

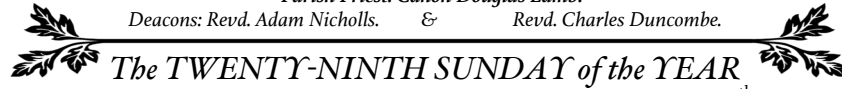
**ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH KIDDERMINSTER & SACRED HEART CHURCH TENBURY WELLS**

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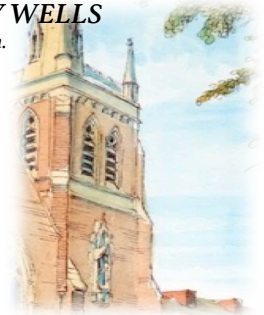
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Deacons: Revd. Adam Nicholls. & Revd. Charles Duncombe.



Liturgical Year B Psalter Week I. October 20<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Preface of Sundays VII. Eucharistic Prayer II. Acclamation I.



**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY** *Feria.*  
October 21<sup>st</sup> \*7:30 am. (Wheatley Room) Mass with Morning Prayer: Winifred Massey RIP; Pro-Life Rosary

**TUESDAY** *Pope St. John Paul II; Pope of exceptional Apostolic zeal, travelled widely, left the Church the Catechism & the Code of Canon Law.*  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> \*7:30 am. (Wheatley Room) Mass with Morning Prayer: Fr. Martin Brogan (Anniv.)  
6:30 pm. Rosary in the Rectory House

**WEDNESDAY** *Feria.*  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> \*8:45 am. Morning Prayer  
\*9:15 am. (School) Int. of Helen Taylor  
7 pm. Choir practice

**THURSDAY** *Feria.*  
October 24<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am. Morning Prayer  
9 am. Holy Souls (in Thanksgiving)  
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

**FRIDAY** *Feria.*  
October 25<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am. Morning Prayer  
9 am. Fr. Francis Mitchell (Anniv.)

**SATURDAY** *Feria of Our Lady.*  
October 26<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am. Morning Prayer  
9 am. In Thanksgiving to Our Lady followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions

**SUNDAY NEXT** will be the THIRTIETH Sunday of the YEAR  
October 27<sup>th</sup> 9 am. (Tenbury) For Peace in the World  
11 am. The People of the Parish  
6 pm. Decd. of the McGrenaghan family.

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: M. Cunliffe, B. Martin & C. Vass  
ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. C. Vass 6 pm. L. Farmer  
READERS: 11 am. C. Ahu 6 pm. R. Young  
CLEANING TEAM: C  
TENBURY: Additional minister: M. Bowdler Reader: J. Hughes

**\*NB. The Church will be closed until Wednesday morning. Masses on Monday & Tuesday will be in the Wheatley Room; & Mass on Wednesday will be in the School Hall.**

**PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:** Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul Fr. Patrick Moore, Priest of this Parish 1950-1958; & who departed this life October 26<sup>th</sup> 1961. May he rest in peace.

**SAND-BLASTING:** On Monday & Tuesday of this week, professional workmen have been hired to sand-blast the enamel paint from the church radiators & heating pipes. For health & safety purposes, special plastic screens have been erected over the side-aisles to minimise dust & other air pollution. The church will be closed while this vital work is being carried out. Volunteers are requested to assist with the clean-up on Tuesday after 4 o'clock & on Wednesday morning; and are advised to bring with them a face-mask, gloves and suitable clothing. Vacuum cleaners, dustpans and brooms are also requested if available. If anyone owns or has access to a *paint sprayer*; this is also requested. Please consult either Rev. Charles Duncombe or Mrs. Joy Farmer for more details.

**ALTAR SERVER AWARD:** This morning during Mass in Tenbury Wells, DEVIN BOBAN, will receive the Bronze Medal of the Guild of St. Stephen. He has joined Cameron & Gabriel as regular altar servers at the Sacred Heart Church and with them he is helping in the Sacristy in preparation for Mass, & clearing away afterwards. He has been an excellent server since he began over a year ago, and fully deserves this award.

**RETREAT:** The Rev. Charles Duncombe & his wife will be attending the Diocesan Deacons' Retreat at Douai Abbey, Berkshire, this week-end.

