

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

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*The SIXTH SUNDAY of YEAR C*  
*ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT,*  
*IN CHRIST.*

Psalter Week: II                      Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Preface of Sunday VII.      Eucharistic Prayer II.      Acclamation I.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY**      *Feria.*  
February 17<sup>th</sup>      8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
                            9 am. Intentions of McCrea Family followed by Pro-Life Rosary.  
                            1 pm. (St. Mary's, Tenbury Wells) Funeral Service: Martin O' Toole RIP

**TUESDAY**      *Feria.*  
February 18<sup>th</sup>      8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
                            9 am. Deceased of the Lynch Family

**WEDNESDAY** *Feria.*  
February 19<sup>th</sup>      8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
                            9 am. Deceased of the Ford & Weaver Families

**THURSDAY**      *Feria.*  
February 20<sup>th</sup>      8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
                            9 am. Terry Maguire RIP  
                            11 am. (Our Lady & St. Kenelm, Halesowen) Funeral Mass: Brian Stone RIP  
                            7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with The Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

**FRIDAY**      *Memorial of St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
February 21<sup>st</sup>      8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
                            9 am. Private Intention (in Thanksgiving)

**SATURDAY**      *Feast of the Chair of St. Peter*  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>      8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer  
                            9 am. Thomas Massey RIP followed by Rosary & Novena devotions

**SUNDAY NEXT** will be the *SEVENTH SUNDAY of YEAR C*  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>      9 am. (Tenbury Wells) Johnson Fund Intention  
                            11 am. Tommy Purcell RIP  
                            6 pm. The People of the Parish

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

**TEAS & COFFEES** after 11 am Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: Mrs. A. Harris, Mrs. J. Knowles & Mrs. M. Strangward

**ADDITIONAL MINISTERS:**      11 am. A. Harris                                      6 pm. M. Day  
**READERS:**                                      11 am. D. Duncombe                                      6 pm. M. Tavares

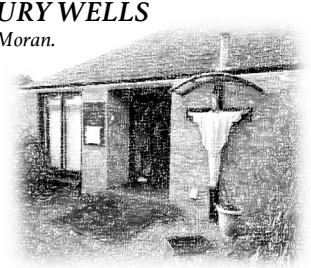
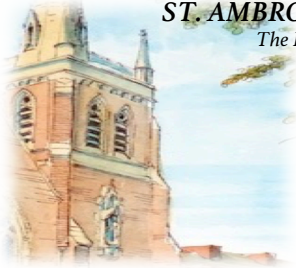
**CLEANING TEAM:**                                      B. Friday morning  
**TENBURY:**                                      Additional minister: A. Stanley                                      Reader: M. Bowdler

**PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:** Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of Fr. George Brewster, priest here 1935-37; who died February 27<sup>th</sup> 1990; and for Fr. George Tarrant, priest here 1960-61, who died February 27<sup>th</sup> 2004. May they rest in peace.  
**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the maintenance of St. Chad's Cathedral.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for MARIA CHOLOWA, who lived in our parish for many years and who died in a Nursing Home in Evesham on January 21<sup>st</sup>. She was 97 years old. Her Funeral will be in our church on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

**SOUP & PUDDING LUNCH:** Next Sunday after 11 am. Mass in the Borromeo Hall. Please bring a pot of soup or a favourite pudding, and a donation for the Decoration of the Church. These have been very enjoyable and successful occasions, and have helped us to raise much needed funds. We hope that those who haven't been able to come on previous occasions will feel welcome to take part NEXT SUNDAY!

**CHURCH DECORATION:** Thanks to the several volunteers who have worked so diligently in recent weeks. There is still some 'ladder' work to be done but other tasks like cleaning brasses, carefully cleaning the stained glass, some low level painting could well be tackled during a mornings work. Please volunteer even an hour or two, to give support and encouragement to the main team, and to enable the work to be completed sooner.



**PARISH GROUPS:** We are fortunate to have so many groups in our parish, offering opportunities to participate in Parish life. Some are purely social, others offer spiritual support and growth in Faith. There are those who give service to others. Sadly, some of our groups do not seem to be particularly attractive to the majority of our parishioners. It may be that we should renew and revitalise what we are doing. To help us to consider what may be necessary there is to be a meeting in the Adams Lounge on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.; most groups have been invited but ALL parishioners are welcome to attend.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** will begin with an informative event at St Joseph and St. Helen's Church Hall on Sunday 2nd March at 3pm. It will be followed by 40 days of Prayer Vigil from 8am - 8pm outside that Church during Lent. We are all called to be involved in the protection of life from conception to natural death and you are invited to be a prayer partner at the vigil or to commit to personal prayer. For further information please contact M. Roy 07796671074 or P. Young 07866806660.

