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Holy Family Sunday Year A Psalter Week 1 CTS Sunday Missal p.97 Wk.ending December 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> 2013

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: M. The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. T. SS Basil and Gregory Nazianzen

F. The Most Holy Name of Jesus

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

ST AMBROSE'S

Monday 9.00 a.m. Peter Conway RIP

Tuesday 12 noon John and Margaret Bohan RIP

Wednesday 12 noon Jan Zmuda, Palma and Fedele Perri RIP

Thursday 9.00 a.m. Kitty Cooper RIP

11.00 a.m. Funeral: Joan Szydelko RIP

7.30 p.m. Adoration until 10.00 p.m. (Compline 9.45 p.m.)

Friday 12 noon Funeral : Roy Quinn RIP

7.10 p.m. Rosary

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Saturday 9.00 a.m. (Old Rite) Lar Walsh RIP 5.45 p.m. Intentions of Nicholas Ryan

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Cathy Kneuss RIP

3.00 p.m. Missa Cantata – Marjorie Johnson RIP

**OUR LADY'S** 

Monday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Prayer Group)

Friday 9.00 – 9.45 a.m. Adoration

10.00 a.m. Sheila Rywacki RIP

Sunday 5.00 p.m. Alfonso and Gioconda Salsano RIP

**SACRED HEART** 

Sunday 11.30 a.m. The People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS:** St Ambrose's Saturday 11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m., 6.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. and by request.

Sacred Heart By request.

## MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Volunteers, please

St Ambrose's: Saturday 5.45 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers Readers
T Alexander, C Ellwood, C Hopkins M Weaver

Sunday 9.30 a.m. R Barber, D David, L Farmer, M Hesketh, M Roy G Pardoe

Our Lady's: Sunday 5.00 p.m. N Doherty, J Gavan, J Newbold P Motteram, A Goode Sacred Heart: Sunday 11.30 a.m. N Peyton, A Speers to be appointed

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team E Offertory Counters: Group 2

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Pope Benedict XVI, Dorothy Atwell, Albert and Elsie Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Linda Button, Jackie Cainey, Catherine Carroll, Nigel Collier, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Pam Cunningham, Eamonn Dalton, Dorothy Donigan, Joni Dunlea, Sr Maureen Fay, Victoria Fleming, Corinne Fox, Anthony Georgieff, Frances Graves, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Christine & Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Keeley John, Jan Joyce, John Joyce, Ben Kelly, Marie Lane, Lynda Law, Felicity Librie, Audrey Little, Eleanor Lloyd, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Lee Maund, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Noreen Murphy, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Maureen O'Neill, Daniel Oxenham, Joyce Parker, Gordon Peyton, Chris Price, Janet Richards, Nancy Ruffinato, Harold Salter, Rita Simmonds, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Margaret Smith, Marie Stokes, Edward Sutton, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Peter Towers, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Edith Wilkes and Rene Yates.

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**Response to the Psalm:** O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Gospel Acclamation: May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Preface III of the Nativity: p. 553 Eucharistic Prayer: I p. 591 Mystery of Faith: I Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

THANKS: Both Rita MacKay (the Housekeeper) and I have been overwhelmed with cards, gifts and greetings. For myself, I have rarely received so much kindness, and I am very grateful to all parishioners who are kind enough to include me on their Christmas Card List. Also, so many of the greetings were very thoughtful and sensitive, and are much appreciated.

ST JOSEPH'S CHAPEL: Claire Conway and Helen Drew have donated a beautiful antependium for the Altar in St Joseph's Chapel. It is given in memory of Peter Conway, and has been made by Janina Kowalik. It will be blessed and dedicated during Mass today

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: It is very gratifying to see the beautiful array of Poinsettias that are before our Christmas Crib. All those visiting the Crib are asked to pray for the intentions of those who have placed these beautiful Christmas flowers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Parishioners will be saddened to hear of the death in the early hours of St Stephen's Day of Eric Whittaker, a parishioner for many years and a former Church Warden. In recent years he has been living with his Son in Oxfordshire. Kathleen McKenna, who lived in Kingsford, Wolverley, died whilst with her family in Spain on St Stephen's Day. Her funeral will be at St Ambrose's in the New Year. May they rest in peace.

**FUNERALS:** The following arrangements are announced. Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> December 11:30 a.m, St Wulstan's, Stourport, followed by cremation at Wyre Forest. Reception:Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 5:00 p.m. Funeral Mass: Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 12 noon. Lynne Marshall:

Roy Quinn:

Cremation at Stourbridge.

Reception: Tuesday, 31st December 4:30 p.m. Funeral Mass: Thursday, 2nd January 11:00 a.m. Joan Szydelko:

Burial in Kidderminster Cemetery.

TEAS AND COFFEES will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 a.m. Mass today by the Pre-School Group and next Sunday by the Parent & Toddler Group/Craft Group.

