

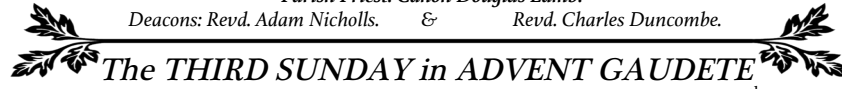
# ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH KIDDERMINSTER & SACRED HEART CHURCH TENBURY WELLS

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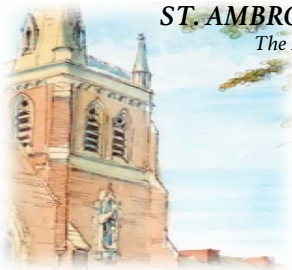
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Liturgical Year C. Psalter Week II. December 15<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Preface of Advent I. Eucharistic Prayer I. Acclamation II.



## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

MONDAY *Advent Feria.*

December 16<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
9 am. In Thanksgiving (Jose) followed by *Pro-Life prayers.*  
7:30 pm. PARISH CAROL SERVICE

TUESDAY *Advent Feria. (O SAPIENTIA)*

December 17<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
9 am. Elin Young (XMP.)  
9:45 am. – 11:45 am. (Hagley School) Confession  
5 pm. Reception: Eileen Barlow (XMP.)  
6:30 pm. (Rectory) Rosary Group

WEDNESDAY *Advent Feria. (O ADONAI)*

December 18<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
9 am. Deceased of the Ford & Weaver families  
1 pm. Funeral Mass of Eileen Barlow (XMP.) (Burial in Kidderminster cemetery)  
4:30 pm. Reception: Mary Savage (XMP.)

THURSDAY *Advent Feria. (O RADIX JESSE)*

December 19<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
9 am. Intentions of the Heavern family  
3:30 pm. Funeral Service (not Mass) Mary Savage (XMP.) (followed by cremation)  
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY *Advent Feria. (O CLAVIS DAVID)*

December 20<sup>th</sup> 8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
9:30 am. Thomas and Winifred Massey (XMP.)  
12:30 pm. (St. George's, Worcester) Funeral Mass: Fr. Anthony Mitchell (XMP.)

SATURDAY *Commemoration of St. Peter Canisus; 16<sup>th</sup> century Jesuit & Doctor of the Church (O ORIENS)*

December 21<sup>st</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
9 am. Annie McElhinney & family followed by Rosary & Novena devotions

SUNDAY NEXT will be the *FOURTH SUNDAY in ADVENT (O REX GENTIUM)*

December 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) Mother Ignatius Murray (XMP.)  
11 am. Decd. of the Connolly & Harris families  
3:45 pm. (Tenbury Wells) Reception of Anthony Hughes (XMP.)  
6 pm. The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11:45 am., - 12:45 pm., and at any other time by request.

Please note additional Confession times before Christmas: Tuesday: 5:30 pm 6:30 pm, Wednesday: 9:30 am – 10 am, Thursday: 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm during Eucharistic Adoration), Saturday: 11:45 am 12:45 pm

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: M. Cunliffe, B. Martin & C. Vass

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. J. Knowles 6 pm. M. Day

READERS: 11 am. N. Koremska 6 pm. N. Awolola

CLEANING TEAM: see 'Big Clean'

TENBURY: Additional minister: M. Harpur Reader: M. Bowdler

## REST IN PEACE:

JUSTIN PRIEST died peacefully at home last week-end after a difficult period of illness.

TERRY MAGUIRE of Lea Street, died at home on Sunday, aged 86. His Funeral Mass will be arranged in the New Year.

EILEEN BARLOW: Reception: Tuesday 5 pm. Funeral Mass: Wednesday 1 pm.

MARY SAVAGE: Reception: Wednesday, 4:30 pm. Funeral Service: Thursday 3:30 pm.

RAIMONDA KOVACHEV: Funeral in Wyre Forest Crematorium, Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am.

ANTHONY HUGHES: Reception: (Tenbury) Sunday 3:45 pm. Funeral Mass: Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm.

CARL KEENE: Funeral Mass: Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm.

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES: Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Fergus O'Connell, curate here 1992-1993, who died December 16<sup>th</sup> 2005.

**QUERY:** We would be grateful to know if anyone is aware of the origin of a red cloth bag full of money, which appeared in the Rectory last Monday morning.

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE:** The choir will present our annual Carol Service to-morrow at 7:30 pm. It is performed largely by candlelight and is always a beautiful occasion. Afterwards, mince pies and mulled wine (with tea and coffee) are served in the Adams Lounge, where the CHRISTMAS DRAW will take place at 9 pm. Please make sure that money and counterfoils are returned in good time.

**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 today, and it is hoped that it will be something of a Christmas Party, with some extra attractions.

**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 to 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.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** At the Vigil Mass for Christmas, at 5 pm. on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 today.

**POINSETTIAS:** This year, again we would like to invite families to bring Poinsettias for the Crib, which will be in place on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Mass

5 pm. Family Mass

7:30 pm. (Tenbury Wells) Carol Service

8 pm. (Tenbury Wells) Mass

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

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

9 am. (Old Rite) Missa Aurora

10:30 am. Sung Mass with Carols

(The church will be closed after Mass)

**THE CHRISTMAS TABLE:** If you're looking for a warm and welcoming place to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner, Kidderminster Elim Church would love you to be part of their community celebration this Christmas Day. Whether you're spending Christmas alone or facing financial challenges, single, dating, married or a family, you're invited to join. We would love you to be part of our community celebration. Kidderminster Elim Church, December 25<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**BETHSAIDA:** If any parishioner wishes to provide opportunities for our young parishioners the Kenelm Youth Trust has set dates for online training for Parish 'Leaders' in the New Year. This will help in planning prayer and youth groups as well as an overview of risk assessments etc. The course will run on Thursday evenings from 7 pm – 9 pm on Zoom for 5 weeks starting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Parish Priest for further details.

#### PARISH FINANCES:

St. Ambrose: £292.11 Gift Aid: £125 Donations: £220. (Decoration fund)

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 Boban Joseph, George William Kawooya, Shirley Keogh, Joan Kinsella, Pam Lay, Francesca Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Alycia Matthews, Sharon Matthews, Sheila Mikulicz, 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, Michael Williams, Catherine Malcolmson-Priest, 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 Wolloschin.

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