**WORLD BOOK DAY –** A message from Miss Brewer - at *St Ambrose Catholic Primary School* on *Thursday 6th March*. We would like to invite parishioners into school for a cup of tea and a biscuit at 10.15am. Our School Reading Ambassadors would love to read some of their favourite stories to you.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025** will take place on Friday 7th March 2025 at 10.30am Kidderminster Elim Church and at 6pm Franche Community Church. The ecumenical Service is written by the women of the Cook Islands and the theme is "*I made you wonderful*". It is a very beautiful and timely focus on the sanctity of life, created by God, and should be supported by everyone concerned by the rising tide of destruction of life by personal choice. Please see the Posters in Church and the Borromeo Hall for further information. Madeleine Roy madeleinotom@aol.com

**ST AMBROSE AND ST WULSTAN'S COMMUNITY EVENT:** Where: St Ambrose Catholic Primary School. When - Friday 10th March 2025. Time: 3 - 6pm. We want to help our local families and community by offering a Spring Community Cafe. There will be free refreshments, a bouncy castle and ice-cream van (chargeable), mental health professionals, local community support, health specialists, youth workers and our safer neighbourhood team. All families are welcome to attend.

**LENT at ST. AMBROSE'S:** The programme is now confirmed as follows:

**MARCH 11<sup>th</sup> – MATTERS of FAITH:** led by Gail Brown of Harvington and the Revd. Christopher Henson, Vicar of Romsley.

**MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> – THE ORTHODOX TRADITION:** introduced by Father Nenad, Priest at the Serbian Orthodox Church in Bournville, accompanied by Cantors.

**MARCH 25<sup>th</sup> – MUSIC in my LIFE:** An evening with Jerry Price, Head of Music at Winterfold House School, who has established a very high standard of performance, almost second to none.

**APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> – THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Fr. Philip Griffin, Parish Priest of Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge, will lead a workshop in this sacrament to help us prepare for Easter.

**APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> – MAGGIE WOLLOSHIN:** of our Tenbury Wells community will speak of the spirituality of Lourdes, her work with MOTHER TERESA, her support of a victim of clergy abuse, and accompanying the last weeks of the life of a much loved family member.

**IRISH CHARITY CONCERT** in aid of Kemp Hospice and Brain Tumour Research In St Ambrose Parish Hall, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, DY102BY. On Sat 15th March 2024 7.30pm – 11.00pm A celebration of Irish music, song and dance.

There will be a Raffle during the evening for a range of exciting prizes! Teas, coffee, sandwiches, rolls available to purchase!

Admission Adults £10.00 Children under 16 £5.00 Bring your own drinks! Tickets available from Charlie Villa 07759629938, Sinead Maffei 07980846301 and Mary Preston 07513 295817.

**ADMISSION TO THE SACRAMENTS:** A group of parishioners (some of whom were parents who will soon be preparing children for their first Sacraments) met on Tuesday evening and a very fruitful and positive meeting made the following suggestions:

- a) that there should be an anniversary Mass each year to celebrate those families that have celebrated Baptism.
- b) to parents of children in Year 2 (6+/7 years) should receive preparation in the year before first Sacraments are to be received.
- c) we should seek sufficient volunteers to run an effective Children's Liturgy
- d) we should work very closely with the school and our teachers.
- e) that each period of preparation (for First Holy Communion & for Confirmation) should begin with a Mass for families, teachers & everyone else who will be involved.
- f) we should try to formulate an Induction programme for those families bringing their children for Baptism.

**MITE SCHEME:** Warmest thanks to the generous parishioners who enabled us to send a cheque for £160 as our last payment to the Mite Scheme, which closed on January 31<sup>st</sup>. That means 3,200 re-hydration sachets from people in Gaza & Lebanon, where cholera is breaking out in some areas. Fr Lamb has kindly agreed to us continuing to save 5 pence coins and I shall find out if CAN for a similar charity will welcome our donations. Thank you! Jennifer Bush.

**FINANNCES:** Offertory (all) £291.37. Gift Aid (all) £156.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Joyce Berry, Trina Cole, Clare Conway, Olive Cooke, Alan Cunningham, Michael Dunne, Fr. Bruce Dutton, Betty Elwes, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Emilia Gissyng, 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, Ethel Thomas, Ren Edward Evans, Ian Page, Jan Richards, Betty Elwes.

**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.