

## 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.

First Sunday in Advent

Year: B

Week Commencing: December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017.

Psalter Week: 1 CTS Sunday Missal: p. 44 Preface: of Advent: i Eucharistic Prayer: iii Mystery of Faith: ii

Response to the Psalm: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving grace.

Feast Days this Week: **M:** St John Damascene, **T.** St Birinus, **W.** St Nicholas, **Th.** SOLEMNITY of ST AMBROSE, **Fr.** SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

### St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am Gill Pardoe RIP

Tues: 8.30 am Private intention (Maura Burke)

Wed: 2.15 pm Deceased of the Nangle family.

Thurs: 7pm CONFIRMATION MASS. The People of the Parish.

**NB.** Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15 am. **Mass: 10.30 am** Joan Battye RIP

Sat: 9.00 am Michael Burke (Anniv) followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Deceased of the Egan family 6.00 pm The People of the Parish.

### Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am Elizabeth Lamb (Anniv)

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. Collins, E.Martin.

St Ambrose's: Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: C.Geraghty, E. Buncle, A. Harris, E.Fox, S.Elcock.

Readers: A.Martin, A. Flavin.

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: V.Page, T.Rock

Readers: T. Collins, M. Weaver.

Sacred Heart: Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: S.Coates, J.Moore.

Readers: W. Moore.

Church Cleaners Team: D

Offertory Counters Group: 1

Tea/Coffee: B.Martin, C.Thompson, P. Levy.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Aylott, Olena Barchuk, Albert Barr, John Bhaint, 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, 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, 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'Keefe, 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 Sireshuk, 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.

**SVP:** - Meets on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm in the Adams Lounge.

**The Montini Group:** Our meeting in church on Tuesday at 7:45pm will focus on THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, and will include; some thoughts on the Stations of the Cross, the love of God, the quality of mercy, our need of reparation, and will conclude with the Litany of the Sacred Heart. All welcome.

**Important correction:** Mass at 11am on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> is under the patronage of the UCM. We would ask the ordinary Eucharistic Ministers listed on the rota for that morning to kindly **stand down** in order for the UCM member Ministers to perform this role. These being the following; Anne Colclough, Danuta Duncombe, Bernie Galvin, Ann Harris and Jacqui Stanley.

**Kidderminster Civil Society:** This local group will be visiting us on Monday evening at 7.30pm in their first visit here for many years. They have asked for an account of the history of the Parish, and of our Church, and we have been asked to draw attention to the most important features. They will have refreshments in the hall.

**Bible study:** A spiritual way to prepare for Christmas. We meet on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the readings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year B). 2pm for 2.30pm start. 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster, (01562 741794). All Welcome.

**St Ambrose's Feast day:** The whole school will come to church on Wednesday at 2:15pm to celebrate Mass in honour of our Patron Saint. All parishioners are very welcome, and warmly invited to attend. On Thursday, the staff will have a buffet lunch with the Parish Priest, and Parishioners are invited to a pageant presentation in the school hall at 2pm. The pageant will reflect on the life of St. Ambrose.

At 7pm, Bishop Robert Byrne will offer Mass during which he will confirm our candidates who have been preparing with their families for several weeks. This is a Parish Mass and we hope that many parishioners will attend to honour our Saint, and to pray for our Confirmandi.

**Christmas Draw:** please take as many books as possible and sell in aid of our Christmas draw. This will take place after the Carol Service on Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>, as will the Christmas 200 Club draw. There will be mince pies and mulled wine on what is always a happy evening.

**200 Club:** - Following the draw at the CMS meeting, the November lucky winners are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£75	No. 124, Mr J. Douglas
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£30	No. 39, Mrs J. Farmer
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£30	No. 34, Mrs P. Soley

Notes for your diaries:- The big Christmas draw will take place after the candlelit carol service on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The December draw will take place after Mass on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December.

**Visiting Meeting:** I am very grateful to Sharon Collins, Miriam Cunliffe, Edward and Lisa Huggins, Betty Martin and Charlie Villa who have agreed in principle to join with the Parish Clergy in a systematic visitation of the families associated with our school. They will meet with our Head Mistress, Mrs. Emma Brocklesby and the Parish Priest in the Rectory at 5.30pm to plan and prepare for this important initiative.

**Candlelit Carol Service:** The carol service will take place on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm. Choir practices for this will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December (10.15am), and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (7.15pm) The Choir wishes to extend a warm invitation to anyone who wishes to join them for the Christmas season.

**Penitential Service for Advent:** Will be in St Ambrose's on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

**Come home for Christmas:** The Archbishop is very anxious that every Parish in the Diocese should engage in an evangelisation campaign during Advent. Each parishioner is asked to think of at least 3 people to invite to one of the Christmas Masses. We are asked to spend this first week praying for the people we intend to invite. Invitation cards will be available next week to hand out to those who are being invited.

**Our Christmas Mass times are as follows:**

SUNDAY December 24<sup>th</sup> – 9am (Tenbury)

11am (St Ambrose's)

5.45pm (St Ambrose's) Vigil Mass for Christmas.

7.30pm (Tenbury) Carols, followed by the First Mass of Christmas.

Midnight (St Ambrose's) First Mass of Christmas

MONDAY December 25<sup>th</sup> – 9am (St Ambrose's) Second Mass of Christmas – DAWN. (Old Rite)

10.30am (St Ambrose's) Third Mass of Christmas – DAY

NO EVENING MASS.

**Church Cleaning:** We would be grateful for volunteers to come and give St Ambrose's Church a good clean for Christmas. We will be meeting after morning Mass on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Any regular cleaners plus other volunteers will be most appreciated; it would be particularly useful to have people who can reach high places! We are also in need of some new regular cleaners; the C team is especially short of numbers. They meet on Wednesday mornings after Mass – please see the newsletter for dates. For more information contact Chris Vass (K.630949).

#### FINANCES:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £838.52. (Plate: £399.32, Envelope: £439.20).
- ii. The special Diocesan collection for Youth Services raised £67.37.
- iii. CAFOD received a donation of £39.61.
- iv. £1 was added to the Priest's training fund.

**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, 8.00pm-late.