# ST AMBROSE’S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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# SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

**Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Revd Peter Hesketh**

**In Retirement: Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Peter Mason. In Formation: Charles Duncombe, Adam Nicholls & Richard Tovey.**

**Third Sunday Year C Psalter Week 3 CTS Sunday Missal p. 975 Week ending January 26th/27th, 2013**

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: M. **St. Thomas Aquina, Th. St. John Bosco, F. St. Brigid**

 **S. The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**

###### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

**ST. AMBROSE’S**

**Monday 7.30am** David, John & Martin Weaver RIP

**Tuesday 8.30am** Intentions of Wendy Keena

**Wednesday 9.15am** Pat Redmond RIP 11.30 Funeral Service: ROY THOMPSON RIP

**Thursday 11.30a m** Charles & Marie Evans RIP **7.30pm** Adoration, Confessions, Intercession (Compline 9.45 pm)

**Friday 7.10pm** Rosary **7.30pm Holy Communion**

##### Saturday NB 10am Phil Eady RIP (Blessing & Procession of Candles) 5.45pm Christopher Price-Daniels RIP

**Sunday 9.30am** Giorgio Scrocca (Anniv)

**OUR LADY’**

**Monday 10.00am** Holy Communion, followed by Prayer Group

**Friday 9.00am – 9.45am** Adoration **10.00am**  Tony O’Dowd RIP

**Sunday 5.00pm** Michael Fanning RIP

SACRED HEART

**Sunday 11.30am** The People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS**: **St Ambrose’s:** Saturday 11.45am-12.45pm, 6.30pm-7.30pm; and by request. **Sacred Heart:** by request.

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Altar Servers for morning Mass:** Ryan McCormack, Gianluca Swain

**Eucharistic Ministers Readers**

St Ambrose’s Saturday 5.45 pm: A. Harris, T. Webb S. Baylie

Sunday 9.30 am: M. Bradley, A. Colclough, T. Hart, D Holdstock, C. Harvey

Our Lady’s Sunday 5.00 pm P. Standing, L. Whatley A. McDermott, H. Bearne

Sacred Heart Sunday 11.30 am:T. Cole, M. Peyton to be appointed

**Church Cleaners (St Ambrose’s):** Team e **Offertory Counters:** Group 4

**Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially**: Dorothy Atwell, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Ken Bourne-Turner, Frank Bourke, Peggy Burke, Matteo Butera, Linda Button, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Eamonn Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Joe Egan, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Sheila Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Claire Hampton, Margaret Harley, Rita Harrod, Jim Heffernan, Christine & Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Philip Hunt, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Marie Lane, Lynda Law, Felicity Librie, Audrey Little, Eleanor Lloyd, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Lee Maund, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Andrew Neale, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice ‘Myrtle’ O’Mahoney, Daniel Oxenham, Joyce Parker, Peter Pitt, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Janet Richards, Nancy Ruffinato, Harold Salter, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Pearl Stanley, Marie Stokes, Franco Sulla, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Patricia Virr, Maureen Walton, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Edith Wilkes and May Williams.

**Entrance Antiphon O Sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.**

**Response to the Psalm:** **Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia, allelulia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!**

**Preface V of Sundays:** p. 621. **Eucharistic Prayer IV:**  p. 623 **Mystery of Faith: II**

**Communion Antiphon:** **I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life..**

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**FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** This is the time when those who wish to enter Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil are asked to make a formal application. A number of people have been preparing in different ways, some over a considerable period of time. Those wishing to enter Full Communion are asked to notify the Parish Priest as soon as possible.

**ADDITIONAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION.** The present period of appointment of our additional Ministers of Holy Communion ends at Easter this year, and together with Revd. Peter Hesketh, and our three prospective Deacons, I will be reviewing our practice prior to commissioning parishioners for the forthcoming years 2013-2016. In the meantime, several parishioners have indicated a willingness to accept an invitation to serve as additional Ministers and to be commissioned for the first time. They will be preparing during the coming weeks. I am grateful to GEOFF BENNETT, DINO DAVID, NIALL DOHERTY, LUKE FARMER, JUDY HARLER, PETER HARLER, JOHN NEWBOLD, HELEN SCOTT, MARK STRIDE AND RICHARD TOVEY. Please pray for them as they prepare for this very important role in the life of the Church in our parish.

**LATELY DEAD**  Please pray for SANDRA CHAPMAN, mother of James and grandmother of Dylan and Isabelle. She died early in the New Year and her funeral was in Alveley on Thursday. ROY CHAPMAN, OF Bewdley, also died recently. His body will be brought to Church on Tuesday at 4.30pm and the Revd. Peter Hesketh will preside at his Funeral Liturgy on Wednesday at 11.30am. PAUL GLOVER, father of Kate Oxenham and grandfather of Daniel and Molly Mae died suddenly in recent days. We pray for his family. May the souls of the Faithful rest in peace.

**TEAS/COFFEES** will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30amMass by FOSAS and next Sunday by the Pre-school group.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SUNDAY.** The Holocaust will be commemorated at the Holocaust Memorial in front of St. Mary’s Church today at 12 noon, with readings and prayers. Those attending are invited to bring a flower to lay at the memorial.

