

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH**KIDDERMINSTER****The Rectory, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, DY10 2BY. (01562 822839)****Incorporating SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells****Parish Clergy: Revd. Fr. Douglas Lamb, Revd. Adam Nicholls, Revd. Charles Duncombe.****In Retirement: Revd. Dr. Peter Mason.****Pastoral & Secretarial Assistant: Joseph Moran. Office Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 9 am. – 2 pm. Thursdays 1.30 pm. – 6.30 pm.****Parish e-mail: stambrosekidderminster@btinternet.com****Parish website: www.stambrosekidderminster.org.uk****Safeguarding Representatives:****Jo Walker 01562 910446****Peter Harler 01562 746563**

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

Sunday of **Christ the King**

Year: B

Week Commencing: **November 25th 2018**

Psalter Week: 2. CTS Sunday Missal p. 952. Preface of Solemnity p. 814. Eucharistic Prayer: I. pg. 591. Mystery of Faith: III

Response to the Psalm: *The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.*Gospel Acclamation: *Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our Father, David.*

Feast Days this Week: F. St. Andrew. S. St. Edmund Campion.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**St Ambrose's**

Mon: 7:30 am. Rita Mackay (RIP.)

Tues: 8:30 am. Dave Harris (Anniv.)

Wed: 9:15 am. Emma Bostock (Anniv.)

Thurs: 7:30 am. John Thompson (Anniv.) 12:15 pm. **Funeral:** Doris Connor (RIP.) 7:30 pm. Holy Hour (Compline 8:35 pm.)Fri: 9:30 am. Adoration. 10:30 am. John & Mary Nangle (Golden Wedding) 12:15 pm. **Funeral:** Joseph Boland (RIP)

Sat: 9 am. May Heneghan (Anniv.) followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions.

Sun: 11 am. Michael Downs & Samuel Evans (RIP.) 3 pm. (Old Rite) The People of the Parish 6 pm. Lesley Thresh (RIP.)

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9 am. Walter Kozicki (RIP.)

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 11:45 am. - 12.45 pm. Sacred Heart by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Finn Robinson & Thomas Wright.

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Colclough, S. Colclough, E. Darbyshire, S. Elcock, C. Ellwood.

Readers:

A. Flavin & M. Tavares

Sun 6 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: V. Page & T. Rock.

Readers:

M. Bowdler & T. Alexander

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Moore & E. O' Neill.

Readers:

W. Moore

Church Cleaners Team: C. Offertory Counters Group: 3. Teas/Coffees: Union of Catholic Mothers.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:

Revd. Dr. Peter Mason, Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jim Thomas & Olena Barchuk

CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS: Bishop Robert Byrne has written an effusive letter of thanks, following last week's Visitation. 'I was most impressed not only with the Liturgy and organisation of the Parish but also for the faith and genuine friendship of the people.' Thank you to everyone who contributed to what was a happy and fruitful weekend. Please can we celebrate together on St. Ambrose's Day, December 7th, when we shall be joined by Rev. Fr. John Sharp to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the building of our beautiful and much loved church?

UBI CARITAS: Leo & Sylvia Kealey would like to express sincere gratitude for all the cards and good wishes and to those who attended the lunch. Making the day very special. Also many thanks to Fr. Lamb and to Bishop Byrne for the presentation.

AN URGENT REQUEST: There is a very disturbing trend developing in the Parish of loud conversation taking place before Mass, and sometimes even before the priest and servers have left the Sanctuary after Mass. Last Thursday morning was particularly disgraceful, and made a recollected celebration of the Mass almost impossible. It is a gross discourtesy towards those who may wish to prepare prayerfully for Mass. Please may we try to avoid ALL conversation in church before Mass (and afterwards, for those who may wish to make a thanksgiving). I regret having to make this request but I receive more complaints about talking in church than any other aspect of Parish life. There is plenty of opportunity for conversation in the Hall and lounge after Mass.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for STEVE BAKER, who died at home last Sunday evening, and for Maria, his wife and their three sons, Joseph, Thomas and James. Teresa Moule died at her home in the early hours of Wednesday morning. She had fought very bravely against serious illness for some long time. Funeral arrangements have yet to be made.

MISSA CANTATA: There will be a Sung Mass in the Old Rite next Sunday at 3 pm. Books are available and the Mass fulfils the Sunday Obligation. The Archbishop has commended us for providing this opportunity.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK: Thursday: 12:15 pm. DORIS CONNOR RIP followed by cremation
3:30 pm. JAMES CROSBY RIP at the crematorium

Friday: 12:15 pm. JOSEPH BOLAND RIP followed by cremation

The Environmental Health Department has notified us that Jean Mulligan's cremation will be at 8:15 am. on Monday, December 3rd. **No-one is permitted to attend.** The 8:30 am. Mass in St. Ambrose's Church on that day will be for the repose of her soul.

