

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Fr Derek Edwards, Revd Peter Hesketh  
In Retirement: Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Dr Peter Mason  
In Preparation: Charles Duncombe, Adam Nicholls

First Sunday in Advent Year C Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p 99 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Feast Days this Week: **Monday:** St Andrew **Tuesday:** St Edmund Campion **Thursday:** St Francis Xavier  
**Saturday:** St Birinus

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**St Ambrose's**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Mary Heneghan (Anniversary)
	<b>12 noon</b>	Funeral: Joseph Burke RIP
<b>Tues</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Intentions of Jim and Carmen Thomas
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Giuseppe di Paola (Anniversary)
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Austin O'Shaughnessy RIP, Frank Legierski RIP
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Adoration until 10:00 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>1.30 pm</b>	School Carol Concert
	<b>7:10 pm</b>	Rosary <b>7:30 pm</b> Holy Communion
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	(Old Rite) Intentions of Archbishop Langley
	<b>5.45 pm</b>	Vincenzo Finella RIP
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Ruth Salter RIP
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Advent Reflection

**Our Lady's**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Holy Communion
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9.00 – 9.45 am</b>	Adoration <b>10.00 am</b> Palma Perri RIP
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	James Valentine RIP
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Intentions of Jennifer Bush

**Sacred Heart**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	The People of the Parish
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**CONFESSIONS:** **St Ambrose's:** Saturday 11:45 am – 12:45 pm, 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm and by request  
**Our Lady's:** Saturday after Mass  
**Sacred Heart:** By request

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**Altar Servers for Morning Mass:**

Ben Fox, Curtis Laux

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**St Ambrose's Sat 5.45 pm**

D Douglas, A Harris

**Readers**

H Berry

**Sun 9.30 am**

M Bradley, B Galvin, T Hart, J Villa

C Villa

**Our Lady's Sun 5.00 pm**

H Bearne, J da Costa, M Hesketh, P Standing

B Gavan, A McDermott

**Sacred Heart Sun 11.30 am**

Trina Cole

Tony Cole

**Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's):**

Team D **Offertory Counters:** Group 7

**Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:**

Dorothy Atwell, Christopher Aylott, William Patrick Bannister, Christine Barber, Peggy Baynton, John Blunt, Joan Bone, Brigid Bradbury, Dorothy Breese, Linda Button, Rene Caulfield, Jumper Collins, Nora Collins, Kitty Cooper, Mary Cull, Eamonn Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Veronica Jones, Cathy Kneuss, Cyril Laskey, Jean Legierski, Felicity Librie, Richard Lindoe, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Natalina Maffei, Giuseppe Marcianti, Connie Maund, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Steven Mitchell, Jean Mulligan, Bill Nicholl, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Bill Pardoe, Eileen Postans, Janet Richards, Giaconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Kath Smith, Keith Southall, Anthea Speers, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey, Patricia Virr, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, May Williams.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

To you, my god, I lift my soul. I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No-one who waits for you is ever put to shame...

**Response to the Psalm:**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**Gospel acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

**Preface Advent I: p 558**

**Eucharistic Prayer I p566** **Memorial Acclamation III**

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord will shower his gifts, and the land will yield its fruit.

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**Service of Healing:** I am very grateful for so many compliments following last Sunday's Service. It is good that so many people found it helpful, and have recognised its significance in the life of our Parish.

**Christmas Greetings:** As in previous years, in lieu of individual Christmas cards to fellow parishioners, donations may be made to 'Aid to the Church in Need' and a card with a personal message hung on a Christmas tree in Church. Beginning weekend 5/6 December.

**Baptism** Today we welcome Sebastian Luis Betteridge, who is to be baptised during Mass this morning. Next Saturday, Luke John Woodward will be baptised; as will the twins Helena and Luke Collins. Advent is a beautiful season for Baptism, and we rejoice with these families.

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Berry, of Connaught Avenue, died at home last Saturday. He was buried on Friday after a Funeral Mass at St Ambrose's. Joseph Burke, who died at a great age in Devon, will be buried after Mass tomorrow. John Mullen, who has endured ill health for many years, died in hospital last Sunday. His Funeral is on 9 December. Next Friday, the Revd Peter Hesketh will officiate at the Funeral of Eva Archer, a neighbour of our Church in Habberley. May they rest in peace.

**Teas/Coffees:** provided in the Hall after 9:30 am Mass today by the Pre-School Group and next Sunday by the Craft Club.

**Advent Evening Service:** This evening at 6:30 pm we shall have Evening Prayer, during which we shall reflect on the beauty of this season, from the writings of Cardinal Newman.

