

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

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The TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

Liturgical Year B Psalter Week IV. October 13th 2024
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY *Feria*

October 14th 8:45 am. Morning Prayer
9 am. John Mone RIP followed by Pro-Life Rosary

TUESDAY *St. Teresa of Avila; 16th century Doctor of the Church, Carmelite Mystic & Reformer*

October 15th 8:45 am. Morning Prayer
9 am. Rita Mackay RIP
6:30 pm. (Commemorative Mass) Anna Sebastiano (Anniv.)
7 pm. Rosary

WEDNESDAY *St. Margaret Mary; 17th century Nun of the Visitation; great devotion to the Sacred Heart*

October 16th 8:55 am. Morning Prayer
9:15 am. Jose family intention

THURSDAY *St. Ignatius of Antioch; 2nd century Martyr, Bishop & celebrated author on early Christian doctrine*

October 17th 8:50 am. (Winterfold) Harvest Mass; Kathleen Watson (Anniv.)
11:30 am. James Mullane RIP
7 pm. (St. George's, Worcester) Induction Mass for new Parish Priest (Private Int.)
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY *St. Luke the Evangelist*

October 18th 8:45 am. Morning Prayer
9 am. Joyce Gavan's Int.

SATURDAY *St. Paul of the Cross* *Parish Retreat Day; Hail, Holy Queen.*

October 19th 10 am. – 4 pm. *Parish Retreat*
12 noon. Mass – Int. of the Hart Family
3:30 pm. Rosary Procession

SUNDAY NEXT is the TWENTY-NINTH Sunday of the YEAR

October 20th 9 am. (Tenbury) Fr. Sylvester Cotter (Anniv.)
11 am. Thomas Massey (Anniv.)
6 pm. The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: Saturday nb. 2 pm. – 4 pm. No Midday and at any other time by request

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: J & P Harler, A. Colclough & J. Walker

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. M. Roy 6 pm. M. Day

READERS: 11 am. M. Roy/ A. Lockley 6 pm. M. Tavares

CLEANING TEAM: B (Friday morning)

TENBURY ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: M. Harper **READER:** M. Bowdler

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD: Peter Wolfe, husband of Stephanie, died peacefully at home last Sunday evening. Maria Slater died on September 14th. Her funeral has been arranged for the end of the month. Details to follow.

NOVEMBER & the HOLY SOULS: The annual Mass for our deceased parishioners will be on All Souls Day, Saturday, November 2nd at 12:30 pm. in St. Ambrose's. A special invitation will be sent to those families who have been bereaved during this past year, but all parishioners are invited. Other Masses on that day will be at 8:30 am. (St. Ambrose's) and 10:30 am. (Tenbury Wells). Envelopes are available in both of our churches to receive the names of those who are to be remembered; these may be placed in the baskets provided in the sanctuaries during the month of Holy Souls.

Prayers for the Dead and the blessing of graves will be in Kidderminster Cemetery and the Wyre Forest Cemetery on Sunday, November 3rd at 3 pm. Please make this known to those who may wish to attend.

OCTOBER ROSARY: During October the Rosary will be prayed in church every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. by members of the Intercessory Prayer Network. Please join us if you can.

READERS ROTA: The new Readers Rota beginning November is now available at the back of the church.

KNIT & NATTER / CRAFT CLUB: Will meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall from 2pm – 4 pm. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Everyone is very welcome to join us. Just drop in and relax over a cup of tea and a chart.

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING: A very big ‘Thank you’ to all who supported this year’s coffee morning. Those who baked cakes, donated raffle prizes, sent in donations and helped on the day. A special ‘Thank you’ to the Year 5 pupils who did a great job with the washing up. A total of £450 was raised including a very generous donation from a parishioner. Well done, thank you.

PARISH CONSULTATIVE GROUP: The next meeting will be in the Adams Lounge on Monday, October 14th at 6:45 pm. All members have been invited but the meeting is, of course, open to anyone who would like to help in the spiritual, pastoral and social development of our Parish.

SCHOOL OPEN MORNING: Our School & Nursery are having an OPEN MORNING on Friday, October 18th at 9:30 am. – 11:30 am., with an opportunity to meet children and staff, and see the excellent facilities that the school provides. Please make this known to friends and neighbours, and especially to families looking for a really good Catholic School. Tel. 01562 823568.

SVP: The next meeting the SVP will take place on Monday, October 21st at 1 pm in the Rectory. Anyone interested in joining would be made very welcome; please direct enquires to 07706053329 or presidentfo21504@svp.org.uk

CELEBRATION: As we seek to develop the life of our parish we will recognise the importance of our Parish School, where over 200 parishioners gather every day. In recent times we have become aware of just how good our school is, and much credit for this must go to Mrs. Emma BROCKLESBY for her very conscientious and professional leadership. Now that she has been joined by Mrs. Sarah LASKEY we have a very strong leadership team. The most recent OFSTED inspection and the Catholic Schools Inspection have been both confirmed that the school is progressing really well. I am anxious that, as a Parish, we should celebrate and affirm our school and its excellent staff. On *Thursday, November 7th* there will be a Mass in School at 6 pm. followed by a Buffet Supper and I hope that very many of our parishioners will be able to attend, to meet the staff and to see the excellent facilities that have been provided for so many of our children. Events such as this many help to integrate more of our families into the life of our parish, and this will be to the benefit of us all.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop David Evans will visit the Parish on the Solemnity of St. Ambrose, Saturday, December 7th at 12 noon he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Families of children who do not go to our school, and who wish to present them for Confirmation should collect an enrolment form from the Rectory, and when completed, it should be returned to the Rectory by this Monday.

CHURCH DECORATION: It is encouraging to see new volunteers who are joining the decorating team on Tuesdays after Mass, and on Saturday afternoon. Significant progress is being made, much necessary plastering is almost completed and the initial preparation for painting will soon be finished. As we have already noted, the side aisles will be painted first, then the main body of the church, with the Sanctuary and the side chapels to follow. Again, we invite all parishioners to spare an hour or two helping in whatever way they can, so that everyone will have played some part in this important work. We are very grateful for some generous donations which have helped us to purchase some necessary equipment, and also the good quality paint which is to be used. Thanks and congratulations to all who are involved in any way.

STREET PASTORS: Kidderminster Street Pastors finds itself at a critical point in its path to bring help and understanding onto the streets of Kidderminster. This is mainly due to a lack of officers and committee members but also a reduction in the night time economy. Bewdley Street Pastors are in a not dissimilar situation so the proposed solution is to merge the two groups into one bigger group, Wyre Forest Street Pastors, and cover Stourport as well. You may know that Stourport has unsuccessfully tried on a number of occasions to get a group going in their area. This solution would therefore solve a number of issues across the area but is also dependent on their being enough volunteers to fill the necessary posts. I have therefore attached the job descriptions of the posts required in the hope that there are people out there who feel strongly about the importance of taking the love of Jesus onto the streets of Wyre Forest and will be able to give a few hours to fill one of these posts or even become a Street Pastor.

MISSIO: NEXT SUNDAY is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY; The Pope invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission. This is a day of prayer, solidarity and giving that ought to unite all Catholics around the world. please pray for Missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCES:

Collections (All churches): £355.69

Gift Aid (All churches): £180.13

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, 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.