

## ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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

### Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year: B

Week Commencing: November 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

Psalter Week: 3 CTS Sunday Missal p. 941 Preface: VIII of Sundays p.573 Eucharistic Prayer: III p. 611 Mystery of Faith: III

Response to the Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.

Feast Days this week: Tues: All the Saints of Ireland Fri: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Sat: St Leo the Great

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

#### St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am Jim Lay RIP  
Tues: 8.30 am Deceased of the Heavern family  
Wed: 9.15 am Rita Mackay RIP 7.30 pm Deceased of the CMS  
Thurs: 11.30 am Ronald Freemantle (Anniv) 7.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Compline 8.30 pm)  
Fri: 9.30 am Adoration until 10.15 am Mass 10.30 am Kitty Waldron RIP  
Sat: 9.00 am Aldo Cotza RIP (Rosary and Novena Prayers to follow)  
Sun: 11.00 am The Dead of the two World Wars 3.00 pm (OLD RITE) The People of the Parish 6.00 pm Margaret Cooke RIP

#### Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am Anne Catchpole RIP

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday: 11.45 am – 12.45 pm and by request ; Sacred Heart by request

### MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: J Kunivilla, E Martin

St Ambrose's: Sun. 11.00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: E Darbyshire, S Elcock, C Ellwood, E Fox, B Galvin

Readers: C Vass, R Tovey

Sun. 6.00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: N Doherty, D Duncombe

Readers: B Taylor, T Harris

Sacred Heart: Sun. 9.00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: J Moore, E O'Neill

Readers: J Hughes

Church Cleaners: Team D Offertory Counters: Group 6 Teas and Coffees: J Walker, B Power, A Colclough

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Revd. Dr. Peter Mason. Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jim Thomas and Olena Barchuk

This weekend, Archbishop Bernard Longley will personally be addressing the Archdiocese involvement in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) when an open pastoral letter will be read out in all churches. The letter is available on the Archdiocese website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>. If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work please call 0121 230 6240. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

**Anniversaries:** Monday marks the anniversary of the death in 1950 of Fr Joseph Boland (1933 – 1935). Thursday marks the anniversary of the death in 2010 of Fr Derek Edwards (2000-2002, 2006 -2010).

**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for LESLIE WILLIAMS, brother of Joan Taylor. He died in hospital in Manchester last week.

**Jean Mulligan RIP:** Jean Mulligan died in a nursing home on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, her family are not able to register her death nor arrange a funeral. Despite our efforts, her funeral is to be arranged by the Environmental Health Department and thus, by law, prevents any religious service in representation. Thanks to the courtesy of Edwin Harris & Sons (Funeral Directors), I have arranged to say prayers in their chapel in Crane Street on Tuesday at 3 pm and members of the Parish are welcome to attend. When we have news of the date of her cremation, we shall offer a Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul. May she rest in peace.

**Cemetery Services:** Today at 3 pm, in Kidderminster Cemetery and also in Wyre Forest Cemetery. Graves will be blessed after the Rosary and prayers for the Holy Souls.

**SVP:** meet on Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Wheatley Room at 7.15 pm.

**Montini Group:** on Tuesday at 7.45 pm in the Montini Room we shall begin our consideration of the COMMUNICANTES of the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I) by talking of the 'glorious, ever Virgin, Mary!'. Everyone is welcome to join our group at any time during the year.

**Craft Club:** will meet this Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall at 7.30 pm. We will be sewing the poppies onto the hessian. If anyone would like to help please come armed with needle, black thread and thimble. Thank you.

**Baby and Toddler Group:** is on Wednesday 9 – 11 am in the Borromeo Hall. Suitable for babies to pre-schoolers. Please feel free to come and join us. We would also like to invite all parishioners to join us after Mass this Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November for a hot drink and cake.

**Bible Study:** We are meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2 pm for 2.30 pm start to discuss the Readings for 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Year B at 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster. 01562 741794.

**CONFIRMATION:** The next meeting of Candidates, parents, catechists and teachers will be in School on Wednesday at 6.30 pm. A list will be available to arrange pastoral visits to the homes of our candidates and their families; and also we shall prepare for the visit of Bishop Robert Byrne by inviting all our Candidates to make some commitment that will be made in the presence of the Bishop on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

**CMS:** The annual Mass for deceased Brothers will be on Wednesday at 7.30 pm followed by a gathering in the Adams Lounge. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.

