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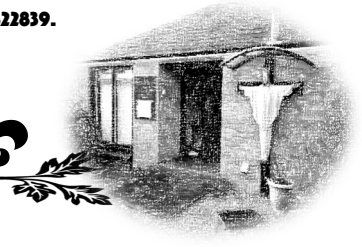
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Parish Priest: Canon Douglas Lamb.

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

Parish Administrator & Secretary to Canon D. Lamb: Mr. Joseph Moran.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS: MARY PRESTON. TEL. 0751-3295-817



Sunday, August 2nd 2026

The Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (A)

ONE BODY,

ONE SPIRIT,

IN CHRIST.

Psalter II

Preface of Sunday II

Eucharistic Prayer I

Acclamation I

TIMES of HOLY MASS, FEAST DAYS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY

August 3rd

Feria.

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Fr. Philip Lynch (Anniversary) *followed by the Holy Rosary for Pro-Life Causes.*

TUESDAY

August 4th

Feria.

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. John Sherlock

WEDNESDAY Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Santa Maria Maggiore)

August 5th

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Intentions of Pat & Terry Hall

THURSDAY

August 6th

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

(Dawn Mass) Hanora Mary O' Brien RIP

***** (Canon Lamb now away from the Parish till August 21st) *****

9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY

August 7th

Feria.

9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

SATURDAY

August 8th

Memorial of St. Dominic; 12th & 13th century Founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion *followed by Novena Devotions*

SUNDAY NEXT is The Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

August 9th

9 am. (Tenbury Wells) The Holy Souls

11 am. Nadine Farmer RIP

***** NO EVENING MASS *****

CONFESSIONS: By request, when a Priest is available (in effect August 6th – August 21st)

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

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. E. Darbyshire

6pm. NO MASS

READERS: 11 am. G. Hodgkinson

6 pm. NO MASS

CLEANING TEAM: C

TENBURY: Additional minister: B. Peissel

Reader: S. Thomas.

+ AT A GLANCE +

- Companions

August 6th in the Adams Lounge at 12:30 pm.

- A.B.C / About Being Catholic

September 5th at 6:30 pm in the Rectory

ABSENT: I will be absent from the Parish from August 6th – 21st. As usual, I will be in Ireland, with a period of retreat at Glenstal Abbey. During that period there will be supply Priests from Oscott College for the Sunday morning Masses; there will NOT be an evening Mass on the two Sundays, August 9th, August 16th. On the weekdays there will be Services of the Word with Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Pastoral enquiries should be made via the Rectory (01562 822839) or stambrosekidderminster@btinternet.com Funerals that are celebrated without Mass will be arranged with the Deacons. For Funeral Masses, arrangements should be made for the week beginning August 24th. Pastoral emergencies may be referred to Stourport (01299 822633) or Stourbridge (01384 395308).

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for HANORA MARY O' BRIEN, for many years the Housekeeper at St. Thomas More's Church in Coventry. She died peacefully last Sunday at the age of ninety-nine. She was exemplary in every way, and her serene and prayerful presence and her excellent cooking did much to make my first three years of Priestly service both fulfilling and enjoyable. May she rest in peace. Please pray also for JOHN SEELEY, an exact contemporary of mine at St. Philip's Grammar School. I was grateful to be able to con-celebrate his Funeral Mass on Thursday, at St. Mary's, Harborne.

'A.B.C.', 'ABOUT BEING CATHOLIC' OR 'ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC': We are aware that there are a number of people who attend our church who would like to know something more about the Faith of the Catholic Church. If there is sufficient interest, we may be able to establish a group to consider and discuss aspects of the Catholic Church in order to deepen knowledge and understanding of the Faith; or, those already associated with us may wish to consider entering into Full Communion with us. Those interested in supporting this initiative are invited to a meeting in the Rectory on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30 pm.

ST. AMBROSE'S COMPANIONS: Will next meet on Thursday, August 6th in the Adams Lounge at 12:30 pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee is provided. If you are widowed, or live alone, you will be made most welcome.

UKRAINIAN GUESTS: The homes for Ukraine Team at Wyre Forest District Council are currently experiencing an urgent need for new sponsors, as the situation in Ukraine continues to escalate and many Ukrainians are still seeking opportunities to find safety in this country. As is well known, we have been hosting a Ukrainian guest in the Rectory for almost three years and it has been a very fruitful opportunity for us. Potential hosts receive guidance, practical advice, and on-going support. There is also a government payment to help recognise the generosity of those who open their homes. Further details from the Parish Priest.

CHURCH READERS' ROTA: The new Rota, starting on August, is now available from the back of the church. Please would all Readers ensure they pick up a copy, and if unable to read on the day allocated arrange to swap with another Reader. Please note that during August the Choir is on holiday; so Readers are asked to read the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: This year we are having a Tombola in place of the usual Raffle. We would be very grateful for donations for this very worthwhile cause. Donations can be left at the Rectory clearly marked Macmillan or FAO Ann Harris. Thank you.

KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK: Is recruiting additional help in the new premises. If you would like more information please contact Dale Evans at dale@kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk or Madeleine Roy 07796671074.

CONFIRMATION 2026: Bishop David Evans has written to let us know that he will visit our Parish on our Patronal Feast Day (December 7th) as usual, to visit the school and confirm our candidates.

MARCH FOR LIFE: On Saturday 5th September to speak up for the unborn and against assisted suicide. This is a loving and family friendly event, promoting help for women pre and post abortion. The coach from Our Lady and all Saints, Stourbridge leaves at 6.30 am., and can be booked through Alice Grennan 07845706362. Should you want transport from St. Ambrose's at 6am please contact Madeleine Roy 07796671074. Your prayers are greatly needed.

ST. AMBROSE'S MITES: (A message from Jennifer Bush) A huge 'Thank you' to all the kind people who gave me their 5 pence collections at the Parish Bonanza. I have sent £50 to the Red Wednesday Appeal and Aid to the Church in Need will match this sum. That's £100 for the truly desperate who have fled their homes due to the persecution of Christians. Homeless, jobless, without Passport or identity. You are helping them, usually with an emergency pack of food and water. Please keep saving those 5 pence coins.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Allsopp, Trina Cole, 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, Bill & Christine Hopkins, Joan Kinsella, Pam Lay, Francesca Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Catherine Malcolmson-Priest, James McCarthy, 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, Ray Stride, Jim Thomas, Margaret Tillott, Jill Tombs, Christopher Tovey, Lynn Tovey, Lyndon Whatley, Michael Williams, Michele Butera, Margaret Strangward, Jennifer Bush, Yvonne Pathe, Alberto Maffei, Sarah Ballentine, Ian Postlethwaite, Mollie Long, Philomena Murrihy, Christianne Flavin, Howard Eeles, Libby Atkins, Anne Eeles, Maria Cosenza, Sharon Collins.

WEEK-END MASS TIMES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES: 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. Clebury 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.