

**ST AMBROSE'S CHURCH KIDDERMINSTER
SACRED HEART CHURCH TENBURY WELLS**

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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Liturgical Year B
CTS Missal: p.885

Psalter Week IV
Preface and Eucharistic Prayer IV

July 21st 2024
Acclamation II

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY July 22 nd	FEAST of ST MARY MAGDALENE 8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Intentions of Rachel Nichol PRO-LIFE ROSARY 7.00 pm (UCM) Rita Mackay (Anniv)
TUESDAY July 23 rd	FEAST of ST BRIDGET of SWEDEN 14 th Century Foundress, Patron of Europe 11.00 am Funeral Mass: JUNE FARMER RIP
WEDNESDAY July 24 th	Feria 8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Sue Cooke RIP
THURSDAY July 25 th	FEAST of ST JAMES, one of the Apostles closest to Our Lord 8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Fr Clive Loosemore (Anniv) 7.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30 pm Compline
FRIDAY July 26 th	Memorial of SS JOACHIM and ANNE, Parents of Our Lady 8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Cherry Bryan RIP
SATURDAY July 27 th	Feria Mass of Our Lady 8.45 am Morning Prayer 9.00 am Andrew Neale RIP Rosary and Novena Devotions
SUNDAY	SEVENTEETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.00 am (Tenbury) Anne and Abraham Doherty (Anniv) 11.00 am Mary Nangle RIP 6.00 pm The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11.45 am – 12.45 pm ; at any time by request

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am Mass in the Adams Lounge **Next Sunday:** Judy & Peter Harler, Anne Colclough, Jo Walker

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am Teresa Hart 6 pm Luke Farmer
READERS: 11 am Gilly Hodgkinson 6 pm Nick Awolola
TENBURY: **ADDITIONAL MINISTER:** Maureen Bowdler **READER:** Chris Stanley

CLEANING TEAM: Team B : Friday morning after Mass

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS: JUNE FARMER RIP : Tuesday 11 am Crematorium 12.30 pm
EDITH PERRY RIP: Monday July 29th 9.30 am (Crematorium)
PHILIP GREEN RIP: Wednesday July 31st 3.30 pm (Crematorium)

LAST WEEK: The Church Collection raised £540.73. The Apostleship of the Sea Collection was £178.15. Just a reminder of Chris Stanley's excellent advice: that £1 extra each week would help us to break even, and even provide a small surplus in our running costs.

A REQUEST: Quite regularly I receive comments from visitors and parishioners about the level of talking and conversation before Mass (and even during Mass, especially when HOLY COMMUNION is being received). This does cause a distraction for those who wish to pray and it is really inappropriate. In some churches, there is a notice which is a helpful reminder: Before Mass – TALK TO GOD; during Mass: ALLOW GOD TO TALK; After Mass: TALK TO EVERYONE ELSE. It is good when parishioners and visitors are able to meet in the Hall after Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS: Today, the Revd Charles Duncombe celebrates the tenth anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate. Tomorrow is the eleventh anniversary of the Ordination of Revd Adam Nicholls. We thank them both for their service to our Parish, and assure them of our continued prayers. There is a small celebration in the Lounge after 11 am Mass today.

CHURCH READERS (St Ambrose's): An amended rota for August to October is now available at the back of church. Please would all readers ensure that they pick up a copy. If you are unable to read on the date allocated, please arrange to swap with another reader. Please note that, during August, there will be no evening Mass on 11th or 18th August. Also the choir is taking a break during August, so readers will need to read the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation. Many thanks to all readers for continuing with this important ministry.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: The UCM Mass and Shared Supper will be on Monday July 22nd at 7 pm. Ladies of the Parish are warmly invited to join us.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: The next CMS meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th July in the Wheatley Room at 7.30 pm. This is part two of bulletin 3 (The Scriptures). All men of the Parish are invited to attend. The **CMS sponsored Barbecue** will take place on 17th August, hopefully in the garden, weather permitting. This includes a hot dog and burger plus two wonderful hours of entertainment at a cost of £10 pp half price for children under 15. Food will be served from 1.00 pm, the entertainment starts at 1.30 pm. There is a sheet at the back of the church. Could you please put your name and how many in your party; this will enable us to order the right amount of food. All proceeds will go to the church maintenance fund.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Saturday 7th September: Come to London to meet and walk alongside thousands of others – old and young- who joyfully profess the preciousness of all life and who are trying to stand up to the laws of this land that do not protect the unborn or their parents. The issues around this political hot potato are complex but we are called to be courageous and to be witnesses to the truth. God made us in His image and likeness and He gives us life and it is only He who can take it away. The mother's womb is one of the most dangerous places to be in our modern world and we have to fight to change that. The coach will be picking up from Our Lady and All Saints Church in Stourbridge this year at 6.45 am and we are hoping that more local people will feel able to join us. Seats £25 pp. Contact Alice on 07845 706362. Check out the website for pics and videos of previous years: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/the-annual-march/>