**YEAR OF FAITH GROUP.** We shall convene again on Tuesday in the Montini Room at 7.45pm when we shall begin studying the articles of The Creed. This week: **I believe in God**. Everyone welcome.

**EVENING OF PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH.** Next Thursday, the eve of the First Friday in February, we have our next Evening of Prayer, an opportunity, perhaps, for some remote preparation for Lent. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration at 7.30pm, during which some quiet reflective music will be played, an opportunity to go to Confession, and to formulate intercessions. At about 9pm, prayer intentions will be commended to those who are present and we shall pray on behalf of the Parish. The Office of Compline, the Night Prayer of the Church, will be at about 9.30pm at the end of which Benediction will be given. Please give some consideration to taking part in this spiritual staging post in our Year of Faith.

**Whist drive -** don’t forget the Whist Drive every Wednesday afternoon in the Borromeo Hall from 2.00pm. Players of all standards, beginners included will be made welcome.

**ORDINATION** We pray for Brother Richard Duncan, who will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at the Birmingham oratory next Friday evening. He has asked to say one of his first Masses in St. Ambrose’s during the following week, and will give the special “First Blessings” to those who wish to receive it.

**PARISH PANTO:** ‘Aladdin meets the Mikado’ will be performed in the Borromeo Hall on Saturday, 2nd February starting at approximately 7.45pm. Entrance is free (there will be a raffle for Parish Funds). Do come along for a great evening of family fun.

**OLD RITE MASS** There will be a Sung Mass in the Old Rite at St. Mary’s Harvington, next Sunday at 3pm.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** As usual this year, we have arranged a Mass to coincide with the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This will be at Our Lady’s, Habberley on **Saturday, February 9th** at 12 noon, and the Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. The Principal Celebrant and Preacher will be **Father Roger Raven**, who was ordained to the Priesthood last September, and is now Chaplain to the Heartlands Hospital in Birmingham. We ask our Ministers of Holy Communion who visit homes, and members of the SVP and all who visit and pray for the sick to try and ensure that it will be possible for those who wish to attend this Mass to do so. Please try to offer lifts to the elderly and the sick, and invite and encourage them to attend. We hope that there will be a light buffet lunch after Mass.

**JAZZ ORCHESTRA:** The Worcestershire Youth Jazz Orchestra will be performing in St George’s Church on Saturday, 9th February, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £8, £6 concessions, £3 under 13’s.

**KIDDERMINSTER VALENTINES** will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a concert at Kidderminster Town hall on 9th February at 7.30pm where they will be joined by their guests, Caernarfon Male Choir. Tickets are £9 Hall and £9 Balcony from Pam Cunningham 01562 630914.

**CLOSING MASS – KIDDERMINSTER DEANERY VISITATION:** The Deanery Visitation continues until March 22nd when the Archbishop will celebrate the closing Mass, and give his reflections. This has now been re-arranged with Mass at St Ambrose’s on **Friday, March 22nd** at 7.00pm, followed by the closing meeting in the Borromeo Hall.

**DEANERY PILGRIMAGE:** The Parishes of the Kidderminster Deanery will travel on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi, at St Helen’s, Merseyside, on Wednesday April 17th. We shall leave at about 9 am and hope to return in the early evening. Mass will be included in the day. At this stage, we need to have an idea of prospective participants and lists are available in our Churches. Once we have an idea of numbers, and firm booking of coaches made, a journey price can be notified. We shall share coaches with Harvington and Stourport parishes and other coaches will travel from Redditch, Bromsgrove and Droitwich. Please indicate by the end of the month.

**APF MISSION BOXES**  are due to be emptied at Our Lady’s. Could boxholders please hand them in to a collector.

**FINANCES:**  **i** Thank you for the offertory last week of £774.68 (Loose £467.48 Envelope Scheme £307.20).

**ii** **Relaunched 200 Club for 2013,** More Monthly Prizes: 1x£75 and 2 x £30. Membership fees remain at £24 for the year and are now due. We are looking to grow membership to support our Parish and application forms can be found in the blue 200 Club trays at the back of each of our Churches; on the Parish website, or contact David Gillett on 07714 237449 or email david. gillett@salesnova.co.uk.

**iii** A donation of £22.55 had been made to the Bamenda Fund.

1. A further £72.22 has been added to our SPUC Collection.

**FOODBANK** Thanks for the many donations being made in both our Kidderminster Churches. From time to time, we hear of many families who are being helped through the generosity of our townspeaople. It is better if donations at St. Ambrose’s are made at Sunday Mass times ONLY – it may be that donations made during the week may not reach the intended place..

**BORROMEO HALL/ADAMS LOUNGE:** Available for functions of all kinds: parties, receptions, etc. Please contact Mary Preston (07513 295817) or Margaret Blizard (07742 730680).

**EVERY FRIDAY:** Folk Music in the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists. Free admission 8.00pm – late.