

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH, KIDDERMINSTER

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OUR LADY & ST PIUS X, Canterbury Road, Kidderminster, DY11 6DR (01562 748474)

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

Parish Clergy: Fr. Douglas Lamb, Revd Peter Hesketh

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

First Sunday in Advent Year A Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p. Week ending November 27th/28th

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Tuesday: St Andrew Wednesday: St Edmund Campion Friday: St Francis Xavier

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

ST AMBROSE'S:

Monday: 8.30am John Thompson RIP

Tuesday: 8.30am May Heneghan (Anniversary)

Wednesday: 9.15am Jose Valdez RIP

Thursday: 8.30am Guiseppa di Paola RIP

Friday: 11am: Penitentine Service (Year 6)

Saturday: 9am (Old Rite) Austin O'Shaughnessy (Anniversary)

Sunday: 9.30am Brigid Bradbury (Anniversary)

7.30pm Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45pm)

7.10pm Rosary 7.30pm HOLY COMMUNION

5.45pm Vincenzo Finella RIP

6.30pm Advent Evening Service

OUR LADY'S:

Monday: 7.30pm FR. DEREK EDWARDS RIP

Friday: 9.00-9.45am Adoration 10am Palma Perri (Anniversary)

Saturday: 10.15am Deceased of Bono family

Sunday: 5pm Special Intention (Motteram)

SACRED HEART:

Sunday: 11.30am The People of the Parish.

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 11.45-12.45pm, 6.30pm – 7pm; and by request.

Our Lady's: Saturday after Mass.

Sacred Heart: By request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Jake Turner, Will Turner.

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's: Saturday 5.45pm M. Weaver, T. Webb

Sunday 9.30am M. Bradley, T. Hart, D. Holdstock, P. Lay

Our Lady's: Sunday 5pm M. Bowdler, P. Bowdler, A. McDermott, V. Page

Sacred Heart: Sunday 11.30am T. Cole

Readers

H. Berry

J. Fish

M. Hesketh, B. Taylor

W. Moore

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's) Team B

Offertory Counters: Group 5

Please pray for our parishoners who are sick. And for all who have need for our prayers, especially:

Dorothy Atwell, Christopher Aylott, William Patrick Bannister, Albert Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Linda Button, Stephen Coates, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Mary Cull, Eamon Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Elizabeth Harris, George Humble, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda & Michael Maffei, Natalina Maffei, Giuseppe Marciante, Kathleen Mellisop, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, John Nangle, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Mary O'Brien, Eileen Postans, Pat Quinn, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Giaconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Lawrence Speers, Marie Stokes, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey, Assunta Vaccaro, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Joe & Joan Whitfield, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, Edith Wilkes, May Williams, Kitty Wooldridge.

Entrance Antiphon: *To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.*

Response to the Psalm: *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's House.'*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!*

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Communion Antiphon: *The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield it's fruit.*

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no. 234216

VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help in our various Parish groups and responsibilities. Those who volunteered as READERS, CHOIR MEMBERS, UCM/SVP MEMBERS, CHURCH CLEANERS (St Ambrose's) and OFFERTORY COUNTERS should soon be hearing from respective co-ordinators. I am grateful to Christine Stubbins who has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the church cleaning teams at St Ambrose's. Other Groups will be formed in the near future.

BAPTISMS: Today, the Revd. Peter Hesketh will baptise Dominic Maffei, Theophilus Oluyide, and Lyla Maffei. Our prayers and good wishes to their families.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE: Lists are available in our Churches of Prisoners of Conscience who would appreciate a greeting during the forthcoming Christmas Season. Please keep strictly to the conditions which apply to each individual prisoner.

MUSIC FOR MIDDLEBROWS: An evening of seasonal music will be offered in the Borromeo Hall this evening from 7.45pm, and those who have expressed an interest in this group will be given a very warm welcome. Music is usually chosen from the collections of those participating, bar facilities are available, and we usually end by 9.45pm.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The next meeting of the S.V.P. Takes place on Monday November 29th at 2pm. New members welcome.

CONFIRMATION: Those preparing for confirmation are reminded that session 5 of our preparation programme will be in the Borromeo Hall on Tuesday November 30th at 6.30pm.

THE FAITH JOURNEY: For our last meeting before the Christmas break, we shall gather in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7.45pm to read about the faith journeys of Abraham, Moses, Elijah and others. For this meeting, a copy of the bible will be helpful. These meetings have been challenging but very encouraging. All welcome.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: The Kidderminster branch will meet in the Rectory on Wednesday December 1st at 7.30pm for a discussion meeting. All men of the Parish are assured of a welcome.

SCHOOL CONFESSIONS: It is hoped that all the children in Years 4,5 and 6 will have the opportunity to go to confession before Christmas. There will be a service of Penance for Year 6 next Friday in church at 11am.

