

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



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Sunday, September 7th 2025.



Parish Priest: Canon Douglas Lamb.

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

Secretary to Canon D. Lamb: Mr Joseph Moran.

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The Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year (C)



ONE BODY,

ONE SPIRIT,

IN CHRIST.

Psalter Week III.

Preface of Sunday I.

Eucharistic Prayer I.

Acclamation III.

TIMES of HOLY MASS, FEAST DAYS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY *The Nativity of Our Lady.*
September 8th 8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Joan Battye RIP followed by *Pro-Life Rosary.*

TUESDAY *Feria.*
September 9th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Frances Tovey RIP

WEDNESDAY *Mem. of St. Egwin; 8th century Bishop of Worcester, Founder of Evesham Abbey*
September 10th 8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9:15 am. Brian Lynch RIP

THURSDAY *Feria.*
September 11th 8:50 am. (Winterfold) Decd. of the Baker family
11:30 am. Theresa Homes (Anniv.)
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with the Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY *Mem. of the Most Holy Name of Mary.*
September 12th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Teresa Reardon RIP

SATURDAY *Mem. of St. John Chrysostom; a 4th century Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
September 13th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer
9 am. Laraine Maguire RIP followed by *Rosary & Novena Devotions.*
(12 noon. Our Lady & St. Egwin, Evesham) The Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

SUNDAY NEXT *is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Roodmas)*
September 14th 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) The Int. of the Curry family.
11 am. Union of Catholic Mothers Mass of Thanksgiving
6 pm. Fr. Paul Chavasse (Anniv.)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday (No Confessions; Evesham Pilgrimage) and at any other time by request.
TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am. Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: A. Harris, J. Knowles & M. Strangward
ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. T. Hart 6 pm. N/A
READERS: 11 am. M. Cunliffe 6 pm. D. Duncombe & N. Awolola (UCM Mass)
CLEANING TEAM: A (Wednesday morning)
TENBURY: Additional minister: B. Piessel Reader: E. McEwan
THE FAMILY ASSEMBLY: Sun, Oct. 5th

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES: Of your charity pray for the repose of Fr. William O'Dowd, priest here 1908-13, who died on September 11th 1920. May he rest in peace.

LATELY DEAD: The Funeral Mass for George HACKETT will be on Friday, September 26th at 11:30 am. prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. Please pray for Reginald REYNOLDS, at whose Funeral Service Deacon Charles Duncombe presided on Friday. Please pray for the repose of the soul of David McDermott, husband of Alison, who died this past week. May he rest in peace. Pray also for the repose of Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent, who died on Friday at the age of 92, a devout Catholic who demonstrated many years of steadfast service to the nation.

UCM: Meets on Monday at 7:30 pm. in the Adams Lounge. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come along and find out more about the Union of Catholic Mothers. We look forward to seeing you.

WORCESTER DEANERY: The clergy of the Worcester Deanery will meet on Tuesday at Our Lady & St. Joseph's, Alcester

CMS: The next meeting of the CMS will be held on the 10th of September at 7.30pm in the Wheatley room. The topic this month is the 6th plan Holy Orders, as usual could you please read the topic prior to the meeting. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

THE COMPANIONS: will meet on Thursday September 11th at 12:30pm in the Adams Lounge. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided. Widows, widowers and those who live alone are warmly welcomed.

PRAYER GROUP(S): After the meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Forum, Deacon Charles Duncombe suggested that we look at the possibility of establishing Prayer Group(s) in our own parish. This will be important for us, ensuring that all the other things we so are supported by prayer, and rooted in Christ our Lord. We do have our Prayer Network already, which does wonderful work in praying for the many intentions commended to it. We need to discern whether this should be extended, or whether it would be important to add to its scope by other groups meeting for prayer. We shall consult during the coming weeks, and perhaps bring parishioners together to discuss what may be necessary and possible.

EVESHAM PILGRIMAGE:

Departure: from St. Ambrose's church at 10:30 am. on Saturday, September 13th.

Mass at Evesham will be at 12 pm. It is recommended you bring a packed lunch.

Departure: 3 pm. approx. Aiming to return to later than 4 pm.

Cost £15 per person. Place payment in an envelope clearly marked with 'Payment for Evesham Pilgrimage' with your name(s). Please give payment to the Rectory or to Cris Crassus.

