

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

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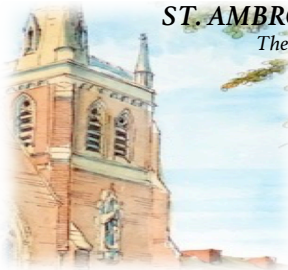
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Deacons: Revd. Adam Nicholls. & Revd. Charles Duncombe.

The SECOND SUNDAY in ADVENT

Liturgical Year C. Psalter Week II. December 8th 2024
Preface of Advent I. Eucharistic Prayer I. Acclamation II.



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY *The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (transferred).*
December 9th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Deceased of the Kissane family followed by *Pro-Life prayers.*
12 noon. (St. Chad's Cathedral) Archbishop Couve de Murville (ÆΠΘ.)

TUESDAY *Advent Feria*
December 10th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Joan Goring (ÆΠΘ.)

WEDNESDAY *Advent Feria*
December 11th 8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9:15 am. Elizabeth Lamb (Anniv.)
2 pm. School Carol Concert

THURSDAY *Advent Feria*
December 12th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Fr Vincent Lucas (Anniv.) / Fr Austin O' Dwyer (Anniv.)
4:30 pm. Reception: Josephine (Jessie) Tolley (ÆΠΘ.)
6 pm. (Winterfold House School) Carol Service
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY *Memorial of St. Lucy; 4th century Virgin & Martyr of Sicily*
December 13th 9:30 am. School Carol Concert
(nb.) 11:30 am. Int. of Sebin Jose
1 pm. Funeral Mass: Jessie Tolley (ÆΠΘ.)

SATURDAY *Memorial of St. John of the Cross; 16th Carmelite mystic & reformer*
December 14th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Fr Bede Lynch (Anniv.)

SUNDAY NEXT will be GAUDETE SUNDAY; the *THIRD SUNDAY in ADVENT*
December 15th 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) Fr John Ellis (Anniv.)
11 am. Int. of the Union of Catholic Mothers
6 pm. The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11:45 am., - 12:45 pm., 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. T. Hart 6 pm. N. Jose

READERS: 11 am. A. Furman 6 pm. F. Maffei

CLEANING TEAM: B. (Friday morning)

TENBURY: Additional minister: M. Harper Reader: J. Reilly

COLLECTION: Will be taken to-day for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY: Of your charity pray for the repose of Fr. Vincent Lucas, curate here 1937-1939, who departed this life December 10th 2005; and for Mother Augustine Mooney; Head Mistress here from 1888-1910; who died December 13th 1916. May they rest in peace.

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the dead, especially those in our Parish who have died recently: JESSIE TOLLEY, whose Funeral Mass is on Friday at 1 pm., prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. EILEEN BARLOW's Funeral Mass is on Wednesday, December 18th at 1 pm.; and the Funeral of MARY SAVAGE will be on Thursday, December 19th prior to cremation of Wyre Forest. The Funeral Service of RAIMONDA KOVACHEV is in Wyre Forest Crematorium on Monday, December 23rd at 10:30 am. CARL KEENE died recently also. His Funeral Mass will be in St. Ambrose's on Monday, December 30th at 1:15 pm., prior to cremation at Wyre Forest. Our Tenbury Community mourns the dead of ANTHONY HUGHES, who died in Leominster Hospital last Monday evening, after a long and distressing period of ill health. His body will be received into our church in Tenbury Wells on Sunday, December 22nd at 3:45 pm., and he will be cremated at Hereford Crematorium on December 23rd after Mass in the Sacred Heart Church at 1 pm. May their souls, and those of all the Faithful Departed, in the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PAINTING & DECORATING: Some washing and sanding still needs to be done. It is hoped that painting can begin next Monday and Tuesday after morning Mass. The porch and area by the Piety shop are to be cleaned shortly. If anyone has painting and decorating experience and would like to help please contact Dale Minaker or Mark Farmer. Donations of sugar soap solution, washing up liquid and miro-fibre would be very helpful. The scaffolding will come down this coming Friday.

MARK PEYTON: The Tenbury Community will be welcoming Mark Peyton to offer him a small gift to mark his long and faithful commitment to the Parish, in both our churches. He has now moved to Hereford and is part of the Belmont Abbey Parish.

MEMORY GLOBES: Memory globes will be available to purchase for the MEMORY TREE; £1 per globe please see JOY FARMER for further details.

SOUP & PUDDING: The last Soup & Pudding Lunch for 2024 will begin in the Hall after Mass next Sunday, and it is hoped that it will be something of a Christmas Party, with some extra attractions. We hope many parishioners, friends and family will come together to share some time together, and to enjoy the wide and excellent variety of soups and puddings that are donated. Maybe everyone could try to bring something festive!

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

200 CLUB: 2025 subscriptions / renewals 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. The 200 Club is a source of vital income to support and maintain our Parish community. In 2024 the 200 Club contributed over £2,500 to Parish funds. All monies raised directly to the Parish and are not subject to levies or on-costs. The 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 the 200 Club please fill in the form at the back of the church and put it on the collection plate or hand in to the Rectory. All enquires contact Martin Grovenor using the details on the application forms.

200 CLUB: Following the Draw at the recent meeting of the Catholic Men's Society the lucky winners for November 2024 are:

1 st	£75	No. 157.	Mrs. R. Congera
2 nd	£50	No. 164.	Mr. C. Harvey
3 rd	£25	No. 68.	Mrs. A. Harris

CHRISTMAS EVE: At the Vigil Mass for Christmas, at 5 pm. on December 24th, children and their families are invited to bring homemade decorations to hang on the tree in front of the Crib during the Mass. These decorations should be symbolic of the Nativity of Our Lord – angels, Alpha & Omega, sheep, stars, crowns & etc. Please encourage our children to take part in this beautiful gift for the Crib.

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 2 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.

CHURCH CLEANING: Please note that the 'BIG CLEAN' for Christmas is on Saturday, December 21st after morning Mass. We invite any parishioners, not just the regular church cleaners, to come along and help. The new church cleaning rota is now available at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Tuesday, December 24 th	Wednesday, December 25 th
8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer	9 am. (Old Rite) Missa Aurora
9 am. Mass	10:30 am. Sung Mass with Carols
5 pm. Family Mass	(The church will be closed after Mass)
7:30 pm. (Tenbury Wells) Carol Service	
8 pm. (Tenbury Wells) Mass	

MIDNIGHT MASS at St. Ambrose's, preceded by Carols.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Bazaar so successful – over £1,300. As always, the Hall looked so very attractive and many beautiful gifts were given for the Stalls. Thanks to the school for the collection of nottles and chocolates, and to those in the kitchen for the sausage and bacon sandwiches. A special mention to the ladies of the UCM for the delicious cakes, tarts and other good things. There was a very happy atmosphere and it is good that so much hard work in preparation has been well rewarded.

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, 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, 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, Ethel Thomas.

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 Wolloshin.

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