvest Supper will be in the Sacred Heart Church, Tenbury, on Friday, 6th October at 7.00 pm. As always, a warm invitation is given to everyone to share in our community's legendary hospitality; to contribute harvest produce and to raise money for our charities. Please help by offering and accepting lifts from Kidderminster.

Country Music: On Friday, 6th October, Little Rock will be playing at the Parish Centre. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Tickets £7.00 each.

Littlemore Pilgrimage: On Sunday October 8th there will be a Newman Pilgrimage and Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore commemorating the Anniversary of Blessed John Henry Newman's reception into the 'one fold of the Redeemer'. 7.45 pm Pilgrim Prayers at the Oratory, 25 Woodstock Road, Oxford and departure (3 mi) 9.30 pm Candlelight Procession from 89 Rose Hill to Bl. Dominic Barberi Church (0.7 mi). 10 pm Holy Hour and Benediction in Bl Dominic Barberi Church (*Confessions available during the Holy hour*) 10.45 pm Procession to the College and prayers in Newman's chapel YOU CAN JOIN AT ANY POINT. Light refreshments will be provided after the prayers in Newman's chapel. Before the walk you can leave your car in the car park of Bl Dominic Barberi's church and take a bus from Littlemore (no 16) or Rose Hill (no3) to town. For more information: contact littlemore@newman-friends.org of tel 01865 779743.

Sacrament of Marriage Commemoration: As part of our special year, the Union of Catholic Mothers is organising a service to commemorate the Sacrament of Marriage, in St Ambrose's Church on Wednesday, 18th October at 7.00 pm. The Service will include a renewal of vows and reflections on marriage, and also on widowhood. All married couples are invited to attend, especially those married in this Parish, particularly in the past 25 years. We also hope that widows and widowers will come along. The Service will be followed by a shared supper in the Borromeo Hall.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018: Fr John Daley, the National Chaplain of the Catholic Men's Society, will be leading a Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2018. Friends and family are all very welcome. The Pilgrimage is in the planning stage and the departure date is not yet available, but it is expected that the cost, including full board for a week, will be approximately £500. If you are interested you are welcome to give your name and contact details to Peter Young (07866 806660 or 01562 750529).

Finances: i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £910.06 (plate £451.41, envelope £458.65)
ii. £4.25 was donated to CAFOD
iii. £72.99 was raised towards the Catholic Education Fund.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or bookings.stambrose@gmail.com.

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.