

ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH KIDDERMINSTER & SACRED HEART CHURCH TENBURY WELLS

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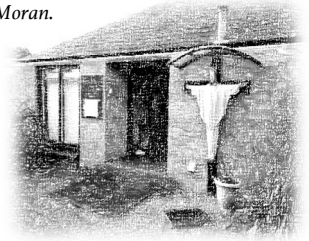
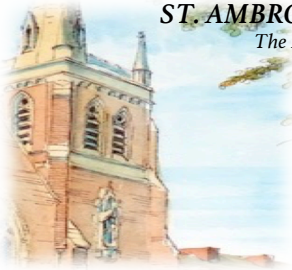
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Deacons: Revd. Adam Nicholls. & Revd. Charles Duncombe.

The FIRST SUNDAY in ADVENT

Liturgical Year C. Psalter Week I. December 1st 2024
Preface of Advent. Eucharistic Prayer III. Acclamation I.



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY *Advent Feria.*

December 2nd 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Keith Pearce (XMP.) followed by *Pro-Life prayers.*

TUESDAY *Memorial of St. Francis Xavier; 16th century Jesuit, tireless missionary of the Far East.*

December 3rd 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Noreen Hession (XMP.)
6:30 pm. Intercessory Rosary in the Rectory.

WEDNESDAY *Memorial of St. John Damascene; 7th century Doctor of the Church, devoted to Our Lady*

December 4th 8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Fr. James Hannigan (Anniv.)

THURSDAY *Feast of St. Birinus; 7th century Bishop in Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.*

December 5th 8:50 am. (Winterfold House School) Fr. Martin Molyneux (XMP.)
11:30 am. Mary Kissane (XMP.)
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY *Memorial of St. Nicholas; 4th century Bishop & staunch defender of the Faith*

December 6th 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9:30 am. (School Feast Day Mass) Fr. Michael Knight (XMP.)

SATURDAY *SOLEMNITY of St. AMBROSE: Patron of our Parish.*

December 7th 12 noon. Confirmation Mass: Bishop David Evans (Int. of Christine Vass)

SUNDAY NEXT will be the *SECOND SUNDAY in ADVENT*

December 8th 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) The Holy Souls
11 am. The People of the parish
6 pm. Herbert & Elizabeth Lamb (XMP.)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday NO MIDDAY (Confirmation Mass), and at any other time by request.

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: CMS & A. Maffei.

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. A. Harris 6 pm. L. Whatley.

READERS: 11 am. F. Smardz. 6 pm. N. Record.

CLEANING TEAM: A. (Wednesday morning)

TENBURY: Additional minister: B. Peissel Reader: A. Stanley

REST IN PEACE: ELLEN BARLOW, at 101 years of age, our oldest parishioner, died peacefully at home on Tuesday evening. She had been living in excellent health until about ten days ago. Her Funeral is yet to be arranged. The Funeral Mass for JESSIE TOLLEY will be on Friday, December 13th at 1 pm. prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. Her body will be brought to the church on the previous evening at 4:30 pm.

BAPTISM: Please pray for TOVIE IMORA SADO, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today.

UCM: Crib Service and shared supper. Monday December 2nd at 7:30 pm. in the Adams Lounge. Ladies of the Parish are invited to join us.

CONFIRMATION: The final meeting for the parents of those preparing for Confirmation will be in the Adams Lounge on Tuesday at 6 pm. It is imperative that every family is represented.

MONTINI GROUP: The next meeting to continue reviewing the history of the Church in the Middle Ages will be in the Adams Lounge on Tuesday, December 10th at 4:15 pm.

KNIT & KNATTER: Meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall from 2 pm. – 4 pm. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join us. Just drop in and relax over a cup of tea and a chat. This will be our last meeting until after Christmas.

DECORATION: The cleaning of the radiators will be largely complete by Saturday; and the team are hoping to finish the preparation of St. Joseph's aisle by next week.

INTERCESSORS: Throughout Advent the parish intercessors will pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm. every Tuesday in the Rectory. All are welcome.

