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



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Sunday, August 24th 2025.

Parish Priest: Canon Douglas Lamb.

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PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS: Mary Preston. Tel. 0751 3295 817

The Twentieth Sunday of the Year (C)

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IN CHRIST.

Psalter Week I.

The Preface of Sundays, Eucharistic Prayer & Acclamation are at the discretion of the visiting Celebrant.

TIMES of HOLY MASS, FEAST DAYS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY Feria. August 25th 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion followed by *Pro-Life Rosary*. TUESDAY Bld. Dominic Barberi; 19th century Passionist missionary who preached extensively in this Diocese, and received St. August 26th John Henry Newman into the Church in October 1845. 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion WEDNESDAY Mem. of St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine of Hippo, converting him by the constancy of her prayers. August 27th 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion **THURSDAY** Mem. of St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, one the towering figures of Christian orthodoxy; August 28th baptised by St. Ambrose. 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion 7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with the Office of Compline at 8:30 pm. FRIDAY Mem. of the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist August 29th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer 9 am. Laraine Maguire RIP 12 noon. Funeral Mass: Anthony Davies RIP 3:30 pm. (Crematorium) Funeral: Patrick Stewart RIP **SATURDAY** Mem. of SS. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Maragret Ward; three canonised female English Martyrs. August 30th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer 9 am. Int. of Martin Grovenor followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions.

SUNDAY NEXT is the Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year (C).

August 31st 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) Decd. of the Baker Family.

11 am. The People of the Parish

6 pm. Kate Fidoe RIP

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. Cunlifee, B. Martin & C. Vass

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. E. Fox 6 pm. L. Farmer. READERS: 11 am. M. Roy 6 pm. M. Tavares

CLEANING TEAM:

TENBURY: Additional minister: [List forthcoming] Reader: M. Bowdler

REST IN PEACE: ANTHONY DAVIES RIP of Larches Road, died recently. His Funeral Mass will be on August 29th at 12 Noon prior to burial in Kidderminster. His Funeral Mass will be on August 29th at 12 Noon, prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. The Funeral of PATRICK STEWART RIP will be in the Wyre Forest Crematorium on August 29th at 3:30 pm. TERESA REARDON will be received into the church on September 2th at 4:30 pm., her Funeral will follow on Wednesday, September 3th at 3 pm., followed by cremation at Wyre Forest at 4:30 pm. The Funeral details for GEORGE HACKETT RIP will be forthcoming.

CHURCH CLEANING: Please note that the new cleaning rota for September is now available at the back of the church.

CANON LAMB ABSENT: Funeral Masses will resume from August 29th onwards, arranged with consultation via Rev. Charles Duncombe and / or Joseph Moran. E-mails & answerphone messages will be collected regularly. In case of serious emergency please contact: Fr. Richard Sharples (St. Wulstan's, Stourport on Severn) 01299 822633 or Our Lady & All Saints, Stourbridge, 01384 395308.

TOMBOLA DONATIONS: Call for Prizes - please donate prizes for the Tombola, especially bottles, but anything suitable and good quality will be gratefully received. You can drop off donations at the Rectory or contact JOY FARMER on 0751 7294 175.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Saturday, September 6th in London. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. A coach leaves from Our Lady & All Saints church in Stourbridge, DY8 1PQ at 6:30 am. Seats are £25, payable in advance. Contact Alice: 0784-5706-362.

PILGRIMS PROGRESS (5): Medjugorje 2011. There were four of us all together, not really knowing what to expect or the best way of getting there. After an arduous journey of connecting flights, races through airports and what can only be described as a hair-raising transfer along Bosnian mountain roads, we finally arrived. Cold, tired, hungry and in the dark. I had the most awful migraine.

After a few paracetamol and grumblings from my companions we made our way to the church for mass. It was Saturday night. The custom at that time was to have Adoration following mass on Saturday evenings. As it was late November, Adoration took place inside St. James' church. That first Adoration in Medjugorje is something that will stay with me. All the pews were full, there wasn't even standing room in the porch...and yet, more and more of the faithful appeared. Families with young children, fathers with toddlers in pushchairs squeezed their way up the aisles until even the aisles were full and literally dropped to their knees in silence. What a sight to behold! There was not an inch of floor space left. To see that kind of devotion touches the heart and changes it. I have returned to Medjugorje many times since as I feel drawn there. I have climbed the mountains and embraced the warmth and solidarity I feel from the many pilgrims who take their intentions there. However, it is always Adoration that I find the most moving; but I have come to realise that it is the same meeting of hearts that draws me, that is available to us in our own parish every Thursday night.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Allsopp, Trina Cole, Clare Conway, Olive Cooke, Alan Cunningham, Charlotte Doohan, Michael Dunne, Fr. Bruce Dutson, Ren Edward Evans, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Emilia Gissyng, Margaret Grimley, Lola Hartland, Kathleen Hegarty, Annie Holcroft, Margaret Holmes, Christine Hopkins, Boban Joseph, Shirley Keogh, Joan Kinsella, Pam Lay, Francesca Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Catherine Malcolmson-Priest, James McCarthy, Barry McManmon, Sheila Mikulicz, John Nangle, Brigid Nestor, William Nixon, Fran Oborski, Ian Page, Bridget Power, Veronica Pugh, Amanda Rattigan, Sarah Rejman-Greene, Jan Richards, Jackie Sands, Thomas Smith, Anthea Speers, Liz Steadman, Ray Stride, Ethel Thomas, Jim Thomas, Margaret Tillott, Jill Tombs, Christopher Tovey, Lynn Tovey, Lyndon Whatley, Michael Williams, Nuala O'Toole, Keith Weaver.

WEEK-END MASS TIMES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:

 Ludlow: Sat 6 pm./Sun 11 am.
 Cleobury Mortimer: Sun 9 am.
 Stourport: S

 8:30 am. & 11 am.
 Harvington: Sun 8:30 am. & 10:30 am.
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Stourport: Sat 5:30 pm. & Sun 10 am. **Stourbridge**: Sat 5 pm./ Sun **Droitwich Spa**: Sun 8:30 am. 10:30 am & 6 pm. **Bromsgrove:** Sat 6

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