

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

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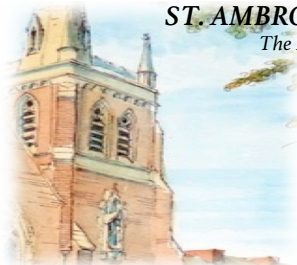
Parish Priest: Canon Douglas Lamb.

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

**The FOURTH SUNDAY in ADVENT**

Liturgical Year C. Psalter Week IV (Monday & Tuesday). December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

Preface of Advent II. Eucharistic Prayer III. Acclamation II.



**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY** *Advent Feria. (O EMMANUEL)*

December 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
9 am. Richard Tovey (Anniv.) followed by *Pro-Life prayers.*  
10:30 am. (Crematorium) Funeral: Raimonda Kovachev (ÆDP.)  
1 pm. (Tenbury Wells) Funeral: Anthony Hughes (ÆDP.)



**TUESDAY** *Advent Feria. – Christmas Eve*

December 24<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
9 am. Michela & Matteo Butera (ÆDP.)  
9:45 am. – 11:45 am. (Hagley School) Confession  
5 pm. (Vigil Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord) Int. of the Smith Family  
7:30 pm. (Tenbury Wells) Carol Service & First Mass of Christmas; Anthony Hughes (ÆDP.)  
MIDNIGHT MASS – Fr Leo Morahan (Anniv.)

**WEDNESDAY** *SOLEMNITY of the NATIVITY - Christmas Day*

December 25<sup>th</sup> 9 am. (Old Rite) The People of the Parish  
10:30 am. Mary Nangle (ÆDP.)  
The Church will close after Mass.

**THURSDAY** *Feast of St. Stephen; the first Christian Martyr*

December 26<sup>th</sup> 12 noon: Joe Farmer (Anniv.)  
NO ADORATION this evening

**FRIDAY** *Feast of St. John; Apostle & Evangelist*

December 27<sup>th</sup> 12 noon (St. Clare's church, Aylesbury) 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass of Fr. John White  
5:45 pm. Evening Prayer  
7 pm. Int. of Nicola Avery

**SATURDAY** *Feast of the Holy Innocents*

December 28<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
10 am. Int. of Dominic, Adrian & Condeth Kealey  
NO CONFESSIONS, except by request

**SUNDAY NEXT** will be the *FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH*

December 29<sup>th</sup> 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) Fr. Francis Etherington & Fr. Gerard McGinty (Anniv.)  
11 am. Decd. of the Corbo family  
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: A. Harris, J. Knowles & M. Strangward

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. S. Laskey 6 pm. L. Farmer

READERS: 11 am. P. Young 6 pm. M. Tavares

CLEANING TEAM: C wb. Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>

TENBURY: Additional minister: J. Moore Reader: J. Hughes

CONFESSIONS: Monday 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm., thereafter, by request. No Midday Confessions next Sunday except by request.

REQUIESCANT: Please pray for those whose Funerals take place tomorrow:

RAIMONDA KOVACHEV at Wyre Forest Crematorium

ANTHONY HUGHES: at Sacred Heart, Tenbury Wells & Hereford Crematorium

In the New Year:

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

TERRY MAGUIRE Funeral Mass on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>; Crematorium at Wyre Forest.

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES: Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Colum McCabe, curate here 1939-1945; who died on December 26<sup>th</sup> 2002. May he rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: The collections at the Christmas Masses are the traditional offerings to the Parish Clergy.

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.

MEMORY GLOBES: Memory globes are to purchase for the MEMORY TREE; £1 per globe please see JOY FARMER or ask at the Rectory.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY: Traditionally on this day we recognise the Service of our Altar Servers; and this year the Bronze Medal of the Guild of St. Stephen is being awarded to GARY MANCRIEF, who has served Mass on most week-days for well over a year. Congratulations.

POINSETTIAS: These may be placed around the Crib, preferably with a name-tag so that we can pray for the intentions requested when we visit the Crib during the Christmas season.

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.

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.

THANKS: Christine Vass would like to express her gratitude for all the cards, masses and good wishes on the occasion of her reception of the Ubi Caritas medal. She extends her thanks to Canon Lamb and Bishop Evans who presided over the Mass and Presentation.

CAROL SERVICE: Our thanks to Matthew Johnson & the choir for the very beautiful Carol Service last Monday evening. The Church was lit by candles, and the effect was exactly suited to the chosen carols – an excellent blend of Advent and Christmas music.

SOUP & PUDDINGS: Once again, last Sunday there was a wide selection of homemade soups, and of homemade puddings. Well over £250 was raised and we thank everyone who has supported these lunches. Further lunches are planned for the New Year: on January 26<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>.

200 CLUB: The Big Christmas Draw took place after the Parish Carol service on the evening of December 16<sup>th</sup> and the lucky winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£400	No. 80.	Mr. J. Bryan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£200	No. 56	Mr. P. Hesketh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£100	No. 168	Mrs. J. Bush

GRAND DRAW 2024: Many thanks to all who supported the Parish by buying tickets, and congratulations to those who won prizes: £100 – J. Knowles. £50 – E. Nicholls, Hamper – M. Harper, Whiskey Set – J. Young, Grahams Whisky – J. Good, Bottle of Port – R. Barber, Jameson's Whisky – M. Curry, Miny Moments – D. Harrison, Party Pickles – L. Grealy, Sauces – C. Duncombe, White wine – A. Matthews, Red Wine – M. Curry, Biscuits – M. Weaver.

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 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, Rev. Edward Evans.

WEEK-END MASSES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:

Ludlow: Sat 6 pm./Sun 11 am. Clebury 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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