**Missa Cantata:** There will be a sung Mass in the Old Rite in St Ambrose's next Sunday at 3 pm. This Mass fulfils the obligation to hear Mass, books are available, the music is excellent and the post Mass tea likewise.

**Parish Visitation:** Bishop Robert Byrne will visit our Parish during the weekend November 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>. At 4 pm. on Saturday he will meet representatives of the main areas of Parish life in the Adams Lounge – Finance, School, Safeguarding; and also representatives of Parish groups and associations. He will also be attending the Annual Dinner of the Catholic Men's Society, being held that evening in the Borromeo Hall. All members of the Parish are welcome to attend: details from Br. Ray Barber. The Bishop will offer the three Parish Masses on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. During Mass at 11am our Confirmation Candidates will make a commitment to service in the Parish; and Sylvia and Leo Kealey will receive the Diocesan Ubi Caritas award, for their services to the Church in this part of the Diocese over many years. During the Mass at 6 pm. Philip Standing will receive the Gold Medal of the Guild of St. Stephen, having completed 50 years as an Altar Server. At 4 pm the Bishop will meet, and have tea, with sick and elderly and normally housebound parishioners. This will rely on family members, neighbours, SVP members and Eucharistic Ministers to make it possible for such people to attend. Other parishioners who may be able to offer lifts are asked to speak to the Parish Clergy or to Joseph Moran at the Rectory. We hope that as many as possible will be able to attend, and perhaps remain to join the Bishop for the Evening Mass at 6 pm. We are hoping to arrange a buffet lunch in the Parish Lounge on that day. Further details in the coming weeks.

**Matters Ecumenical:** The following important matters have been brought to our attention by Churches Together in Kidderminster:

1. We are all invited to shine a candle or votive light in our churches and our homes next Sunday evening at 19.18 hours (7.18 pm) to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War in gratitude for the peace that was won and in memory of those whose lives were lost. There will be a service at St Mary's at 7 pm which all are invited.

ii. SERVING THE SERVERS IN KIDDERMINSTER TOWN CENTRE ON ADVENT SATURDAYS: This is a CTIK initiative to offer refreshments for retail staff and stall holders in Kidderminster Town Centre. We are asked to supply at least FOUR volunteers to work with members of the Kidderminster East Team Ministry between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. The project will operate out of Baxter Church and will entail supplying tea and mince pies and a note detailing Christmas services in Kidderminster. I hope that we will be able to volunteer and support this initiative. Names please to Joseph Moran at the Rectory.

iii. CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON: Sadly, the previous plans for Christmas Day are not able to proceed. A new venue is being sought but volunteers are needed to cook turkeys at home and deliver them to the chosen venue, lay tables, prepare vegetables, wait on tables, wash up and clear away. Transport to and from the venue is also needed. Please notify Joseph Moran of any possibilities. Thank you.

**Music and Trivia Quiz:** Thank you to everyone that was involved in any way in last Sunday's event. After prize deductions, the total raised was £136 including £49 from the raffle; this means that £68 has gone to both the Air Ambulance charity and the Parish Centre's carpet fund. Owing to the perceived success of this event, it is hoped that another quiz will be put on in the not too distant future.

**200 Club:** Following the draw last Sunday, the lucky winners for October are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£75	no 37	Ms S Collins
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£30	no 92	Mrs P Lay
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£30	no 44	Mrs J Nicholls

**Light of Maasai:** Please see the notice board for our student, Giara's school report. Her education is sponsored by St Ambrose's Parish. Giara has now advanced to boarding school. She has been adopted by Elaine Bannon. See copies of the newsletter in the Borromeo Hall which a monthly article on Elaine's work is given. Thank you for your support.

**Fair Trade Sale:** Trinity Methodist Church Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 2 pm.

**Children's Liturgy:** Thank you to those parents who expressed an interest in attending the Children's Liturgy during Sunday morning Mass. It will resume on a trial basis on Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> to see if numbers improve.

**Finances:** Thank you for last week's Offertory of £825.15 (plate: £474.35 Envelope: £350.81).

**Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge:** Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 ([bookings.stambrose@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.stambrose@gmail.com))

**Bingo:** Every Tuesday 8.00 pm.

**Whist:** Every Wednesday 2.00 pm. Please come along and support the Parish Centre.