ST AMBROSE'S CHURCH KIDDERMINSTER SACRED HEART CHURCH TENBURY WELLS

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Liturgical Year B Psalter Week II August 4th 2024
CTS Missal: p. 892 Preface of Sunday VI Eucharistic Prayer III Acclamation II

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

August 5th 7.30 am Mass with Morning Prayer (Jean Villa RIP)

TUESDAY Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

August 6th 9 am. Morning Prayer with Service of the Word & Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY Memorial of Pope St. Sixtus II

August 7th 9 am. Morning Prayer with Service of the Word & Holy Communion

THURSDAY Memorial of St. Dominic; founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans / Blackfriars)

August 8th 9 am. Morning Prayer with Service of the Word & Holy Communion

7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Compline

FRIDAY Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

August 9th 9 am. Morning Prayer with Service of the Word & Holy Communion

10:30 am. Rosary Devotions (Tenbury Wells)

SATURDAY Feast of St. Lawrence; Third Century Roman Martyr

August 10th 9 am. Morning Prayer with Service of the Word & Holy Communion

SUNDAY NEXT The NINETEENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

August 11th

9.00 am (Tenbury) In Thanksgiving (E.H.)

II.oo am Josephine Hession (RIP)

NO EVENING MASS

CONFESSIONS: by request when a priest is available

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am Mass in the Adams Lounge. Next Sunday: Joan Knowles & Margaret Strangward

ADDITIONAL MINISTER: 11 am Nikhil José

READER: 11 am Teresa Alexander

CLEANING TEAM: Team D (Friday Morning)

TENBURY: ADDITIONAL MINISTER: Benedict Peissel READER: John Reilly

THE CHOIR is on holiday until the first Sunday in September.

JOSEPH MORAN: Has returned to parish work on a limited schedule. He will attend to essential matters while I am absent; and we hope that he will be able to resume his previous schedule in the autumn.

A MESSAGE FROM JOSEPH MORAN: After a months-long and unexpected period of quite serious illness, I wish to directly express my gratitude to all those kind and thoughtful parishioners who greeted me so warmly in recent days, and all who, quite movingly over the last few months, have expressed goodwill, patience and understanding when they were most needed. I am very grateful to all those who have shown genuine kindness, concern and generosity; and am feeling much better. Thank you all.

NOVENA: You are warmly invited to join us in prayer for a nine-day Novena in honour of Our Lady of Knock. It will commence on 8th August in the church and finish on 16th August on the Eve of the Feast Day. It will be at 18.30 each day.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY 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.

ENGLISH MARTYRS PILGRIMAGE: The Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sunday September 1st with Mass at 3 pm. The Principal Celebrant and preacher will be the Abbot of Douai, Rt Revd Dom Paul Gunter OSB. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available and may be pre-booked in the Hall's courtyard on arrival. Please see the public notice for further details.

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/

KEMP HOSPICE BUTTERFLY RELEASE Saturday 7th September at Bodenham Arboretum, Bodenham Lane, DYII 5TB from 10.30 am: butterflies released at 12 noon. Donate, Dedicate and Release your own butterfly to remember loved ones and support Kemp Hospice. Flyers at the back of church.

ST AMBROSE PARISH VARIETY CONCERT: Saturday 28 September in the Parish Hall 7.30 - 10.30 pm. Admission: Adults: £10.00. Children under 16: £5.00; performers over 18: £5.00. Patrons can bring their own alcoholic and soft drinks. Tea, coffee and rolls available to purchase on the night. We are seeking support from all members of the parish, to either buy a ticket, give a donation or donate a raffle prize. All proceeds will be donated to the Parish Maintenance Fund. (There is still time to volunteer as a performer). Tickets available from 7th August from: Elaine Yates: Tel: 01562 66201; Charlie Villa, Tel: 01562 754482; Chris Vass, 01562 630949 or Mary Preston 07513

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.

CHURCH DECORATION: Anyone able to take some part in the decoration of the church is invited to meet with Patryk Madujraski in the church on Monday, September 2nd at 6:30 pm. No expertise is necessary and Patryk will be able to give us an idea of costing, necessary supplies and other important details. It will be wonderful if we can undertake this ourselves and a huge saving for our Parish finances.

COMMUNICATIONS: A whole new approach to our website, and use of social media, is being introduced by Jude Mahoney and Miki Day with support from other parishioners. This is an important part of our Parish redevelopment and will help us to reach many more people. It will be a valuable help in our evangelisation and mission.

200 CLUB: Following the recent Draw at Sacred Heart Church (Tenbury), the lucky winners for July 2024 are:

 \mathbf{I}^{st} No. 76 Mrs. Emilia Grazier

2nd No. 50 Mrs. Janine Nicholls £50 3^{rd} No. 4 Mr. Kelvin Flavin £25

RUNNING FOR LIFE: On September 15th Andrew Harvey is running in the Worcester Half Marathon to raise funds for the Alane & James Harvey Memorial Charity (AJHMC). Funds will support research into two life-limiting conditions; Bile duct cancer, which is curable if diagnosed early enough but difficult to detect so more research is necessary, and Hydrocephalus, which is a build up of fluid around the brain, treatments are available but more research is needed, especially on its development in the womb. If you'd like to sponsor Andrew please go to our online page at Go Fund ME (gofundme.com) or speak to Chris Harvey after Mass, alternatively you can telephone him on 07784315481. Any support, no matter how small, is very welcome. Thank you.

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 Dutson, Betty Elwes, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Teresa Friar, Emilia Gissyng, 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, Alycia Matthews, 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 and Fr Graham Wilkinson