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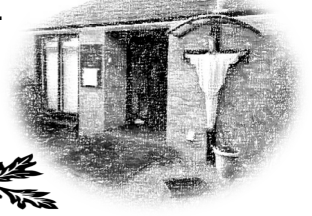
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Sunday, December 14th 2025

GAUDETE SUNDAY

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(YEAR A)

ONE BODY,

ONE SPIRIT,

IN CHRIST.

Psalter Week III.

Preface I of Advent.

Eucharistic Prayer III.

Acclamation II.

TIMES of HOLY MASS, FEAST DAYS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY ADVENT FERIA.

December 15th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.
9 am. The Holy Souls *followed by Pro-Life Rosary.*
10:30 am. Funeral Mass: Patrick TOLLEY RIP.
7:30 pm. Parish Carol Service.

TUESDAY ADVENT FERIA.

December 16th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.
9 am. Clifton & Enid Young RIP.
9:45 am. Confessions in the School.
2:30 pm. KS2 Christmas Service
6 pm. Holy Rosary (Intercessory Prayer Group)

WEDNESDAY ADVENT FERIA.

O SAPIENTIA

December 17th 8:55 am. Office of Morning Prayer.
9 am. Mother Ignatius Murray (Anniv.)
2:30 pm. KS2 Christmas Service.

THURSDAY ADVENT FERIA.

O ADONAI

December 18th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.
9 am. Deceased of the Baker family.
7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY ADVENT FERIA.

O RADIX JESSE

December 19th 8:55 am. Mass with Office of Morning Prayer.
9:30 am. (Whole School) Elizabeth Lamb RIP.
2 pm. Funeral Mass: Anthony QUINN RIP.

SATURDAY ADVENT FERIA.

O CLAVIS DAVID

December 20th 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.
9 am. Thomas & Winifred Massey RIP.

SUNDAY NEXT is The FOURTH Sunday in Advent.

O ORIENS

December 21st 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) Catherine Lynch (Anniv.)
11 am. Revd. Bill Adams RIP.
6 pm. The People of the Parish.

CONFESSIONS: Thursday 7:30 pm. – 8:30 pm., 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: J & P Harler, A. Colclough & J. Walker.

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. A. Goode. 6 pm. J. Kuruvilla.

READERS: 11 am. K. Sy. 6 pm. M. Tavares.

CLEANING TEAM: B (Friday morning)

TENBURY: Additional minister: A. Stanley Reader: J. Hughes.

NECROLOGY: Of thy charity pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Fergus O' Connell, Priest of this Parish 1992-3; who died December 16th 2005. May he rest in peace.

AT A GLANCE:

- **UCM CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- **PARISH CAROL SERVICE**
- **SCHOOL (KS2) CAROL SERVICE**
- **FRIENDSHIP CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH**
- **SCHOOL (KS2) CHRISTMAS SERVICE**
- **CHRISTMAS SOUP & PUDDING PARTY**

Monday, December 15th 12:30 pm. Adams Lounge.
Monday, December 15th 7:30 pm. in church.
Tuesday, December 16th 2:30 pm. in church.
Wednesday, December 17th 12 noon Little Lakes Golf Club.
Wednesday, December 17th 2:30 pm. in church.
Sunday, December 21st 12 noon Borromeo Hall.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- **Christmas Eve (Wednesday)**
Morning Prayer 8:45 am. Mass 9 am.
Family Mass 5pm. Mass at Midnight (carols beforehand)
Mass in Sacred Heart (Tenbury Wells) 7:30 pm.
- **Christmas Day (Thursday)**
Mass at 9 am. (Old Rite, Latin) 10:30 am. Mass with Carols.

FAMILY ASSEMBLY - Nativity Service for children,
young persons and families, will be in church today at 3 pm.

REQUIESCANT: There are two Funeral Masses in the coming week: Patrick TOLLEY RIP (Monday 10:30 am.) and Anthony QUINN RIP (Friday 2 pm.). We pray also for Sheila Collins RIP of Clows Top, whose Funeral Mass will be in the Sacred Heart Church in Tenbury Wells on Tuesday, December 23rd at 11 am. prior to burial in Bayton Churchyard. May they rest in peace.

