

## **ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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**SACRED HEART & OUR LADY** Berrington Road Tenbury Wells

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Fifth Sunday Year A Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p. 624 Week ending 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> February 2011

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** Th: St Scholastica Fri: Our Lady of Lourdes

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

#### ***St Ambrose's***

**Mon:** 7.30 am Intentions of Tara and Liam Geraghty  
**Tues:** 8.30 am Kitty Heffernan (Anniv)  
**Wed:** 9.15 am Jean Legierski RIP  
**Thurs:** 11.30 am Billy Sommers RIP 7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)  
**Fri:** 1.30 pm **FUNERAL: Natalina Maffei RIP** 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm **HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Sat:** 9.00 am (OLD RITE) Kathleen Hurley RIP 5.45 pm Vincenzo Finella RIP  
**Sun:** 9.30 am Anthony George Armstrong RIP

#### ***Our Lady's***

**Mon:** 7.30 pm **HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Fri:** 9.00 – 9.45 am Adoration 10.00 am Intentions of Marie Hesketh  
**Sat:** 10.15 am Intentions of Joyce Gayan  
**Sun:** 5.00 pm The People of the Parish

#### ***Sacred Heart***

**Sun:** 11.30 am Fr Derek Edwards RIP

#### **CONFESSIONS**

***St Ambrose's:*** Saturday: 11.45 am – 12.45 pm; 6.30 – 7.00 pm and by request  
***Our Lady's:*** Saturday after Mass  
***Sacred Heart:*** By request

### **MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

#### ***St Ambrose's***

**Church Cleaners:** Team E

**Offertory Counters:** Group 1

	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Readers</b>
<b>Sat.</b> 5.45 pm	C Hopkins R Quinn	P Male
<b>Sun.</b> 9.30 am	C Duncombe C Geraghty T Hart M Holmes	H Cahill
<b><i>Our Lady's</i></b>		
<b>Sun.</b> 5.00 pm	M Hesketh P Standing B Taylor L Whatley	P Bowdler M Bowdler
<b><i>Sacred Heart</i></b>		
<b>Sun.</b> 11.30 am	M Peyton	W Moore

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Dorothy Atwell, Christopher Aylott, William Patrick Bannister, Albert Barr, Peggy Baynton, Harry Berry, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Linda Button, Stephen Coates, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Mary Cull, Eamonn Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Michelle Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Maura Furlong, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Elizabeth Harris, George Humble, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Kathleen Mellso, Sheila Mikulicz, Lee Mound, Jean Mulligan, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Pat Redmond, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Gianconda 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, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, Edith Wilkes and May Williams.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God.

**Response to the Psalm:** The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Preface:** of Sunday 1 p. 562 **Eucharistic Prayer:** III p. 579 **Memorial Acclamation:** IV

**Communion Antiphon:** Give praise to the Lord for his kindness, for his wonderful deeds toward men. He has filled the hungry with good things, he has satisfied the thirsty.

**The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no 234216**

**Convocation:** A very successful and informative Convocation meeting was held in the Adams Lounge on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Many important issues of Parish life were discussed and three groups of parishioners have been formed to consider: 1) the number and distribution of weekend Masses, with the likely consequences with regard to buildings, logistics, Offertory collections and Mass intentions. Adam Nicholls has agreed to co-ordinate this group. 2) the relationship of the School to the wider Parish Community and its further integration into the life of the Parish, in support of our younger families. Richard Tovey will co-ordinate this group; 3) the development of the Adams Lounge as a facility for the Parish and the local community. Charlie Villa will advise the Directors; and Rob Cotgrave has asked to be involved.

**Rest in Peace:** Margaret Sadie Kirby who lived for many years in Franche, died in a Care Home in Northampton at the end of January. Her funeral Mass was on Friday prior to burial in Wolverley Churchyard. *Natalina Maffei* died last weekend. She had been hampered by poor health throughout her life. Her Funeral is on Friday, her burial in the Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

**Anniversary:** Tomorrow is the Anniversary of the death in 1940 of Canon Charles Ambrose Wheatley our most distinguished former Parish Priest (1885 – 1908) and a very generous benefactor to our Parish Church.

**Coffees and Teas:** will be provided after 9.30 am Mass today by the Pre-school Group and next Sunday by the Craft Group.

**Old Rite Missa Cantata:** There is Sung Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the Tridentine Rite) today at 3 pm in St Mary's Harvington.

**Kidderminster Deanery:** The Clergy of Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at the Sacred Heart Parish in Droitwich.

**Faith Journey:** On Tuesday at 7.45 pm in the Montini Room. We shall re-visit last Sunday's Gospel of the Beatitudes and consider their place in Christian morality.

**Craft Club:** Held every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome. We have great fun and are looking to expand our membership. Can you knit? Are you willing to do some at home? Wool costs covered if so. Please contact Lisa on K.753009 or 07584 260577.

**Bible Study:** The first meeting of the new group will be at 2 pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at Our Lady's, Habberley. All are welcome. Bring a bible if you can and any thoughts on topic for discussion.

**Whist Drive:** There is a Whist Drive in the Borromeo hall each Wednesday at 2.00pm. All learners welcome to join in an enjoyable afternoon. Please note that there is Bingo in the Adams Lounge on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 8.00pm.