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH VARIETY CONCERT: Parish Hall Saturday 28th September 2024. This event is being arranged by the organising team to raise money for **Parish Funds**. We are inviting members of the parish, including friends and families, to participate. Can you sing, dance, play an instrument? Soloist, duet, trio, group? We are also looking for six actors to perform a 5 Minute Potted Panto (male and female). If you are interested in taking part please submit your name(s) and details of your act to: **Elaine Yates:** email: elaine@celtip.net tel: 01562 66201 **Charlie Villa:** email: charlesvilla222@gmail.com tel: 01562 754482 or **Chris Vass:** email: chris.vass@blueyonder.co.uk tel: 01562 630949. We will arrange a meeting of all participants early in August so that we commence preparations for the Concert Programme. We are also seeking support from all members of the Parish, to either buy a ticket, give a donation or donate a prize for the raffle.

JOSEPH MORAN: I have met Joseph recently and it is good to know that his health is improving. He is hoping to return to us on a reduced schedule at the end of this month. Please continue to pray for his full recovery and we will all do our best to support him in the weeks ahead. He is grateful for the concern that so many have shown to him with cards and messages, and especially for the assurances of prayer.

THE CHOIR: The Choir begins the summer break after Mass today. Sung Masses will resume in September (on the first Sunday). They had a celebration party on Wednesday evening after another year in which they have enriched our Liturgy and consolidated a very worthy music tradition.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE: Our School was inspected at the beginning of the month and the report was published early this week. It concluded that, in all aspects, the overall quality of Catholic education provided by the school was GOOD, just as the earlier OFSTED Inspection reported. We can be justly proud of what our Staff and children have achieved. The highlights of the Report, which can be read in full on the School website, speak of a 'clear sense of community at the School'; 'the School knows its families well and seeks to provide for their needs in various ways'; 'Staff are strong role models for pupils striving to ensure that the School is Christ-centred'; 'leaders and Governors are committed to the Church's missionGovernors play an active role in evaluating the School's Catholic life and provide well-informed challenges and support'; 'the children get off to a strong start due to Early Years' high-quality provision'. The Head Mistress and the Head of School receive special credit for the support they give to their colleagues, many of whom are not members of the Catholic Church. It is important that, as a Parish, we celebrate this excellent report. Early in the autumn term we shall have a Parish Mass of Thanksgiving and a party afterwards and, in line with our own Parish development plans, I hope that ALL parishioners will wish to share in this celebration.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT: As previously indicated, I have been consulting with groups of parishioners to identify FIVE areas in which we will seek to develop the life of the Parish during the coming years. These are LITURGY; PRAYER and DEVOTION; EVANGELISATION and MISSION; PASTORAL CARE; FINANCE, FABRIC and ADMINISTRATION. Some consultation will continue during the summer, and in September we shall begin in earnest to put our thoughts into practice. Please pray for our Parish as we embark on this very important initiative.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS: I shall be absent from the Parish from after Mass on Monday August 5th until Friday evening August 23rd. During that time the answerphone will be disconnected. There will NOT be an evening Mass on Sundays August 11th and 18th; nor will there be an evening Mass on the Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday August 15th, (the Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption). We hope that there will be Morning Prayer with Service of the Word and Holy Communion on each weekday (full details next week). The full schedule will be published next week. There will be NO Livestreaming after this Sunday until the beginning of September.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Joyce Berry, Maria Cholowa, Trina Cole, Clare Conway, Olive Cooke, Alan Cunningham, Michael Dunne, Fr Bruce Dutton, Betty Elwes, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Teresa Friar, Emilia Gissying, Margaret Grimley, Lola Hartland, Kathleen Hegarty, Annie Holcroft, Margaret Holmes, Christine Hopkins, Anthony Hughes, Boban Joseph, George William Kawooya, Shirley Keogh, Joan Kinsella, Pam Lay, Francesca Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Sharon Matthews, Sheila Mikulicz, Neil Moule, James McCarthy, John Nangle, Brigid Nestor, William Nixon, May O'Donnell., Bridget Power, Veronica Pugh, Amanda Rattigan, Sarah Rejman-Greene, Fr Tony Rohan, Jackie Sands, Helen Simoneau, Anthea Speers, Lawrence Speers, Liz Steadman, Ray Stride, Joyce Taylor, Jim Thomas, Margaret Tillott, Jessie Tolley, Jill Tombs, Christopher Tovey, Frances Tovey, Lynn Tovey, Lyndon Whatley, Fr Graham Wilkinson and Alycia Matthews.

Live Streaming: No live streaming until September.

Parish Safeguarding: St Ambrose's: Peter Harler & Niall Doherty. Tenbury: Maggie Wolloshin.