

**ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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

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

**Second Sunday in Advent** Year: A Week Commencing: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Psalter Week: 2 CTS Sunday Missal p. 31 Preface: I of Advent p. 549 Eucharistic Prayer: III pg. 611 Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.

Gospel Acclamation: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Feast Days this Week: Mon. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Fri. St. Lucy, Sat. St. John of the Cross.

**The Angelus will be said at the end of all Masses in our Parish.**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

**St Ambrose's**

Mon: 7.30 am David, John & Martin Weaver RIP

Tues: 8.30 am Mike Knowles RIP

Wed: 9.15 am Mike Wymark RIP 10.30 am Funeral: **Ann Webb RIP** 6.00 pm **Confirmation Mass**

Thurs: 8.30 am Intentions of Margaret McCuaig 7:30 pm. Adoration until 8:35 pm. Compline.

Fri: 9:30 am. Adoration until 10:15 am. Mass 10:30 am In Thanksgiving (Roy)

Sat: 9.00 am Marie Heavern RIP, followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions.

Sun: 11.00am UCM (Alane Harvey RIP) 6.00 pm. Angelo & Assunta Vaccaro & Adelina Polito RIP

**Sacred Heart**

Sun: 9.00 am The People of the Parish

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. Kunvilla, F. Smardz.

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Colclough, B. Galvin, C. Geraghty, M. Harper, A. Harris.

Readers: D. Duncombe, M. Cunliffe.

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Alexander, N. Doherty.

Readers: A. Stewart, P. Young.

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: E. O'Neill, M. Peyton.

Readers: B. Mountain.

Church Cleaners Team: A

Offertory Counters Group: 2

Tea/Coffee: Craft Club

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jim Thomas, Nora Collins, Matteo Butera, Rosemarie Smith, Emilia Gissyng, Revd. Fr Edward Sopala, Richard Bolton, Julie White, Laura Reynolds, Fr Bruce Dutson, Tom Hopkins, Thomas Roy, Bernard Casken, Esther Sharp, Delia Nepi, Helena Collins, Margaret Tillott, Ken Dalby, Frank Furlong, Fr Richard Sharples and Peter Bowdler.

**Anniversaries:** of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Rev. Fr. Vincent Lucas who died on Tuesday in 2005 and Mother Augustine Mooney, Headmistress, who died on Friday in 1916. May they rest in peace.

**Requiescant:** Ann Webb's body will be brought to Church on Tuesday at 4.30 pm, and her Funeral Mass is on Wednesday at 10.30 am, followed by cremation. The body of **Muriel Domone** will be received into Holy Family Church, Bewdley on Thursday at 5.30 pm, and Fr. Lamb will offer her Funeral Mass there on Friday at 12.30 pm prior to burial at Ribbesford. The Funeral Mass for **James Bryant** has now been arranged for Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am in St. Ambrose's. Fr. Lamb will receive the body of **Jack Doran** into St. Wulstan's, Stourport-on-Severn on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, and will offer the Funeral Mass in St. Wulstan's on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 12.15 pm. We pray for **Mary Wood** of Cookley, who died at home last Saturday afternoon, the day after she received the Last Rites with Viaticum. **Keith Peare** died in Redditch Hospital in the early hours of Monday morning. He had been ill for a comparatively short time. Details of these funerals will be published when arrangements have been made.

**Parish Carol Service:** The Carol Service this year will take place in Church on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm, and there will be contributions from the Parish Choir and the School. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards, and the Grand Draw will take place.

**Christmas Gathering:** All those who work so hard for us are invited to join the Parish Priest for a small gathering in the Adams Lounge during the evening of Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 pm-8.30 pm. Food and wine will be offered, and it will be a good opportunity for gratitude to be expressed on behalf of the Parish for the wonderful support we are given during the year.

**Poinsettias for the Crib:** In recent years it has been our tradition to place Poinsettias around the Christmas Crib, and to do so in memory of those who have died among our family members, relatives and benefactors. It is hoped that the crib will be placed in time for the fourth Sunday of Advent (December 22<sup>nd</sup>). That would be a good time to bring them, perhaps indicating the prayer intention associated with each one.

**Montini Group:** The Group meets on Tuesday for the last time before Christmas. We shall review the Chapters of the Rule of St. Benedict that we have covered so far; share a few thoughts about monastic and contemplative life in general, listen to advent Chants from a Benedictine monastery, and enjoy some seasonal refreshments. Everyone welcome, as always.

**Craft Club:** Will meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall at 7.30 pm. New members always very welcome.

**Confirmation:** Bishop William Kenney will visit the Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass at 6 pm on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a Parish Celebration and it is hoped that many parishioners will be able to attend to support and pray for our Candidates.

**Services of Penance for Advent:** The following Services of Penance have been arranged for Advent in our Deanery:

<b>Tuesday</b> December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch
<b>Wednesday</b> December 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Peter's, Bromsgrove
<b>Thursday</b> December 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Ambrose's, Kidderminster
<b>Friday</b> December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Heart, Droitwich.

**Kidderminster Deanery:** The Clergy of the Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch.

**200 Club:** 2020 Subscriptions/renewals are now due. There is a total prize fund of £2,500 equating to monthly prizes of £75, £50 and £25 along with the Big Christmas Draw with prizes of £400, £200 and £100. As a Parish Community it is so important that we support this endeavour. It allows vital funds to be available to our Parish in order to meet the financial obligations which we have. In 2019 the 200 Club contributed over £2,500 to Parish funds. The cost is £24 per annum per number, payable monthly, quarterly, half yearly or annually in January. We would love to welcome many more new members. If you wish to join the 200 Club please fill in the form at the back of church and put on the collection plate or hand in to the Rectory. Any queries please contact Janine Nicholls or Martin Grovenor using the details on the application forms.

**Church Cleaning (St. Ambrose's):** We will be giving the church a 'big clean' on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December after morning Mass (around 10.00am). We would be grateful for volunteers to come along, not just the regular church cleaners – we particularly need some tall people to reach high places! The rotas for the New Year will be available at the back of church. Thank you.

**Hagley Catholic High School Christmas Celebration:** On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.45 pm. The evening will begin with Christmas Carols played by the orchestra followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Des Devenney and blessing of the crib (bring your own cribs to be blessed) and then a Christmas market raising funds for the Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020. If you wish to attend please use the following link to confirm how many seats you require: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HCHSMass>.

**Carols & Mince Pies in St. George's Park:** With the Salvation Army Band – 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, Radford Avenue, Kidderminster. Join us for a free festive drink, mince pie and carol singing. Bring a torch, candle or lantern.

**Eat with us on Christmas Day:** St Ambrose's Parish Centre from 12.30 pm. Transport available (to collect and return). Contact the Rectory on 822839.

**Christmas Draw 2019:** Tickets are now available at the back of our Churches. Please take and sell **as many as possible**. Our need for funds is greater than ever as we have much maintenance work to undertake during the coming months. As everyone one is aware, Church collections do not adequately cover our weekly outgoings and so we rely on the organised Parish events, Christmas Draws, Bazaars and the like.

#### Finances:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £875.55 (Plate: £598.55, Envelope: £277).
- ii. £43.88 was donated to the Catholic Youth Service.
- iii. £100 was donated by the Whist Group.
- iv. £50 was donated to the Bazaar.
- v. The Bazaar raised a grand total of £1157.66.