CONFIRMATION: Parents of Confirmation candidates are reminded of the meeting on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm. in the Adams Lounge.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Bishop Conference of England & Wales enjoins all the Faithful to strenuously oppose the proposed new Bill legalising Assisted Suicide. Please contact your local MP and see [www.cbcew.org.uk/reasons-to-oppose-assisted-suicide/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/reasons-to-oppose-assisted-suicide/). *The Catholic Church teaches that life is a gift to be cherished and cared for at all stages until natural death and that it is morally wrong to intentionally end one's own life or that of another persons, including at their request.*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: To-day is World Mission Sunday; a second collection will be taken for the upkeep of the Catholic Missions across the world; which bring both Christian truth and material aid to some of the poorest and most inhospitable places. Please give generously and consider using a Missio envelope or taking up a Red Box.

A POCKETFUL of PRAYERS in the CATHOLIC TRADITION: Monsignor Michael Sharkey, a priest of this Diocese has edited a prayer companion for the forthcoming Jubilee Year. A form is at the back of our churches for those who would like us to order a copy (£3 each.) and our order will be placed at the beginning of November.

PARISH CONSULTATIVE MEETING: Our meeting last Monday was very well attended, and much discussion centred on Parish communication systems. This will be very important as the shortage of priests may require information to be relayed to parishioners at short notice (e.g., availability of Mass times etc.). We are at present negotiating with the Diocese for their advice. It was agreed unanimously that, in the event of sudden unavailability of a priest in a given parish in our 'cluster' (Kidderminster, Tenbury, Stourport, Bewdley, Harvington & Droitwich Spa) the Masses in that parish should lapse and information be communicated to parishioners with as much notice as possible (hence, the previous plan). It was agreed that we should revive *Music for Middlebrows* (with the help of Jerry Price, Head of Music at Winterfold House School; Matthew Johnson, our own Director of Music & Choirmaster; and the Parish Priest, all of whom will present personal choices of music in a social way.). After Christmas there will be another JOURNEY IN FAITH gathering; and a TRIDUUM will be arranged to coincide with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. We hope to co-ordinate our Parish Groups under FIVE main headings: (1) Liturgy; (2) Prayer & Devotion; (3) Evangelisation & Mission; (4) Pastoral Care; (5) Fabric, Finance & Administration. This should bring a renewed vitality to our many groups, and help us in bringing more of our parishioners into working with us; increasing our Mass attendance, and helping us to renew our Faith.

UBI CARITAS: His Grace the Archbishop has approved the award of the Diocesan medal *Ubi Caritas* to CHRISTINE VASS for her many years contributing to the life of our parish; and the local Church. She has twice been President of the Union of Catholic Mothers foundation in our Parish, and Secretary to the Wolverhampton Section. She was co-founder (in 1983) of St. Ambrose's Playgroup, was a Foundation Governor of our School and Chairman of the Parents' Association both here, and at Hagley RC High School. There is very little that goes on in the parish without her contributing as Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Church cleaner and 'emergency' parish secretary when necessary, Choir & Folk Group member. This is a very well deserved affirmation, and will be presented by Bishop David Evans on St. Ambrose's Day, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

NOVEMBER & the HOLY SOULS: The annual Mass for our deceased parishioners will be on All Souls Day, **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 pm.** in St. Ambrose's. A special invitation will be sent to those families who have been bereaved during this past year, but all parishioners are invited. Other Masses on that day will be at 8:30 am. (St. Ambrose's) and 10:30 am. (Tenbury Wells). Envelopes are available in both of our churches to receive the names of those who are to be remembered; these may be placed in the baskets provided in the sanctuaries during the month of Holy Souls. Prayers for the Dead and the blessing of graves will be in Kidderminster Cemetery and the Wyre Forest Cemetery on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm.** Please make this known to those who may wish to attend.

CELEBRATION: On **Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** there will be a Mass in School at 6 pm. followed by a Buffet Supper and I hope that very many of our parishioners will be able to attend, to meet the staff and to see the excellent facilities that have been provided for so many of our children. Events such as this may help to integrate more of our families into the life of our parish, and this will be to the benefit of us all.

MITE SCHEME: A huge 'Thank you' to the kind parishioners of St. Ambrose's for the £65 that has gone to this small charity; bring this years total to £125. At least 9 million re-hydration sachets have been administered since the charity was founded in 1986. St. Ambrose's & Sacred Heart have paid for at least 25,000. Many lives have been saved, please keep collecting for 5 pence coins, they mean a lot of help in poor countries.

#### PARISH FINANCES:

Collections (All churches): £295.63

Gift Aid (All churches): £170

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, Teresa Friar, 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, Jessie Tolley, Jill Tombs, Christopher Tovey, Frances Tovey, Lynn Tovey, Lyndon Whatley and Fr Graham Wilkinson.

WEEKEND MASSES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES: Ludlow Sat 6 pm/Sun 11 am; Cleobury 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 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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