ST. AMBROSE'S SCHOOL: The new school year began during this past week. Our Staff joined with the Staff of St. Wulstan's School, Stourport, for Mass on Monday; and the whole school came together for Mass on Friday morning. Two new members of Staff have joined the school, Mr BEN HOLMAN, who will teach in Year 6, and Mrs Natasha POINTER, one of our own parishioners who is awaiting release from her present school. Let us keep the school in our prayers.

THE BIRMINGHAM ORATORY: As parishioners may have seen, His Majesty the King visited the Oratory on Wednesday, to signify his particular interest in St. John Henry Newman. His visit can be viewed on YouTube. Next Sunday, September 13th, those not joining the Deanery Pilgrimage to Evesham may like to attend a Fund Raising Day at the Oratory (11:30 am. - 2:30 pm.) in support of the BENEDICTINES of MARY, a community being established at Colwich Abbey. There will be classical music, children's games, homemade cakes, food, cheese & wine, handicrafts and books; copies of CDs recorded by the Sisters, and a raffle with prizes including £200 and six bottles of Cava. All this for a £10 donation for adults on entry.

SOUP & PUDDING: will start again on Sunday, September 21st after morning Mass. Donations toward this popular fixture of parish life are welcomed; Soups, puddings and associated homemade items are warmly welcomed. Please contact JOY FARMER for further information. Thank you.

FULL COMMUNION: We pray for Marlene CUPPER who was conditionally Baptised, Confirmed and received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church during Mass at 11 am. last Sunday.

UCM 50th ANNIVERSARY: 2025 marks of 50th anniversary of the establishment of the St. Ambrose's Foundation of the Union of Catholic Mothers. The 11 am. Mass next Sunday will be a celebration of this anniversary. The Mass will be followed by a buffet in the Borromeo Hall.

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION: There will be a Holy Hour and the Commissioning (and re-Commissioning) of Additional Ministers of Holy Communion on Thursday, October 2nd. All Ministers from both our churches are asked to be available for this period of reflection and for Commissioning.

HARVINGTON JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE: Will be on Sunday, September 7th at 3 pm., with the opportunity for Confessions available from 1:45 pm. - 2:20 pm. The Principal Celebrant of the Mass is His Grace the Archbishop. Car parking is free. Please note it is essential that you bring your own seating/chairs and a packed lunch. Free timed tours of the Hall are available to pilgrims and can be arranged on the day in the Courtyard.

CHOIR: Sung Masses will resume this weekend. Any prospective new members are warmly invited to introduce themselves after morning Mass on Sunday, 7th September, or at the first rehearsal of the new term on Wednesday, 10th September at 7pm.

PARISH SUNDAY LITURGY: From the week beginning Sunday, September 7th I am going to request Joseph Moran to make contact with the appointed Reader and Eucharistic Minister for the St. Ambrose's Masses for the upcoming week-end. The Reader and Additional Minister are asked to make themselves known to the Deacon of the Mass to which they have been assigned, in the Sacristy five minutes before the Mass begins.

BAPTISM MEETING: Tuesday, September 23rd at 7 pm. in the Adams Lounge.

DEANERY YOUTH LEADERS DAY: This will take place in Sacred Heart parish, Droitwich Spa, on September 27th. If anyone has an interest in attending, please notify the Parish Priest, or Deacon Charles Duncombe.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: This year the Macmillan Coffee Morning will be on Sunday, September 28th in the Borromeo Hall after the 11 am. Mass. Please make a note in your diary and support this very worthwhile cause.

FRIENDS of the HOLY LAND: At 11 am Mass on Sunday, October 5th 2020, Charlie Villa of the Kidderminster & District Circle of the Catenian Association will speak about the work of the Friends of the Holy Land and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank & Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection and some leaflets and newsletters will be available from other members of the Catenian Association at the back of the church. Please give generously.

THANKS: The Baby & Toddler group has made a further donation of £200, which we gratefully acknowledge.

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 Gissyn, 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.
8:30 am. & 11 am.
pm. / Sun. 8:30 am & 10:30 am.

Cleobury Mortimer: Sun 9 am.
Harvington: Sun 8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

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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