

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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Seventeenth Sunday Year A Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p.668. Week ending July 23rd/24th, 2011
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: M. St James, T. SS Joachim and Anne, F. St Martha, S. St Peter Chrysologus.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

ST. AMBROSE'S

Monday	7.30 a.m.	Noreen McDaid RIP	
Tuesday	5.30 p.m.	Liz Ashcroft RIP	
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	The Intentions of Cathy Kneuss	
Thursday	11.30 a.m.	Laurence O'Regan RIP	7.30 p.m. Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45 p.m.)
Friday	7.10 p.m.	Rosary	7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
Saturday	9.00 a.m.	(Latin) Walsh family deceased	12.30 p.m. Charlie and Jean Villa – Golden Wedding
	5.45 p.m.	Intentions of Mary Nangle	
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Emilio D Comiling SNR RIP	

OUR LADY'S

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	
Friday	9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Adoration	10.00 a.m. Intentions of Noel Cannon
Saturday	10.15 a.m.	Intentions of Paul and Jacqueline Weaver	
Sunday	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish	

SACRED HEART

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Roy Atkins RIP

CONFESSIONS:

St Ambrose's	:	Saturday: 11.45am-12.45pm, 6.30pm-7.00pm and by request.
Our Lady's	:	Saturday: after Mass.
Sacred Heart	:	By request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass:

D Ford, A Preedy

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's	Saturday 5.45 pm:	R Quinn, M Weaver
	Sunday 9.30 am:	M Cleary, T Hart, A Hunt, J Villa
Our Lady's	Sunday 5.00 pm:	H Bearne, L Whatley
Sacred Heart	Sunday 11.30 am:	A Speers

Readers

L Odell
D Reynolds
P Motteram, K Nicholls
N Taylor

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team A

Offertory Counters: Group 1

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, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Peggy Burke, Linda Button, Stephen Coates, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Mary Cull, Eamonn Dalton, Thomas Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Joe Egan, Brian Evans, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Foxall, John Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Maura Furlong, Anthony Georgieff, Bernard Grovenor, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, George Humble, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Terry McCormick, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Lee Maund, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Pat Redmond, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Nancy Ruffinato, Giaconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Lawrence Speers, Pearl Stanley, Marie Stokes, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey, Assunta Vaccaro, Patricia Virr, Josephine Warner, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, Edith Wilkes and May Williams.

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.

Response to the Psalm:

Lord, how I love your law!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. Alleluia!

Preface of Sundays IV: p. 564.

Eucharistic Prayer I: p. 566.

Memorial Acclamation: IV

Communion Antiphon:

O bless the Lord, my soul, and remember all his kindness.

HOLIDAY READING: Choose a CTS book before you go away, lots of titles to choose from and light to carry in bag or pocket. Something to turn to if you are delayed, or want some ideas to reflect on while you are away. If you are staying at home, the books about Lourdes and Lisieux will transport you to your own personal pilgrimage – they are down to earth in approach and wonderfully descriptive.

COMPANION BOOKS TO THE NEW MISSAL: If you have not received your booklets, please telephone Jennifer Bush, Kidd, 850265 and I will arrange to deliver them. I shall be in the Borromeo Hall after Sunday Mass on 31st July, if that is more convenient to you. Many thanks.

READERS' ROTAS (St Ambrose's): Would readers please note that new rotas are available at the back of church. Thank you.

BAPTISM: We welcome Kathleen May Vessey to our Parish. She will be baptised this afternoon.

GOLDEN WEDDING: Congratulations to Charlie and Jean Villa who will celebrate their fifty years of marriage during Mass next Saturday at 12.30pm.

TEAS/COFFEES: The Children's Liturgy Group will provide teas and coffees after Mass today. This will be the last week of the Liturgy Group until after the summer holidays.

GRANDPARENTS MASS AND PICNIC: Tuesday 26th July is the feast of SS Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Our Lord, and a day on which we are invited to celebrate the unique relationship in families which grandparents provide. There will be a special Mass in St Ambrose's on that day at 5.30 pm and afterwards there is an invitation to picnic in the Rectory garden. I hope families will feel welcome to take part and make this a special day of celebration for our children and their grandparents.