ST. AMBROSE'S DAY: Next Sunday is our Patronal Feast, the Solemnity of St. AMBROSE. The whole school will attend Mass next Friday to celebrate, and I hope many parishioners will wish to be present to celebrate, once again, the excellent work that is done in our school. On Saturday, Bishop David EVANS will be the Principal Celebrant of the Mass at 12 noon, during which he will Confirm our children, and present the Diocesan UBI CARITAS award to Christine VASS. There is so much good in our Parish that we should celebrate together on our Saint's Day. We invite all our different nationalities and cultures to join the Borromeo Hall afterwards (if possible, with national costumes, flags and music) with selections of food and snacks from around the world. This will make a memorable day for our Confirmandi, and for all of us.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Several books of tickets are still available, please take and sell (or buy) as many as possible, returning the counterfoils to the Rectory in good time.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Good quality religious Christmas Cards are now available from the Piety Cupboard.

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA & CHRISTMAS SHOPPING: Thursday, December 5th from 2 pm – 4 pm. St. George's Church, Radford Avenue, Kidderminster. Raffle prizes and gifts will be available. Entertainment by the Grace Notes Choir.

COMPANIONS: Please note, we will meet on Thursday, December 5th. We will also meet on December 12th for our Christmas Lunch in the Adams Lounge. Christmas Lunch will be provided. Please bring one Christmas card and one small Christmas gift. Thank you.

UKRAINE: We have been asked to host a Fund Raising stall to provide humanitarian aid for Ukraine. This will include a Tombola and will be in the Adams Lounge after Mass on Sundays December 8th – 15th.

SCHOOL CAROL CONCERTS: Wednesday, December 11th at 1:30 pm. (church)

Friday, December 13th at 9:30 am. (church)

PARISH CAROL SERVICE: Monday, December 16th at 7:30 pm.

POINSETTIAS: This year, again we would like to invite families to bring Poinsettias for the Crib, which will be in place on Wednesday, December 18th. These may be in memory of family members, friends or in Thanksgiving.

CONCERT TICKET AVAILABLE: A clash of date means that I am now unable to use my ticket for a CBSO concert on Thursday, December 16th at Symphony Hall, conducted by the brilliant KAZUKI YAMADA, and featuring a Mozart Piano Concerto, and one of the greatest symphonies ever written – The Bruckner Symphony No. 9. The concert starts at 7 pm. Please contact Canon Lamb.

A POCKETFUL of PRAYERS: 9 copies remain at £3 each.

CAFOD GIFT CATALOGUES: are available from the back of the church.

THE JUBILEE: *Alive Publishing* have produced an edition to coincide with the beginning of the Jubilee Year. Copies are from the back of the church. 12 copies available £1.50.

CATENIANS: An international network of Catholic men who meet regularly in a spirit of fun, friendship and Faith. For more information contact Charlie Villa at charlesvilla222@gmail.com or Neil Darbyshire at nealdarbyshire@hotmail.com.

DEAN: The Archbishop has appointed Canon John BATTHULA, Parish Priest of the Worcester City parishes, as the Dean of the Worcester Deanery.

PARISH FINANCES:

Offertory: £197.34

Gift Aid: £139

Second Collection: £51.20

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, Emilia Gissyn, 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, Jill Tombs, Christopher Tovey, Frances Tovey, Lynn Tovey, Lyndon Whatley, Fran Oborski, Gareth Whatley, Justin Priest, Michael Williams, Catherine Malcolmson-Priest, Terry Maguire, Deidre Murphy.

WEEK-END MASSES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:

Ludlow: Sat 6 pm./Sun 11 am. Cleobury Mortimer: Sun 9 am. Stourport: Sat 5:30 pm./Sun 10 am. Stourbridge: Sat 5 pm./ Sun 8:30 am & 11 am. Harvington: Sun 8:30 am. & 10:30 am. Droitwich Spa: Sun 8:30 am. 10:30 am & 6 pm. Bromsgrove: Sat 6 pm. / Sun. 8:30 am & 10:30 am.

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

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

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