

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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Fourth Sunday in Advent Year C Psalter Week 4 CTS Sunday Missal p.73 Week Commencing December 20th 2015

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

Gospel Acclamation : I am the handmaid of the Lord : let what you have said be done to me..

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK ;

ST AMBROSE'S

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Jo Metcalf (Anniversary)
Tuesday	7.30 a.m.	Mick Galvin RIP
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Tom Corrigan RIP
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Elin Young (Anniversary)
	5.45 p.m.	Michela Butera RIP
	Midnight	Niamh Nicholas (Sick Child)
Friday	9.00 a.m. (Old Rite)	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Joshua and Brian Martin RIP
Saturday	12 noon	Joe Farmer (Anniversary)
Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Harris and Connolly families.
	6.00 p.m.	Frs. Gerard McGinty and Francis Etherington (Anniversary)

SACRED HEART

Thursday	8.00 p.m.	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS:

Monday 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
Thursday after morning Mass
At other times, by request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass : Nikhil and Sebin Jose

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
St Ambrose's:	For Christmas Masses, please volunteer on the lists in the Church porch	
Next Sunday 11.00 a.m.	A McDermott, B McFarland, M Roy, H Scott, R Tovey and C Vass	P Collins and T Collins
Next Sunday 6.00 p.m.	M Bowdler, P Bowdler, E Davies, D Duncombe, N Doherty	P Young, B Gavan
Sacred Heart:		
Thursday 8.00 p.m.	M Peyton, A Spers	
Next Sunday 9.00 a.m.	A Stanley, T Cole	
Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's) :	Monday after 9.00 a.m. Mass (All teams & volunteers!)	
Offertory Counters :	Group 5	

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Fr Paul Chavasse, Fr Peter Jones, Ann Aylott, Joan Aylott, Albert and Elsie Barr, Joan Battye, Peggy Baynton, Lilia Beecroft, Christina Bickley, Catherine Blunt, Frank Bourke, Jean Bullock, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Rob Conway, Julie Cook, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Eamonn Dalton, Sarah Dalziel, Joni Dunlea, Sr Maureen Fay, Martha Graham, Frances Graves, Diane Grovenor, Robert Hale, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Canice Heavern, Vicki Houghton, Cindy Jones, Tom Jones, Jan Joyce, John Joyce, Audrey Little, Francesca Lloyd, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Margaret McKeever, Joe McLaughlin, Peter McQuillan, Gaetana Maffei, Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Petronilla Marciante, Lee Maund, Margaret Metcalf, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Kitty Murray, Delia Nepi, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Billie O'Keefe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Daniel Oxenham, Jo Peters, Chris Price, Revd Philip Prince, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Marie Stokes, Colette Stride, Edward Sutton, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Jean Villa, Patricia Virr, Mary Wallace, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Ann Webb, Edith Wilkes, Jake Wolfenden and Anne Youde.

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

BAPTISM : Today sees the Baptism of **Solomon Davies** by Revd. Charles Duncombe. Please pray for the Davies family on their very special day.

REST IN PEACE : **Margaret Masters**, of Bewdley died in a Nursing Home last Sunday a few days after receiving the Last Sacraments. Her Funeral will be in St Ambrose's on December 30th prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. **Paul Crowley**, former Inspector of Police in Wyre Forest, died peacefully in St Richard's Hospice on Monday, after a brave fight against illness. His Funeral will be in our Church on December 29th, after which he will be cremated at Wyre Forest. Please pray for both these bereaved families at this very poignant moment.

ANNIVERSARY : Next Sunday is the anniversary of the death in 2002 of Fr Colum McCabe, who was assistant priest here during the years of the Second World War.

ADDITIONAL MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION : I am very grateful to **Rebecca Fox** who has agreed to be commissioned during Mass this evening as an Additional Minister of Holy Communion.

THE CAROL SERVICE : This takes place this evening at 7.30 p.m. in Church and will be followed by mulled wine, mince pies and the Christmas Draw in the Adams Lounge. Family cribs that will be placed in homes of parishioners may be brought along, and will be blessed during the Carol Service.

CHRISTMAS CRIB : Grateful thanks, as always, to the Farmer family for erecting and decorating our Christmas Tree so tastefully; the Crib will be erected during the coming week and those who would like to bring poinsettias to place around the Crib in memory of deceased relatives and friends are invited to do so at any time before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CLEANING : After Mass on Monday morning, parishioners are invited to remain for a general clean up in preparation for Christmas. If a few of us give one hour on that day, and together we attend to the benches, the brasses, the carpets, the altar vessels, the candles and other Sunday items, it will be of great help to our Sacristan and it will save the burden fall on our regular teams of cleaners. The Parish Priest will provide seasonal refreshments.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES :

Christmas Eve Vigil	5.45 p.m.	St Ambrose's
First Mass of Christmas	8.00 p.m.	Sacred Heart (Carols 7.30 pm)
Carols and Readings	11.30 p.m.	St Ambrose's
First Mass of Christmas	Midnight	St Ambrose's
Dawn Mass (Old Rite)	9.00 a.m.	St Ambrose's
Mass during the day	10.30 a.m.	St Ambrose's

ALTAR SERVERS AWARDS : Three of our Servers have been awarded the Bronze Medal of the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers. They are **Henry Gillett**, **Nikhil Jose** and **Connor Vessey**. They have attended very faithfully for over a year, and have served competently and conscientiously. These awards will be given, during 12 noon Mass on St Stephen's Day, by Philip Standing with whom the recipients have been serving Mass on Sunday evenings. Philip was for many years M.C. at Our Lady's, and has continued at St Ambrose's since our congregations were amalgamated.

NEW YEAR'S EVE : The usual New Year's Eve Party will be in the Adams Lounge from 7.30 p.m. on December 31st. There will be a Family Disco and tickets are available from the Adams Lounge (Adults £3, children £1.50).

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND : This year our famous 'Pie and Pint' has been replaced by a 'Casserole for Christians' and we have brought it back into the Christmas Season on Sunday 10th January in St Ambrose Hall Tickets £7 each will be on sale from 27th December. There will be a showing of a DVD made recently about our work in the Holy Land and featuring Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop Justin Welby and a whole host of stars from the Holy Land. Contact Nos. Maureen Brewer: 01562 754322 or Siobhan Stewart: 01562 637666.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY : Will members please note the Annual General Meeting will be held on 6th January at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery.

FINANCES :

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £1106.52. (Loose £679.02. Envelope Scheme £427.50).
- ii. So far we have raised £101.61 for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.
- iii. We acknowledge a kind donation of £50 towards the cost of the flowers for Christmas.
- iv. The Collection at the Christmas Masses are the traditional offerings for the Parish Clergy.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Mary Preston (07513 295817) or 07742 730680.

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 p.m. **Whist:** Every Wednesday 2.00 p.m. Please come along and support the Parish Centre

Every Friday: Folk music in the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists. Free admission 8.00 p.m. – late