

## 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.

HOLY FAMILY

Year: B

Week Commencing: December 31st 2017

Psalter Week 1 CTS Sunday Missal p.100 Preface: II of Christmas p 552 Eucharistic Prayer: I (p591) Mystery of Faith: III

Response to the Psalm: *He, the Lord, is our God. He remember His covenant for ever.*

Gospel Acclamation: *At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, He has spoken to us through His Son.*

Feast Days this Week: Mon: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Tues: Sts Basil and Gregory Nazianzen Wed: The Holy Name of Jesus  
Fri: St. Charles of Mount Argus

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

#### St Ambrose's

Mon: 12 noon Joan Battye RIP

Tues: 9am Margaret Harrington RIP

Wed. 9.30am (whole school to attend) Intentions of Christine Hopkins

Thurs: 8.30am Veronica Neal RIP

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

Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Mass 10.30 am Cathy Kneuss and Maria Lane (Anniv)

Sat: 9.00 am Margery Harrington RIP followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Martin Downs and Ruth Calder RIP 3pm OLD RITE The people of the Parish 6.00 pm Joseph Metcalf RIP

#### Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am Charles and Marie Evans RIP

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

### MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Colclough, E. Fox, A. Harris, T. Hart, P. Hunt

Readers: J. Walker, R. Tovey

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: M & P. Bowdler

Readers: T. Alexander, L. Farmer

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Coates, J. Moore

Readers: A. Hughes

Church Cleaners Team:

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Offertory Counters Group: 5

Tea/Coffee: J. Bishop, N. Wright

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 Blount, Keith and Marion Birch, Catherine Blount, Jennifer Bush, Mateo 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, Annie Holcroft, Cindy Jones, Georgina Jones-White, John Joyce, John Kean, Kay Kelly, Wendy Kowalewicz, Arwen Lockley, Alice Loge, Josie Lunch, 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 Sireshek, Tracey Smale, Helen Stewart, Peter Strangward, Colette 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.

Next Sunday (7<sup>th</sup>) is to be kept as the FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY.

The following received the Sacrament of Baptism in our church in 2017:

Zane Kirk, Alina Gallagher-Kennett, Calum Kennedy, Jakub Mahoney, Cameron Mahoney, Pearl Miah, Mabel Miah, Isaac Jones-Reynolds, Clarissa Carter, Victoria Flemming, Christine Horne, Linda Ingrassi, Keelan Murrihy, Megan Rowlands, Robyn Henderson, Lily Sorano, Luca Sorano, Amelie Horne, Luca Maffei, Lara Maffei, Jolie-Aurora Watters, Harper McSorley, Gabriel Freeman, Alexander Buncle, Leo Bradley, Freya-Mae Bradley, Amelia Hudson, Andre Sorano, Tymon Walecki, Sidney Cawley, Christopher Pearce, Clara Gibson, Freddie Guest, Alicia Ellington, Elsie Smirnoff-Cull, Edith Hargreaves, Bobby Clark.

We pray for the continued marital happiness of the following who were wed in our church in 2017:

Mr & Mrs. Mathew Davis, Mr & Mrs Jordan Sabin, Mr & Mrs Jordan Carter, Mr & Mrs Richard Preece, Mr & Mrs Luke Bluer, Mr & Mrs Augusta Quinn, Mr & Mrs Mario Sorano, Mr & Mrs Peter Hunter, Mr & Mrs Mark Stride, Mr & Mrs Patrick Gammell, Mr & Mrs James Sheridan.

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died on in parish over the last year

Anastasia proc, Elisa Hillery, Marie Adams, Joyce Morris, Mary Morris, Anthony Francis, Terence Mayall, Bernard Durnin, Sheila Skitt, Mary Voice, Michael Kurkus, Michelina di Rita, Michael Pugh, Petronilla Marciante, Kate Browne, Maria Gualano, Terry Baker, Gill Pardoe, Bridget Locke, Jane Anton, Michael Follan, Thelma Ballantyne, Julia Sowerby, Gillian Trow, Richard Sowerby, Madeline Whitehouse, Gaetana Maffei, Audrey Little, Norman Taylor, Susan Stubbins, Edith Wilkes, Daniel Gallagher, Kathleen Byrne, Patrick Hyland, Carmel Wilcox, Angeline Doherty, Catherine Murray, Peter McGuire, Lesley Thresh, Jacqueline Jones, Elizabeth Barr, Doris Williams, Joan Mullen, Maria Bradley, Maria Romao.

**Thanks:** Thank you for the very many cards, greetings and gifts that were received at the Rectory for Christmas. Thanks also for the very generous Christmas offerings, Marian Harper is also very grateful for all the cards and gifts that she received for this, her first Christmas at St. Ambrose's.

The Christmas Masses were very well attended and all who took part (servers, ministers, readers, sacristans, musicians and choristers) rose to the occasion splendidly. We make particular mention of the ladies who spent so long preparing the flowers - here and in Tenbury. Our churches looked very beautiful.

**Anniversary:** Next Friday is the anniversary of the death in 2008 of Fr Philip Garrett, who served our Tenbury community from 2002 - 2006. He is buried at Belmont Abbey.

**200 Club Christmas Draw Winners: 1st £400 Mr. C. Villa; 2<sup>nd</sup> £200 Mrs. A. Harris, 3<sup>rd</sup> £100 Rev. A. Nicholls**

The December draw will be drawn after morning Mass Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> at St. Ambrose. 2015 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, please give your name and contact details to either Janine Nicholls or Martin Grosvenor.

**New Year's Resolutions:** 2017 was not a good year as far as the devotional life of the Parish was concerned. Apart from our celebrations, the numbers attending daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Holy Hour and other devotional opportunities did appear to decline, with attendance at daily Mass being particularly worrying. Perhaps we can encourage each other to make a special effort in 2018 to reverse this trend - Monthly Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross during Lent, Marian Devotions in May and October and Novena Prayers for the sick on Saturdays after morning Mass.

**CLERGY TRAINING FUND** Those who make an annual contribution to the fund are reminded that this is now due, and can be put into the Collection plate at Mass, in an envelope marked "Clergy Training Fund". If you do not regularly contribute to the fund but would like to make a one-off donation then please do so in the same way. The Fund supports those in the Diocese who are in Formation for the Priesthood or Diaconate. Thank you for your continued support.

**ADVENT CANDLES** We have a number of used Advent Candles. If there are any parishioners who would like to take one to burn at home, please see Jean Bullock in the sacristy after Mass.

**OLD RITE MASS: there** will be a Sung Mass in St. Ambrose's next Sunday at 3pm. Books are available and we now have an excellent choir; the Mass fulfils the Sunday obligation and tea and cakes are served afterwards in the Rectory.

**LINE DANCING.** A fund raising evening for lightofmaasai on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. Entry £4. Everyone welcome.

- ii. FINANCES; Thank you for last weeks Offertory of £790.65 (Plate £401.85/Envelope £388.80.
- iii. £269 was raised towards the support of poor parishes in the Archdiocese

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](mailto: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 and singers on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of every month. Admission free 8.00 pm - late.