**Union of Catholic Mothers:** will meet at 7:30 pm on Monday, 30 November in the Borromeo Hall, followed by an Advent Reflection with the Revd Peter Hesketh.

**Kidderminster Deanery:** The Clergy of Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch.

**The Faith of the Catholic Church:** Appropriately, our final meeting before Christmas will be in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7:45 pm, to consider 'The Catholic Church'. These have been very enjoyable evenings, and others are welcome to join at any time.

**Holy Hour:** Staff and Governors of St Ambrose's School will gather in Church on Wednesday, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm for a Holy Hour and Reflection on the Season of Advent.

**Whist Drive:** Every Wednesday in the Borromeo Hall at 2:00 pm. Beginners most welcome.

**Carers' Rights Day:** There is a special workshop in St Mary's Chantry on Friday, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Please see noticeboard for details. A Carers' Handbook is available from the Parish Priest.

**St Ambrose's School:** The Key Stage 2 Carol Concert will be in Church next Friday at 1:30 pm.

**Kidderminster Valentines:** invite you to come to the beautiful Sacred Heart Church in Droitwich today (Sunday) at 2:30 pm for an afternoon service, with Carol Concert. Also, a Christmas concert is to be held at Baxter Church by The Valentines, several of whom are parishioners here at St Ambrose's. Also appearing will be children from St Ambrose's School and Vox, the choir from Baxter College, as well as various soloists. The concert is for Kidderminster-Husum Twinning Association charities and is on Saturday, 5 December at 7:00 pm. Tickets for each event £6 from Pam Cunningham (K 630914), Carol Watkins, Shirley Keogh (K 742343) of Judy Morris (K 751753).

**Vocations:** Adoration and Rosary for Vocations, Saturday, 5 December 9:00 – 9:45 am at Our Lady's.

**Old Rite Mass:** As well as our regular Mass each Saturday at 9:00 am (Lady Chapel) there will be a Missa Cantata at St Mary's, Harvington at 3:00 pm. Fr Lamb will be the celebrant.

**Music for Middlebrows:** The next gathering will be in the Borromeo Hall on Sunday, 6 December from 7:45 pm with a further concert-type programme designed by members. Everyone welcome.

**The Feast of St Ambrose – 7 December 2009:** A parish celebration will take place in the Borromeo Hall following Mass and Confirmation, in the form of a shared supper. Lists are provided at the back of our Churches for parishioners to complete with details of food or drink that they would like to contribute, so that items are not duplicated. Refreshments of tea and coffee will be provided by the UCM.

**Pensioners' Party:** All pensioners in the parish are invited to the Annual Party in the Adams Lounge on 10 December from 7:30 pm. Tickets £1, available from the Steward during opening hours (7:30 – 11:00 pm) prior to the Party night.

**Joseph:** A musical telling the Nativity Story from the point of view of St Joseph will be performed in St Ambrose's Church at 6:30 pm on Sunday, 13 December by New Life Together. This is an ecumenical choir drawn from churches in the Wyre Forest area, including three of our parishioners. You are all warmly invited to this entertaining (free!) production. See poster on noticeboard.

**Christmas Day Lunch:** Trinity Methodist Church, together with neighbouring Churches, will be hosting a lunch on Christmas Day for those who would otherwise be alone. Further details from the Rectory.

**New Year's Eve:** Why not see in the New Year in the Adams Lounge? The Party begins at 7:30 pm and goes on until the early hours. Tickets (£3) from the Steward (as above).

#### **Finances:**

i Please take and sell (or buy) as many books of Grand Draw tickets as possible.

ii Thank you for the Offertory last week of £1033.90 (Envelope scheme £333.80, Loose £700.10)

iii CAFOD donations were £23.21

iv A further £1 was donated for Fr Hudson's Society; £10 for Retired and Infirm Clergy; £5 for the Harvest Fast Day.

v The collection next Sunday is for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

**Year of Priesthood:** We continue to pray for Archbishop Elect Bernard Longley, who will be installed in St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday, 8 December. This week we are asked to pray for:

Mon: Fr Patrick Joyce, who has done many years of wonderful work at SS Mary and John, Gravelly Hill

Tues: Fr Tony Joyce, Spiritual Director at Valladolid

Wed: Fr Dominic Kavanagh, Parish Priest of St Augustine's,

Thurs: Fr Kevin Kavanagh, at present having a sabbatical break

Fri: Fr Kevin Keaney, retired in Ireland since 1993.

Sat: Fr Bernard Kelly, at Our Lady of the Rosary, Saltley

Sun: Fr Gerard Kelly, a seminary contemporary of Fr Lamb, now Parish Priest at Our Lady's, Wolverhampton