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Year A Baptism of Our Lord Psalter Week 1 CTS Sunday Missal p. 128 Week ending January 11th/12th, 2013

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: M. St Hilary, F. St Antony of Egypt, Abbot.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

ST. AMBROSE'S

Monday 8.30 am John & Martin Weaver RIP 1.45 pm Funeral Service: Janet Hatton RIP

Tuesday 7.30 am Jim Toomey RIP

Wednesday9.15 amPat Quinn RIP11.00 am Funeral Mass: Danuta Quigley RIPThursday7.30 amPeter Conway RIP7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)

Friday 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm Holy Communion Saturday 9.00 am (Old Rite) Charles & Marie Evans RIP 5.45 pm Lina Filipowicz RIP

Sunday 9.30 am Kitty Cooper RIP

OUR LADY'S

Monday 10.00 am Holy Communion (Prayer Group)

Friday 9.00 am – 9.45 am Adoration 10.00 am George & Sheila Rywacki and Lisa RIP

Sunday 5.00 pm Michael O'Shaughnessy RIP

SACRED HEART

Sunday 11.30am The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 11.45am-12.45pm, 6.30pm-7.00pm; and by request.

Sacred Heart: by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Ciaran & Patrick Kealey.

Eucharistic MinistersReadersSt Ambrose'sSaturday 5.45 pm:E Darbyshire, B McFarland, H Scott.Filipino Mass

Sunday 9.30 am: A Colclough, D Duncombe, C Geraghty, M Holmes, R Tovey. K Joyner

Our Lady's Sunday 5.00 pm: B Gavan A Harris, L Whatley. A McDermott, H Bearne

Sacred Heart Sunday 11.30 am: J Moore, A Stanley S Coates.

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team B Offertory Counters: Group 4

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Margaret Blizard, Alan Bullock, Pope Benedict XVI, Dorothy Atwell, Albert and Elsie Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Linda Button, Jackie Cainey, Catherine Carroll, Nigel Collier, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Eamonn Dalton, Dorothy Donigan, Joni Dunlea, Sr Maureen Fay, Victoria Fleming, Corinne Fox, Anthony Georgieff, Frances Graves, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Christine & Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Keeley John, Jan Joyce, John Joyce, Ben Kelly, Marie Lane, Lynda Law, Felicity Librie, Audrey Little, Eleanor Lloyd, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Lee Maund, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Noreen Murphy, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Maureen O'Neill, Daniel Oxenham, Joyce Parker, Gordon Peyton, Chris Price, Janet Richards, Nancy Ruffinato, Harold Salter, Rita Simmonds, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Margaret Smith, Marie Stokes, Edward Sutton, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Peter Towers, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Edith Wilkes and Rene Yates.

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove,

and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation: The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.'

Preface of the Baptism: p. 131 Eucharistic Prayer I: p. 591. Mystery of Faith: III Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

THANKS: Sheila, Martin, Philip and their families would like to thank all the Parishioners for their support after the very sudden death of their loved one **Roy Quinn.** Many thanks to everyone who sent sympathy cards and Mass cards and for attending the funeral on Friday. Your kindness will always be remembered and very much appreciated.

REST IN PEACE: This week we record the deaths of **Janet Hatton**, who died at the end of last year. She had lived in Emery Court, and her Funeral Service is on Monday afternoon. **Danuta Quigley**, of Cherry Orchard, died suddenly after a severe heart attack in the Town Centre. Her Funeral Mass is on Wednesday at 11.00 am, after which she will be buried with her son, Christopher, in Kidderminster Cemetery. **Pam Cunningham** died peacefully at home in the early hours of Wednesday morning, after a long illness. She was Musical Director of the Kidderminster Valentines.

ANNIVERSARIES: I have just finished reading **Memories & Opinions** by Canon William Barry, a very distinguished priest of this Diocese, at the turn of the twentieth century. He mentions the 'Catholic Mission, dedicated to St Ambrose, in Kidderminster which is at present in the charge of a very zealous French priest, **Fr Louis Torond**.' Tomorrow is Fr Torond's anniversary; he died in 1900, and was Parish Priest here 1877-1883. He is commemorated in the stained glass window by the Baptism font. Next Thursday is the anniversary of the death in 1961 of **Fr Alban Grealy**, who had lived in this Parish for some years. He joined the Franciscans, and his photograph is in the Church porch.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: At the Annual General Meeting of the St Ambrose's Branch on Wednesday evening, the following were elected to office for the coming year: President – Brother Joseph Moran; Vice President – Brother Martin Grovenor; Secretary – Brother Ray Barber; Treasurer – Brother Trevor Webb.

TEAS AND COFFEES: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass by the Children's Liturgy Group and next Sunday by the Brownies/FOSAS.

AUSTERITY LUNCH: We were notified during the week of an Austerity Lunch (in support of Christian Aid) to be held in St John's Church, Blakebrook **TODAY from 12.30 pm.** The next lunch will be at Baxter United Reformed Church on Sunday, March 9th.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The next SVP meeting is on Monday 13th January at 11.00 am in the Borromeo Hall.

GREENHILL PACT: The next meeting of the Greenhill Pact will be in the Adams Lounge on Monday January 13th at 7.00 pm to discuss ways of improving services and life in the Greenhill area. Any parishioners with concerns about our local area are welcome to attend.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: The Union of Catholic Mothers will resume meetings after Christmas on Monday, 13th January with a shared supper at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall.

CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH: We had a very profound meeting last Tuesday, considering the Sufferings of Our Lord. Next Tuesday at 7.45 pm we meet again in the Montini Room to consider aspects of the death of Christ. So far, six people have notified us of their intention to enter Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil. Anyone else wishing to be received into the Church is asked to notify the Parish Priest (in writing please) by **next Sunday**, so that the necessary formalities can be completed.

WHIST: starts again next Wednesday, 2.00 pm. Players and learners always welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KIDDERMINSTER: The next meeting of the Churches Together in Kidderminster will be at St John's, Blakebrook on Wednesday January 15th at 7.30 pm.

AMBROSIAN GROUP: The members meet for their monthly shared lunch on Thursday 16th January from 12.15 pm.

FINANCES: i

- A very Happy New Year to all the kind parishioners who support the Mite Scheme The last cheque paid in 2013 was £20, making a total of £190 for the year, about the same as 2012. Any contributions, just a few 5p coins, can be left at the Rectory. They soon add up and are sent to UNICEF who use the money to pay for rehydration sachets for sick babies and children, mainly in refugee camps where there is no clean water and no toilets. The greatest need at present is in Lebanon, where over a million Syrians have fled. The numbers are just too great for the helpers to cope with, and diseases are the result. Please help. Thank you.
- ii Thank you for the offertory last week £1047.01 (Loose £714.81, Envelope Scheme £332.20).
- iii Donations to CAFOD were £3.50.
- iv Thanks to the Tenbury Community who raised £70.50 for the SVP from their Christmas card donations.

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.