DEMENTIA DAY: Following the success of the two previous awareness-raising days, Father Hudson's Society will be holding a third Awareness-raising Day about Dementia on Saturday 30th July at St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill. The day will be facilitated by Denise Westwood from the charity 'For Dementia'. It is aimed primarily at people who are caring for a family member with dementia. The day is free of charge and lunch will be provided. Anyone wanting to know more about the day or to book a place should contact Sally Scattergood at St Joseph's on 01675 434500 or email St Joseph's at stjosephs2@fatherhudsons.org.uk.

DAY FOR LIFE - 31 July 2011 – 'Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer' (Rms 12:12) – The day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death – will this year focus on what it means to live a full and happy life. It takes as its starting point the words of Pope Benedict during his recent visit to Britain, when he said: 'Happiness is something we all want, but one of the great tragedies in this world is that so many people never find it, because they look for it in the wrong places. The key to it is very simple – true happiness is to be found in God. We need to have the courage to place our deepest hopes in God alone, not in money, in a career, in worldly success, or in our relationships with others, but in God. Only he can satisfy the deepest needs of our hearts'. (*Pope Benedict XVI, The Big Assembly: Address to Young People, Twickenham, England, 17th September 2010*). There will be a second collection in parishes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics) and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The Summer Meeting of the Friendship Club will be on Wednesday, August 10th at 12.30pm for lunch at the Plough, Far Forest (£7.95 for two courses). Retired and semi-retired parishioners are warmly invited. Further details from Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh (K. 748474).

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Date for your diary: Saturday 3rd September, Gail and Stephen Brown are hosting an "At Home" in aid of 'Friends of the Holy Land' at 550 Chester Road South, Kidderminster DY10 1XH from 10.30am till 3.30pm. Entrance is £2.50 to include coffee and biscuits. Lights lunches will be available and stalls will include gifts, collectibles, cakes, jams, chutneys, books and Olive Wood products. The plight of the Christians in the Holy Land is very great – the recent accord agreed between Archbishop Vincent Nichols and Dr Rowan Williams to work together for this cause highlights this need. See www.rcdow.org.uk for more information. Your support will be much appreciated. Pay on door or tickets on sale after Masses from Sunday 31st August or call 01562 753422.

HARVINGTON PILGRIMAGE: The Annual Harvington Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 4th September 2011. We very much hope that you will support this act of devotion to the Martyrs of the Midlands. This year His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the Principal Celebrant of the Mass which begins at 3.00pm. The church will be available for Confessions 1.45pm-2.30pm. It is essential that you bring your own chairs to use in the Hall Grounds. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to all pilgrims on the day but must be pre-booked in advance. Tours for parish groups (maximum 20) will take place at the following times 12.45pm, 1.15pm, 1.45pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm and 4.45pm. Individual Pilgrims and groups should book their tours directly with the Hall on 01562 777846 prior to the day.

DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE, Walsingham: Celebrating 950 years of Pilgrimage, Sunday 11th September 2011 led by Archbishop Peter Smith of Southwark.

PARISH GROUPS: I had a very valuable meeting on Wednesday evening with representatives of some of our Parish Groups. Each group is going to prepare a synopsis of its activities so that a publicity leaflet can be available to parishioners in September. On Sunday, September 25th after Mass, there will be an Open Day in the Borromeo Hall, when each group will mount a display of its work and try to recruit new members. Later, in the autumn, we shall organise a Parish Open Day when the Church, the Borromeo Hall, the Adams Lounge and perhaps the School will be open and all our neighbours, from the immediate locality, will be invited to visit us. I hope all parishioners will take part in ensuring that these ventures will be a success. More details soon.

FINANCES:

- i Thank you for the response to the Famine Relief Special Collection which raised £1393.34. This has been sent to CAFOD to assist in their relief work.
- ii The offertory collection last week raised £907, (Envelope Scheme: £414.25; Loose: £492.75).
- iii A Donation of £25 has been made to the Bamenda Fund.
- iv There will be a collection next week for the Day for Life (see above).
- v APF Boxes (Our Lady's). These are now due for emptying. Please return them to Jane Da Costa as soon as possible.
- vi We are deeply grateful to an elderly parishioner who has given a generous donation following the theft of lead from the Church roof. There is no further news so far, though repair work has begun.