

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.

Thirty-fourth Sunday

Christ the King

Year: A

Week Commencing: November 26th 2017

Psalter Week: 2 CTS Sunday Missal: p. 811 Preface: of the Solemnity: p. 814 Eucharistic Prayer: I Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father, David!

Feast Days this Week: **Th.** St. Andrew, **F.** St. Edmund Campion.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7.30 am Dave Harris (Anniv)

Tues: 8.30 am Michelina Di Rita RIP

Wed: 9.15 am Emma Bostock (Anniv)

Thurs: 7.30 am May Heneghan (Anniv)

11.00 am Funeral: **Maria Bradley RIP**

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

NB. Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15 am.

Mass: 7.30 am Matthew Tromans RIP

Sat: 9.00 am Gill Pardoe RIP

followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Frank Legierski RIP

3.00 pm **Old Rite**

6.00 pm Ken Dalby and family

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am Walter Kozicki RIP

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: L. Vessey, J. Vessey.

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: A. Speers, A. Stanley.

Readers: J. Moore.

Church Cleaners Team: C

Offertory Counters Group: 6

Tea/Coffee: UCM.

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, Sonia Higgins, 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, 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, Helen Stewart, 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.

Lately Dead: Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of **Mrs. Maria Bradley** who died on November 9th. Her body will be received into the church on Wednesday, 29th at 5:45 pm and the funeral Mass will be offered the following day in St. Ambrose's at 11 am.

Rotas: Please note that a new set of combined rotas has been published for both Additional Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers and is available at the back of the church. If you have any problems, queries or wish to have your times altered please contact the Parish Administrator.

Friday: Please note that morning Mass will be at 7:30 am. This is to enable Fr. Lamb to attend the Funeral Mass of a former teaching colleague, which is to be said at Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood at 10 o'clock. I am sorry if this proves inconvenient. Adoration will be as normal.

Mr. Albert Barr expresses his thanks to everyone who attended Elsie's Funeral Mass and those who sent Mass cards and sympathy cards. He is particularly grateful to the ladies of the Union of Catholic Mothers for forming a guard of honour, and to Lynn Grealey for the catering arrangements. Mass will be said for the intentions of all.

Confirmation: The final meeting of confirmandi, parents, catechists, teachers and clergy will be in the School Hall on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Montini Group: The Montini Group will return to the Church on Tuesday evening at 7:45 pm and our theme will be the **tabernacle**, a consideration of the reserved presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and of the place of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction. Everyone very welcome.

Commissioning of the Parish Choir: The Parish wishes to congratulate the members of the choir who are commissioned at Masses today to serve the Parish for the forthcoming year. A warm welcome is also extended to those who have joined in the last year. With confident voice, may they diligently proclaim the message of God, through music and lead us in prayer throughout the new liturgical year.

Choir Practices: will take place on Monday 27th November (7:15pm), Saturday 9th December (10:15pm), and Monday 11th December (7:15pm).

The Craft Club: will meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday at 7:30 pm. All welcome.

Catholic Men's Society: The Kidderminster Branch of the Catholic Men's Society will meet in the Wheatley Room on Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

Advice: Some far reaching plans were discussed at the Deanery Meeting on Tuesday - to try to reduce the workload for some parishes where the priest is currently in poor health, and where a priest is being withdrawn and not replaced. One suggestion is that, in one of our Wyre Forest Parishes, there should be a Mass on Saturdays at 12.30 pm or thereabouts, which would fulfil the Sunday obligation. This could possibly reduce the burden on Sundays and could lead to greater flexibility of Mass times and free someone to help elsewhere if necessary. I would be pleased to hear the views of parishioners. This arrangement works well in some city parishes (e.g. Birmingham, Solihull) but we are not sure what support there would be in an area like the Wyre Forest.

2018: There are three major events taking place in 2018. In the Universal Church there is a **World Meeting of Families** to take place in Ireland August 21st - 26th, at the special request of Pope Francis. In this country there will be **Adoremus:** Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool (September 7th - 9th). In our own Parish it will be the 160th anniversary of the building of our beautiful Parish Church. To prepare for the first two events, there will be a **Eucharist** and **The Family Day** at St George's Worcester on January 20th 10 am - 3.30 pm. Details are on the notice board. I would like us to be represented so that some ideas can be brought back for the benefit of the Parish. Anyone interested is asked to notify Fr. Lamb as soon as possible.

