

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year: A

Week Commencing: January 19th 2020

Psalter Week: 2 CTS Sunday Missal p. 694

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer: IV p 621

Mystery of Faith: III

Response to the Psalm:

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation:

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept Him, He gave power to become children of God.

Feast Days this Week:

Mon: SS Fabian and Sebastian

Tues: St Agnes

Wed: St Vincent, Deacon

Thurs: St Nicholas Owen

Fri: St Francis de Sales

Sat: Conversion of St Paul

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am Anthony O'Dowd RIP

Tues: 8.30 am Mike Knowles RIP

Wed: 9.15 am Aldina Fernandes Dos Santos RIP

Thurs: 7.30 am Jerzy Smardz (Anniversary) 7:30 pm. Vespers for Church Unity Week

Fri: 9.30 am Adoration until 10:15 am Mass 10:30 am Winifred Massey (Anniversary)

Sat: 9.00 am Ada Steward RIP followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions

Sun: 11.00 am The People of the Parish
6.00 pm The Holy Souls

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am Bunty Cook 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: J Kuruvilla, C Martin

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: M Bradley, E Buncle, A Colclough, S Colclough, E Darbyshire

Readers: A Flavin, M Darbyshire

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: M Harper, M Hesketh

Readers: A Stewart, J Moran

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: S Coates, J Moore

Readers: J Hughes

Church Cleaners Team:

Offertory Counters Group: 2

Tea/Coffee: B Martin, C Thompson, P Lay

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:

Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jim Thomas, Nora Collins, Matteo Butera, Rosemarie Smith, Emilia Gissyng, Revd Fr Edward Sopala, Richard Bolton, Julie White, Laura Reynolds, Fr Bruce Dutson, Tom Hopkins, Thomas Roy, Bernard Casken, Esther Sharp, Delia Nepi, Helena Collins, Margaret Tillott, Ken Dalby, Fr Richard Sharples, Peter Bowdler and Marion Birch.

Anniversaries: of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Mary of Dolours Cronin, Headmistress of St Ambrose's Infants 1929-1955, who died on January 23rd 1985.

Prayers: Please pray for ARAD REZAIE, a victim of the air assault in Teheran last week. He has friends in our Parish and attended a Catholic school in this country. His family moved to live in Canada, and he was just 17 years of age. I was able to speak with his father via Skype, and I assured him of our prayers and sympathy.

We heard during the week of the death on June 12th last year of ROSS BOWMAN, who was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church in our Parish. Please pray for him.

Parish Finances: Many people in the Parish are now aware of the new Diocesan implementation of Parish levies. The Finance Committee will be calling a Parish Meeting in the next few weeks to discuss the current state of our Parish finances. We have been running at a loss for some years now, only managed by having reserves from a generous bequest and the proceeds of the sale of Habberley. These funds are finite. This year the Diocese has increased the levy on Parishes by 84%. Substantial savings will need to be made. At my request all areas of current expenditure will be seriously examined in order to establish whether present arrangements can be sustained.

Confirmation: Fr Lamb has received special delegation to confirm RAFAL WOJCIECH DEC during Mass this morning. Rafal is to be a Confirmation Sponsor in Poland early in February, and was unable to be part of our Parish Confirmation in December. Please pray for him as he receives this important Sacrament today.

Union of Catholic Mothers: Meets on Monday at 7.30 pm in the Adams Lounge.

Craft Club: will meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall at 7.30 pm. New members always very welcome.

Montini Group: We meet again on Tuesday evening in the Montini Room at 7.45 pm as we progress our reading of the Rule of St Benedict. This week we shall reflect on his provision for those with special needs. Many of his observations will have relevance to the life of our own Parish. Everyone will be welcome.

Christian Unity Week: We have invited the members of other Christian Churches in Kidderminster to join us on Thursday, January 23rd at 7.30 pm for a celebration of the Evening Prayer of the Church (the Office of Vespers). During the Service an address will be given by Prebendary Stephen Thomas, a retired priest in the Church of England and an occasional member of our Tenbury congregation. Afterwards we hope it will be possible for us to meet socially in the Parish Centre. Please make a note of this important celebration in the Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians.