ST ANDREW'S NIGHT SUPPER DANCE: Everyone invited to St. Andrew's night supper dance on Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm in the Borromeo Hall. Tap your feet to some Scottish Music, learn Scottish dancing, enjoy Scotch pie, chips and beans, Scottish bread and cake, all for £6. All profits to the continued education of five children in Rombo, Kenya, sponsored by St. Ambrose's. See www.lightofmaasai.com. Please sign the form at the back of the churches or phone Madeline Roy on 01562 822189.

VOCATIONS: Adoration and Rosary for vocations Saturday 4th December at Our Lady's 9.15 – 10.00.

MISSA CANTATA: Fr. Lamb will be the celebrant of a sung Mass in the Old Rite at St Mary's, Harvington next Sunday at 3pm. There is a low Mass in the Old Rite every Saturday at St. Ambrose's at 9am (Books available).

EVENING PRAYER FOR ADVENT: The office of vespers (evening prayer) with Advent music and reflections will be said on the Sunday's of Advent in St. Ambrose's at 6.30pm.

FEAST OF ST AMBROSE: December 7th, Bishop Philip Pargeter will visit the school in the afternoon of the feast day to meet the children who will be confirmed during our celebration Mass at 7pm. This Mass is for the WHOLE PARISH, and afterwards, while the children celebrate together with their families, there will be a party for parishioners. Lynn Grealy has agreed to do the catering again this year, and the Borromeo Hall, The Adams lounge, the garden and anywhere else we can find will be available. Please let us all try to make this a wonderful celebration day for our patron saint.

HOLY HOUR: The staff and governors of our school will spend a HOLY HOUR on Advent themes with the Parish Priest on Wednesday December 8th 3.30-4.30pm. This will be in St Ambrose's church, and parishioners may wish to attend.

WINE TASTING: On Wednesday December 8th at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Hall at Habberley there will be a wine tasting with cheese and biscuits and mince pies. 'Supermarket wines, with Christmas in mind'. Tickets are £5 and places are limited. To book a place please contact John Keetch (K 741442) or Maureen and Peter Bowdler (01299 269233).

SENIOR CITIZENS: The annual Christmas party will be in the Adams lounge on Thursday December 9th 7.30pm – 11pm. Tickets are available from the Lounge (£1) and there will be "live" entertainment and party fun. All senior citizens welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT: in the Adams lounge on Friday December 10th from 7.45pm. The last quiz was very well attended and very enjoyable. Teams of at least four are invited with a small entrance fee.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: The Advent service of penance with visiting priests, will be on Thursday December 16th at 7.30pm.

VALENTINES: The Kidderminster Valentines in concert with Johnathan French, Concert Pianist, in aid of the Hartlebury Castle Preservation trust. 18th December at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include mulled wine and mince pies, from Judy Morris 01562 751753.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: This popular evening will be in the Adams lounge on Sunday December 19th from 7.45pm during which there will be mulled wine and mince pies; and the Christmas Draw will take place at 9.15pm. Please sell and distribute as many tickets as possible.

DIARIES: Parish Diaries for 2011 are available in our churches. Price £1 per copy.

MARGARET TILLOTT: has taken part in two BBC Songs of Praise in St. Peter's Church, Shropshire. Thursday night was an Edwardian Christmas and Friday was for Lent 2011. An Edwardian Christmas will be broadcast on Sunday 19th December.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: Cards for personal greetings will be available at Our Lady's on three Sunday's in Advent, 28th Nov, and December 5th & 12th. with a donation to the Church in need. The UCM will make the same provision at St Ambrose's. This is a good way to be inclusive in our greetings, and to support AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED.

BAMENDA: There are copies of a letter from Liz and Norman Taylor in our churches this weekend. At present, they are in Bamenda revisiting the Maryvale Centre they helped to set up, and which is being supported by our Tenbury Community.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2011: A number of parishioners indicated an interest in going on Pilgrimage next year. If anyone else is interested, please contact Peter Young (K750529) for further information.

THANKS: Warm thanks to the many generous people who donated sugar, suet and dried fruit for mincemeat. I made 30lb of luxury mincemeat for the Bazaar and I still have plenty of ingredients left, which I will mostly use for fruit cakes and another batch of mincemeat. Let me know if you would like to order either of these items, proceeds towards church funds. Jennifer Bush (K. 850265).

FINANCES:

- i. St Ambrose Parent and Toddler group raised £125 for Children in Need on Wednesday 17th November with a cake sale, an auction, and 'guess the number of chocolates in the tin'. Thanks to everyone who donated.
- ii. Thanks for the collection last week of £915.42 (Loose £643.42 Envelope scheme £272)
- iii. A further £69.08 has been added to our collection for sick and retired priests, making a total now of £306.06.
- iv. A donation of £300 from a parishioner has been forwarded to AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED.
- v. It appears that the Bazaar has recorded £1434.11, though some further donations have been received. This is an excellent result, given the present economic situation, and one or two problems in the organisation this year, due to family illness. Congratulations all round.
- vi. Please do take as many raffle tickets as possible, in preparation for the Grand Draw on December 19th.
- vii. Next Sunday there is a Collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.