**Habberley PACT:** The next Habberley PACT meeting is at Our Lady's on Wednesday next, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6.30 pm. All parishioners living in the Habberley area are invited to contribute to this meeting.

**Mass and Anointing of the Sick:** On Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> during Mass at 5.00pm in Our Lady's, Habberley, the Sacrament of the Sick will be given to sick, elderly and troubled parishioners. The Principal Celebrant and preacher will be Fr Neil Bayliss, the Chaplain to Heartlands Hospital in Birmingham. The Mass will be followed by refreshments. Please let all of us do what we can to enable as many as possible to be present for this important celebration – especially by giving encouragement and offering lifts.

**First Holy Communion Preparation:** The first Study Meeting for parents, children, Parish Catechists and Clergy will take place in the School Hall on Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm. Any families who have not yet indicated their intentions are asked to notify the Parish Priest as soon as possible.

**Readers Formation Group:** Will meet on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February at Our Lady's 7.30pm. All readers and those who may wish to become readers are invited to attend.

**Race Night:** there will be another Race Night in the Adams Lounge on Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> 8 pm – 11 pm. There is no entrance fee, but plenty of opportunity for excitement and a small profit (or loss). These have always been very enjoyable evenings and everyone is invited.

**Iona Community:** John L Bell of the Iona Community will conduct two workshops at St Michael & All Angels' Church, Stourport-on-Severn on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 (10.00am-4.30pm). Please see notice boards for details.

**Valentine Concert:** at Kidderminster Town Hall 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8.50 from Judy Morris K. 751753 and Pam Cunningham K. 630914. Guests Aber Valley Male Choir.

**Friends of the Holy Land Charity Lunch:** 20<sup>th</sup> February 12 – 2 pm. The Friends of the Holy Land will repeat the successful (and filling) event of last year – a pie and pint Sunday Lunch at St Ambrose's Hall. We will provide the pie (tickets £5) – the Club bar will sell you the pint or glass of wine (or other drink). Tickets are on sale each Sunday at the back of Church or from Maureen Brewer K. 754322. All proceeds after deduction only of the cost of the pie will go directly to the Christians in Bethlehem and the Holy Land. You will like to know that during 2010, £3000 was sent directly for use in the Holy Land in the Widow's Mite project and almost as much sent to purchase olive wood etc products and provide necessary employment there.

**Tenbury Meeting:** Those who attend our church in Tenbury are invited to meet in the Church on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm. The main purpose will be to plan the calendar for this coming year but also to raise any other issues of concern.

**Kidderminster Operatic and Dramatic Society:** Crazy for You is being performed at the Rose Theatre by Kidderminster Operatic and Dramatic Society – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm with a matinee at 2.30pm on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets £10.00 Mon-Fri; £8.00 Saturday matinee; £12.00 Saturday evening. Box Office: 01562 743745 or book online at [www.rosetheatre.co.uk](http://www.rosetheatre.co.uk).

**Finances: i. Pro-Life Charity collection:** there will be a Collection at the Masses this weekend to support the work of LIFE, the national Pro-life Charity that was founded in this Archdiocese in 1970 and which for 40 years has been saving the lives of unborn babies by giving their mothers and fathers expert counselling and practical help during pregnancy and for as long after the birth as needed. LIFE has houses where homeless pregnant women can live during their pregnancy and after birth. Every year LIFE's telephone Helpline, Text to Talk service and local face to face counselling centres help hundreds of babies in the Archdiocese to be born. LIFE helps their parents with baby clothing and equipment and the support is there whenever needed. LIFE also counsels women, and men, after abortion. Abortion is a major cause of depression and can also cause physical damage. LIFE believes it is not enough to condemn abortion, we must offer an alternative. LIFE helps married couples to avoid IVF by offering the LIFE Fertility Care Programme. LIFE gives talks in many schools and colleges in the Archdiocese about the 'life' issues and provides a much needed alternative to the often crude and amoral sex education that is imposed on schools.

**ii. 200 Club:** Results of the January Draw which took place at Mass at 11 am on Sun 30 January in the Borromeo Hall. Mrs Anne Harris and Mrs Chris Vass made the draw, witnessed by P J Grantham. The winners were: No. 15 : Mr Anthony Cole ; No. 54: Mr Peter Harler. Both are newly subscribed members, I hope that will encourage others to join. 200 Club subscriptions can now be paid by standing order. We dearly request anyone who can to convert their membership payment to this method to ease administration and reduce costs. We already have ½ dozen members paying this way. All being well the next 200 Club Draw will take place after Mass at Tenbury on Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Dr David Gillett 200 Club Administrator St Ambrose's Rectory Birmingham Rd Kidderminster DY10 2BY Tel. 07714 237449 Email: [da-gillett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:da-gillett@yahoo.co.uk).

iii. The Offertory last week was £904.68 (loose £593.18 Envelope Scheme £311.50) for which many thanks

iv. Donations to CAFOD were £5.

v. We have been able to send £265.73 to support the work of SPUC.

vi. A parishioner shocked at the extent of the Diocesan Levy on the Parish has made a very generous donation to the Parish of £250. Thank you!