On Saturday, January 25th there will be a Worship and Prayer evening to celebrate the Week of Christian Unity, 7.00 – 9.00 pm at St Cecilia's Church, 164 Hoo Road. For more information check out Twitter feed @stceciliass2, or email davidgrist@gmx.co.uk.

First Holy Communion: Those parishioners who have children of First Communion age (7+/Year 3) at non-Catholic schools may note that First Holy Communion Day this year is Saturday, June 13th at 12 noon. Application forms and an accompanying letter are available from the Sacristy after Mass (or from the Rectory). They should be returned to the Rectory by NEXT SUNDAY January 26th. Replies received after this date will NOT be considered.

Sale: Have you unwanted gifts from Christmas or birthdays? Why not donate them to the Sale on Sunday, January 26th after Mass in the Parish Hall. All proceeds to the Maintenance Fund.

Holocaust Memorial Day: The Revd Charles Duncombe will be among other Church leaders at the Holocaust Memorial outside St Mary's on Sunday, February 2nd (11.45 am for 12 noon) to pray and remember the victims of the Holocaust. Everyone is welcome to attend, and all are invited to bring a flower to be placed on the Memorial. Our participation may be more important than ever as there has been much recent publicity of religious intolerance.

Friends of the Holy Land: are having a Pie and Pud Lunch in the Parish Hall on Sunday, 2 February at 12 noon, price £10 per person. As there is now no Bar we request that you provide your own drinks. Tickets are now on sale, contact Maureen Brewer on (01562) 754322.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick: Will be observed in our Parish on Saturday, February 8th with Mass at 12 noon. The homily will be given by the Revd Christopher Blackman, a Deacon at St George's, Worcester, who is part of the Chaplaincy team at Worcester Royal Hospital. During Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated. More details will be available nearer the time.

Torn Curtain: A newly revised musical by Roger Jones will be presented by New Life Together with Roger Jones and his soloists, in Trinity Methodist Church at 7.30 pm on Saturday, February 8th. Tickets (£6) are available from Sue Stinton (K 752798) or Katy Cornwell (K 861023), or pay at the door. Please see Notice Board.

Knock Shrine: Fr Nigel Woollen, who has spent some years as Curate at Knock Shrine and who has published two devotional books on the Apparition, will visit our Parish on the weekend of March 6th/7th. He will give a talk on the Apparition and the work of Knock Shrine on the Friday evening, and will offer the Mass and lead the Knock Shrine Devotions on Saturday, March 7th. Please try to publicise this opportunity.

Knock Shrine Pilgrimage April 20th 2020: Fully escorted, £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, four nights in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions are also included, and lunches on days out. Wheelchair-accessible rooms. Single-room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on (01268) 762278 or 07740 175557, or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: Seven nights' accommodation and Airport Shuttle Service from €266 per person. Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split airports. Call Jackie for further information and to book 020 3239 8662, or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com, or jackie@med-irishcentre.com. Website: www.med-irishcentre.com.

200 Club: 2020 subscriptions are now due. There is a total prize fund of £2,500 equating to monthly prizes of £75, £50 and £25 along with the Big Christmas Draw with prizes of £400, £200 and £100. As a Parish community it is so important that we support this endeavour. It allows vital funds to be available to our Parish to meet the financial obligations which we have. In 2019 the 200 Club contributed over £2,500 to Parish funds. Cost is £24 per annum per number, payable monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually in January. We would love to welcome many more new members. If you wish to join please fill in the form at the back of Church and put on the collection plate or hand in to the Rectory. Any queries contact Janine Nicholls or Martin Grovenor using the details on the application forms.

Clergy Training Fund: Those who make an annual subscription to the fund or those who wish to make a one-off contribution are reminded that this should be placed in the collection plate at Mass, in an envelope marked 'Clergy Training Fund'. Cheques should be made payable to St Ambrose's Parish.

Finances:

i Thank you for last week's Offertory of £820.70 (Plate £530.30, Envelope scheme £290.40).

ii A donation of £150 was made by the Craft Club

iii £880 was donated by the 200 Club

St Ambrose's Parish Centre

Available for meetings, seminars, parties and functions of all kinds.
Contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or at bookings.stambrose@gmail.com
Bingo: Weekly on Tuesdays at 8.00 p.m.