POINSETTIAS: We hope to continue our tradition of placing POINSETTIAS around the Cri again this year. These may be brought during the third and fourth weeks of Advent, and may be placed for any intention. It is appropriate to indicate with a label what the intention may be so that those who visit the Crib may pray.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: There are lists at the back of St. Ambrose's for volunteer Readers and Ministers for the Christmas Masses at 5 pm (December 24th) MIDNIGHT and 10:30 am on Christmas Day. Please sign TODAY. Thank you.

INTERCESSORY GROUP ROSARY: Will be prayed each Tuesday in Advent at 6:30 pm. in the church.

BAZAAR: It was a wonderful effort with some very attractive stalls, and generously donated gifts and prizes. Our grateful thanks to everyone who contributed, and those who spent time in preparation and in clearing away afterwards. The final total was in excess of £1600.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: The Carol Service will be in church tomorrow evening at 7:30 pm. It will be by candlelight and is always extremely beautiful. Afterwards, there will be mulled wine and mince pies in the Adams Lounge and the Raffle & the 200 Club Grand Draw will take place. Any remaining counterfoils and money should be returned to the Rectory as soon as possible before tomorrow evening. Please make a final effort to buy / sell tickets to make the Raffle as successful as possible.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS: Are now available £1 per book. We encourage everyone to buy and sell as many tickets as possible this year.

CHRISTMAS SOUP & PUDDING PARTY: Will be on December 21st in the Borromeo Hall at 12 noon and it is requested that any who is willing to help with serving and washing up, which will be highly appreciated, please contact Joy Farmer.

CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE GLOBES: As is now our annual custom, the Memory Globe Tree will be erected in the church next Sunday. Please pay a fee of £1 to the Rectory BEFORE putting your Memory Globe onto the tree; also please clearly indicate your name and what the £1 is for on an envelope. This helps us recoup the cost of the tree.

SCHOOL KSI NATIVITY SERVICE: Congratulations to the whole of Key Stage 1, their teachers and staff, for the wonderful productions during the week. The Key Stage 2 presentation will be in church on Tuesday and Wednesday at 2:30 pm. on both days.

200 CLUB: Subscriptions / renewals are now due. There is a total prize fund of £2,500, equating to monthly prizes of £75, £50, £25 along with the Big Christmas Draw with prizes of £400, £200, £100. The 200 Club is a source of vital income to support and maintain our Parish community. In 2025 the 200 Club contributed over £3,500 to parish funds. All monies raised go directly to the parish and are not subject to levies or on-costs. The cost is £24 per annum per number, payable in January. Please consider paying by standing order; it's easy to do and saves replying on memory each year. New members will always be welcome, just fill in the form at the back of the church and put it on the collection plate or hand directly in to the Rectory. Any queries please contact MARTIN GROVENOR using details given on the application.

CHURCH CLEANING: The BIG CLEAN for Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 20th after 9 am. Mass. We should be grateful for help from parishioners, not just those on the usual cleaning rota.

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, 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, Keith Weaver, Michele Butera, Margaret Strangward, Jennifer Bush, Yvonne Pathe, Alberto Maffei, Sarah Ballentine.

WEEK-END MASS TIMES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:

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| Ludlow: Sat 6 pm./Sun 11 am. | Stourport: Sat 5:30 pm. & Sun 10 am. | Harvington: Sun 8:30 am. & 10:30 am. | Bromsgrove: Sat 6 pm. / Sun. 8:30 am & 10:30 am. |
| Cleobury Mortimer: Sun 9 am. | Stourbridge: Sat 5 pm./ Sun 8:30 am. & 11 am. | Droitwich Spa: Sun 8:30 am. 10:30 am & 6 pm. | Warndon (Worcester): Sun. 5 pm. |

This Parish operates in accordance with 'Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures' at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Peter Harler, Niall Doherty & Maggie Wolloshin (Tenbury Wells). They can be contacted at: sg.stambrose.kidderminster@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the 'Diocesan Safeguarding team' can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns. This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216.