GOLDEN WEDDING: On Friday during Mass at 10:30 am. John & Mary NANGLE will renew their marriage promises on their Golden Wedding anniversary. We thank them for their loyal and generous service to our Parish over many years, and congratulate them. There will be refreshments in the Adams Lounge after the Mass.

BAPTISM: This afternoon the Rev. Charles Duncombe will baptise AMY VIOLET STRANK, and welcome her into the parish. Please pray for her family.

Craft Club: Meet this Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall at 7:30 pm. All welcome.

MONTINI GROUP: For our meeting in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7:45 pm. we shall study the prayer before the Words of Institution in the Roman Canon 'the oblation of our service'. Everyone is welcome to join us at any stage during the year.

CONFIRMATION: The final meeting of candidates, catechists, parents and teachers will be in the School Hall on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: There will be an HOLY HOUR, promoted by the Catholic Men's Society, at Our Lady & St. Kenelm's church in Halesowen at 3 pm. today, the Solemnity of Christ the King. Fr. Bruce Dutson will lead it. Lifts will be available from St. Ambrose's at 2.30 p.m.

200 CLUB: The November draw will take place during morning assembly in St. Ambrose's School on Monday, November 26th at 9.15 a.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: The next meeting of the CMS is to be held on Wednesday, November 28th in the Adams Lounge at which a General Discussion to be led by Fr. Lamb on the recently canonised Pope St. Paul VI. All men of the parish welcome. Why not give it a try!

HOLY HOUR: There will be an Holy Hour in St. Ambrose's on Thursday, November 29th from 7.30 p.m. All those with ministries in the parish are encouraged to attend in thanksgiving for this Church Year about to end, and in preparation for the Season of Advent.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND will be having a sale of Christmas Cards, Soaps, Seasonal Religious items and Gifts on Sunday, 25th November after the 11.00 a.m. Mass in the Hall. We would like to send as much money as possible to provide some additional funding to Christian families this Christmas season and hope you will give us your generous support.

GIN TASTING EVENING: Friday, November 23rd 7.30 p.m.– late. St. Ambrose's Parish Centre. Vouchers to be purchased on the night.

CHRISTMAS DRAW: The Christmas draw will take place in the Adams Lounge after the Parish Carol Service on Thursday, December 20th. Tickets are now available from the back of the church or from the Rectory. Please let all of us sell as many as we possibly can. Several recent costs have been incurred in church (a damaged heating pipe, and several new items for the altar) and there is an expensive year ahead following the quinquennial inspection of parish property. Many parishioners have already been extremely generous and we are very grateful for so much support.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: December 2nd at 12 noon. Donations of chocolates, bottles, gifts, crafts, jars of jam & chutney, bric-a-brac etc. , will be most welcome. Please leave at the back of church or in the Rectory. Cakes also needed for refreshments and can be left in the Borromeo Hall on the morning of December 2nd. Thank you. Help will be needed on the evening of December 1st for setting up and help manning stalls on December 2nd would be appreciated. Please contact either Joy Farmer or Betty Martin for details.

SVP: will meet next on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:15 pm. in the Wheatley Room.

ST. AMBROSE'S DAY: This year on St. Ambrose's Feast Day, December 7th, we shall celebrate the 160th anniversary of the building of our Church in 1858, while Fr. Ambrose Courtney was Parish Priest. There will be a Mass at 7:30 pm. at which the preacher will be the eminent Catholic historian and former Diocesan Archivist Fr. John Sharp (Parish Priest of St. Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton). Afterwards there will be a FISH & CHIP SUPPER in the Borromeo Hall of the Parish Centre. Once again we shall call on the services of the best chip shop in the world – BROADWATERS CHIPPY. Lists are at the back of the Church. Please make a note of this date so that it can be a real celebration of our wonderful Parish, and its distinguished history.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: will not meet again at St. Ambrose's until the last Wednesday in January 2019.

CARPETS: the Adams Lounge carpet has been laid (and is well worth seeing, with plenty of opportunity to do so) but the Borromeo Hall will now be refitted on January 7th 2019.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER: The ecumenical preparation for this service will take place at Holy Innocents, Stourport Road, Kidderminster, on Friday, December 7th from 10 am. – 2:30 pm. See notice board for further information.

FINANCES:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory total of £828.89 (Plate £478.49. Envelopes: £349.40)
- ii. £10 was contributed to the MITE scheme.

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

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm.

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