



**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 2025**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**'O ORIENS'**

**(YEAR A)**

**ONE BODY,**

**ONE SPIRIT,**

**IN CHRIST.**

Psalter Week IV.

Preface II of Advent.

Eucharistic Prayer I.

Acclamation III.

***TIMES of HOLY MASS, FEAST DAYS & INTENTIONS***



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**MONDAY      ADVENT FERIA.      O REX GENTIUM**

December 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.  
9 am. Elin Young RIP *followed by Pro-Life Rosary.*  
7 pm. Penitential Service at St. George's, Worcester.

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**TUESDAY      ADVENT FERIA.      O EMMANUEL**

December 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.  
9 am. Richard Tovey (Anniv.)  
11 am. (Tenbury Wells) Funeral Mass: Sheila COLLINS RIP.  
7 pm. Penitential Service at Sacred Heart, Droitwich Spa.

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**WEDNESDAY      ADVENT FERIA. (Christmas Eve).      O SAPIENTIA**

December 24<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.  
9 am. Matteo & Michela Butera RIP.  
***Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity.***  
5 pm. Family Mass Atticus Hyde RIP.  
7:30 pm. (Tenbury Wells) Carols followed by the First Mass of Christmas. Fr. Leo Morahan RIP.  
MIDNIGHT (St. Ambrose's) Monsignor Thomas Gavin (Anniv.)

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**THURSDAY      SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY.**

December 25<sup>th</sup> 9 am. *Missa Aurora* (Old Rite, Latin) The People of the Parish.  
10:30 am. Deceased of the Connolly & Harris Families RIP.  
\*Please note the church is now closed until the noon of St. Stephen's day (December 26<sup>th</sup>).

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**FRIDAY      FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN THE PROTO-MARTYR: FIRST MARTYR of the CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**

December 26<sup>th</sup> 12 noon. Joe Farmer (Anniv.)

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**SATURDAY      FEAST OF JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST.**

December 27<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer.  
10 am. Fr. Gerard McGinty (Anniv.) *followed by Rosary & Novena devotions.*

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**SUNDAY NEXT is The FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH.**

December 28<sup>th</sup> 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) The People of the Parish.  
11 am. Fr. Francis Etherington (Anniv.)  
**NO EVENING MASS.**

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**CONFESSIONS:** After morning Mass on Monday & at any other time by request. Please note the Penitential Services in the Deanery.

**TEAS & COFFEES** after 11 am. Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: M. Cunliffe, B. Martin & C. Vass.

**ADDITIONAL MINISTERS:** 11 am. A. Harris      6 pm. A. Nicholls

**READERS:** 11 am. D. Duncombe      6 pm. N. Awolola

**CLEANING TEAM:** N/A

**TENBURY:** Additional minister: M. Bowdler      Reader: Rev. S. Thomas.

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**NECROLOGY:** Of thy charity pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Colum McCabe, Priest of this Parish 1939-45; who died December 26<sup>th</sup> 2002. May he rest in peace.

**REQUIESCANT:** 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am. prior to burial in Bayton Churchyard. May they rest in peace.

**MARY & MIKE PRESTON:** In recent weeks, Mary & Mike Preston have been extremely generous with their time and expertise in catering for various Parish events, in addition to their maintenance of the Adams Lounge and the Borromeo Hall. They have been very genial and hardworking hosts, and it is good for us to record our appreciation for the invaluable contribution that they make to the life of the Parish.

**THE CAROL SERVICE:** Thanks and congratulations to Matthew Johnson and the Choir for the very moving and beautiful Carol Service on Monday evening. It was a wonderful introduction to the days of Advent and our preparations for the Christmas Solemnity.

**POINSETTIAS AT THE CRIB:** These beautiful Christmas flowers may be placed around the Crib at any time before Christmas, with an indication of those intentions for which they are donated.

**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.

**DO NOT BE ALONE AT CHRISTMAS:** A Christmas lunch is being held at Franche Baptist Church from 1 – 3 pm. on Christmas day. Please contact Madeline Roy on 077 9667 1074 if you would like to attend. Transport is available if required.

**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 ur 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.

**200 CLUB:** The Big Christmas Draw took place after the Parish Carol concert on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> December and the lucky winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£400	No. 49	Mrs A. Harris.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£300	No. 88	Mrs S. Keogh.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£100	No. 100	Mrs. M. Vessey.

**MISSIO RED BOXES:** (St. Ambrose's) Boxes have now have emptied and are available from the Sacristy.

**ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:** Several copies of the Archdiocesan Directory (£5) are available from the Rectory.

*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, Johnny Murrelly.*

**WEEK-END MASS TIMES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:**

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