Candlelit Carol Service: The carol service will take place on Monday, 18th December at 7:30pm. This year we are hoping to fully illuminate our beautiful church by candlelight. For this we will need safe places for the candles, such as large jars or similar. If you have anything in your cupboards at home that we may use, please bring in these items and we will collect them by the door to the choir loft.

Her Majesty's Government: is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic Schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged this policy discriminates against Catholics and have promised to abandon it. Now we need to tell them not to 'u-turn' on their promise to Catholics. Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. Visit www.catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap and write to the government urging them to drop the policy which bans new Catholic Schools.

World Meeting of Families: The Pope has called for a World Meeting of Families to be held in Ireland in August 2018. He is expected to attend for all, or part of the event. After discussion with our Head Mistress, Mrs. Brocklesby, we are seeking to initiate a year long visitation of all the families associated with our school. The Deacons and I will be helped by a team of parishioners. A planning meeting is to be held early in December and we hope to finish by the Solemnity of Christ the King 2018. Further information will be given after the meeting but at this stage we ask parishioners to pray to the Holy Family for the success of this initiative.

Friends of the Holy Land: will be selling Christmas Cards, olive wood goods, soaps and goods made by the people at the School of Joy following both our Sunday Masses this week. Please come and support us in helping keep our fellow Christians in the land of Our Lord's birth.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: A pilgrimage to Lourdes under the aegis of the Order of Malta, taking a group of sick, disabled and elderly pilgrims to the shrine, departing from Stansted airport will take place between May 4th-May 10th 2018. Pilgrims are asked to make a contribution of £290 towards the cost of some £600. For details contact Duncan McKechnie, Secretary to the Hospital Pilgrims, Manmead House, North Barrow, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7LY.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Kidderminster will host a regional Preparation Day at the Salvation Army on Friday 1st December from 10 am. We hope you will join our active ecumenical group which now attracts interest from across the West Midlands. Please see notice board for details or contact Madeleine Roy on (01562) 822189.

Cards for Good Causes: Operates from Baxter Church selling Christmas Cards and goods for nearly 300 charities. If you would like to help and can spare three hours, for up to eight weeks, you would be warmly welcomed. No experience is necessary and simple training will be given. The shop is open now until Friday, 8 December so please come and choose your cards. We hope to give 80p in the pound to the charities involved. Telephone Madeleine Roy for more information on (01562) 822189.

Don't dine alone: High Habberley Care Centre will be offering a hot meal to anyone who is elderly and living alone this winter. For more information call 01562 514811 and ask to speak to Lesley or Tara who will book your place.

Christmas Picture Quiz: From Sunday 19th November a picture quiz is available for parishioners to enter - cost £1 (proceeds to go towards Parish Funds). Final entries need to be submitted by 11 am on the day of the Christmas Bazaar, Sunday 3rd December.

Christmas Bazaar: Will be held on 3rd December in the Parish Centre. All donations welcome, especially bottles, tombola prizes, chocolates and gift sets. This year there will be two competitions: 1) Design a Christmas Card. All children are encouraged to take part. Forms can be found at the back of the Church. When completed please return to the Rectory with the £1 entry fee. The winning design will be printed and on sale at the Bazaar. 2) Christmas Cake Competition. For all ages. Make and decorate a cake of your choice, to be judged by the Parish Priest. Winner to get tea and cake for two at La Petite Gare. Volunteers are requested for the morning of the Bazaar, to bring up items from the cellar and general tidying duties. Please see Joy Farmer or Betty Martin for further details.

Christmas Party: Will be held at St Ambrose's Parish Centre on December 17th 2017, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Party games, Disco and even a visit from Father Christmas himself. (*Please bring a small gift.) Entry is free.

St. Ambrose's Club - Win Vouchers: Win £50 worth of gift vouchers. Receive one stamp on your collector card for each pint/bottle purchased from the following brands: Carlsberg, Tetley's, Tetley's Cask, San Miguel or Somersby. A maximum of 2 stamps per day may be collected, and a maximum entry of 9 collector cards made. Stamps can be collected from Wednesday November 1st - Tuesday December 19th 2017. The draw will take place on Wednesday, December 20th.

FINANCES:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £696.92. (Plate: £393.92, Envelope: £303.00).
- ii. Thank you for the retiring collection of £105.23.