MISSA CANTATA: There is a Sung Mass in the Old Rita next Sunday at 3.00 p.m. in St Ambrose's. It was pleasing to see so many at the Old Rite Mass on Christmas Morning.

NEW LIFE TOGETHER will be presenting 'On Christmas Night' by Bob Chilcott in St Ambrose's Church on Sunday, 5th January at 6.30 p.m. All most welcome.

ST AMBROSE'S A.P.F.: The total collection from the Red A.P.F. Mission Boxes in 2013 was £2,354.00. Many thanks to all who contributed.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND: Those parishioners who make an annual contribution to the Fund are reminded that they may put this in the collection at weekend Mass, in an envelope marked 'Clergy Training Fund'. Many thanks for your continued support. Any parishioner wishing to find out more about the Fund should contact Mary Heffernan on K.743639.

200 CLUB: The December and Christmas Draws took place at the reception after the Carol Service in the Adams Lounge at St Ambrose's. The draw was made by Janine Nicholls and witnessed by Neal Darbyshire. The results are :-

December 2013 Draw : £75 - No.49, Anthony Francis £30 - No.174, Chris Geraghty

£30 - No. 161, Michael Ward

Christmas 2013 Draw: £400 - No.120, Peter Strangward

£200 - No.62, **Martin Grosvenor** £100 - No.93, Mrs E Lloyd

We thank those who have supported the 200 Club in 2013, and 200 Club Subscriptions for 2014 remain at £24 and become due on 1<sup>st</sup> January. The first draw will be on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

#### **FINANCES:**

- The Offertory last week was £1,001.80, for which many thanks. (Envelope Scheme £336.15, Loose £665.65).
- The Raffle raised £475.70, a very good effort. Thanks to those who helped by organising the raffle, donating some Wonderful prizes, and selling tickets.

# FROM THE REGISTERS:

We celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism with Dean DeCicco, Zac Morris, Harvey Holloway, Alfie Baldwin, Ifakemi Bamgbose, Lacie-Jae Booth, Lucy Coates, Archie Morris, Maisie Cooke, Isla McCorack-Pearsall, Katie Ferreira-McCormack, Harry Cooper, Rocco Eddery, Isla Parker, Amelie Payton, Mary Morgan, Katie O'Hara, Joshua Conway, Dakota Walker, Theo McSorley, Jaine Bishop, Niamh Record, Jacob Henderson, Louie Nash, Bertie Bradbury, James Batten, Harley Vernon, Erin Thornton, Poppy Billings, Nikola Kiapot, Scarlet Mol-Farmer, Osca Stampe, Jack Cortis, Jason Mills, Joseph Martin, Lillian Martin, Oliver Thompson, Isla Thompson, Isaac Thompson, Henry Thompson, Cian Ashton, Thomas Ruebsamen, Henry Cull, Zachary Jenkins, Jared Jenkins, Charlotte Richards, Rebecca Richards, Kian Rogers, Amie Power and Noah Grice. May God bless them and their families.

We only had four weddings in 2014: Robert McConomy and Carrie Wilcox were married on August 11<sup>th</sup>; Darren Cook married Stephanie Watters on September 5<sup>th</sup>; and on September 6<sup>th</sup> Michael Bowen and Christie Barker were married. The final marriage was on October 26<sup>th</sup>, the wedding of Marc Buncle and Elizabeth Martin. Please pray for their future and lasting happiness.

During the year, many of our parishioners and friends entered eternal life: Marie Smith, Roy Thompson, Franc Sulla, Kataryna Rybalka, Kenneth Lythall, Manfred Ingenthron, Maureen Cleary, Patrick Dolan, Joseph McCormack, Mary Robinson, Veronica Jones, Peter Anton, Margaret Alderman Michael Westwood, Thomas Scanlon, Tom Wilson, Raffaele Bianco, Derry O'Sullivan, Mario DeCicco, Brigida Saporito, Sheila Freeman, Peter Conway, George Rywacki, Nicola Corbo, Josef Stepien, Kitty Cooper, Martin Packwood, Peter Mullard, Kevin Evans, Sheila Rywacki, Majorie Johnson, Aileen Chatterton, Severino Desogus, Ivor Pescaglini, Pat Quinn, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Rosemary Angove, Vera Farley, May Williams, Teresa Tevenan, John Gibson, Bernie Monger, Albert Graham, Fernanda Maffei, Thomas Hull, Arthur O'Toole, Joan Szydelko, Roy Quinn, Jim Toomey, Lynne Marshall, Eric Whittaker and Kathleen McKenna. May they rest in peace.

BORROMEO HALL/ADAMS LOUNGE: Available for functions of all kinds: parties, receptions, etc. Please contact Mary Preston (07513 295817) or Margaret Blizard (07742 730680).

EVERY FRIDAY: Folk Music in the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists. Free admission 8 p.m. -

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