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Second Sunday in Advent Year A Psalter Week 2 CTS Sunday Missal p. Week ending December 7th/8th, 2013

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: M. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, F. St Lucy, S. St John of the Cross.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

ST. AMBROSE'S

Monday	7.30 am	Peter Conway RIP	
Tuesday	8.30 am	Kitty Cooper RIP	
Wednesday	9.15 am	Intentions of Shirley Keogh	
Thursday	11.30 am	Norah & Claude Aston RIP	7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Friday	11.15 am	Funeral: Fernanda Maffei RIP	7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm Holy Communion
Saturday	9.00 am (Old Rite)	Stefan & Stephanie Mikulicz RIP	5.45 pm Joseph Donigan (Anniv)
Sunday	9.30 am	Amy, Bill & Billy Harris RIP	6.30 pm Evening Prayer for Advent

OUR LADY'S

Monday	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Prayer Group)	
Friday	9.00 am – 9.45 am	Adoration	10.00 am David Cross RIP
Sunday	5.00 pm	Mary Lowe RIP	

SACRED HEART

Sunday 11.30am The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 11.45am-12.45pm, 6.30pm-7.00pm; and by request.
Sacred Heart: by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Kamil Lisowski, Owen Neale.

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's	Saturday 5.45 pm:	T Alexander, C Ellwood, M Stride
	Sunday 9.30 am:	M Bradley, C Duncombe, E Fox, M Holmes, J Villa
Our Lady's	Sunday 5.00 pm:	H Bearne, B Gavan, A Harris
Sacred Heart	Sunday 11.30 am:	A Speers, Trina Cole

Readers

C Atkins
C Vass
B Taylor, C Villa
Tony Cole

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team B

Offertory Counters: Group 6

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 Caine, 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, Lynne Marshall, Lee Maund, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Noreen Murphy, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Mareen 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, Eric Whittaker, Edith Wilkes and Rene Yates.

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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.

Preface I of Advent: p. 548

Eucharistic Prayer III: p. 611.

Mystery of Faith: I

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

BAPTISM: We welcome into our parish **Amie Leigh Rebecca Power** who is to be baptised this afternoon.

WEEKDAY MASSES: For some time now there has been a steady decline in the numbers of those attending daily Mass. It has been suggested that a consultation should take place to see if the times of weekday Mass ought to be varied. Usually, I have Diocesan responsibilities at least once in the week, and if I am able to take a day off then Mass is normally at 7.30 am. At present, we do not have an evening Mass on weekdays. If you would like to take part in this survey (in order that it may be more convenient for you to attend Mass during the week) please take and complete one of the forms available in our Kidderminster Churches. Please return to the Rectory before Christmas. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREE CARDS: Why send individual cards when from this weekend at both Kidderminster Churches you can write one card with a message to all parishioners and make a donation to Mary's Meals, a charity that feeds starving children. Cards will be displayed on a tree at the back of Church.

ACTION BY CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE – Letters to Prisoners of Conscience: The Diocesan Commission for Justice, Peace & Overseas Development has forwarded a Christmas Card greeting list on behalf of Action by Christians against Torture (ACAT). The aim is to mobilise Christians of all denominations to come together to pray and to write letters of appeal to governments and others in countries where we know abuse and torture are practiced. Copies of these letters are available in our Churches. In writing to political prisoners, please be very careful to observe any restrictions that may have been imposed.

DEATHS: **Albert Graham** died recently after some years of ill health. His funeral is at the Wyre Forest Crematorium on Thursday. One of the best loved members of the Italian community, **Fernanda Maffei**, died last Monday evening, surrounded by all her family. She, too, had been in poor health for many years. Her Funeral Mass is on Friday, prior to her burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. Parishioners may remember **Eddie Waters** who taught in our school for some years and who died last week.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tuesday is the anniversary of the death in 2005 of the much loved **Fr Vincent Lucas** (St Ambrose's 1937-1939). Next Saturday is the anniversary of the death in 1916 of **Mother Augustine Mooney**, the founding Head Mistress of our School, and Revd Mother of St Ambrose's Convent. May they rest in peace.

TEAS AND COFFEES: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass by the Ambrosians and next Sunday by the CMS/Bowls Club.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER: On the first three Sundays in Advent we shall celebrate the Evening Prayer of the Church at 6.30pm in St Ambrose's with Advent Music and Meditation. On the fourth Sunday, December 22nd, there will be a Service of Readings and Carols in Church at 6.30 pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Adams Lounge for the Grand Christmas Draw.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Monday 9th December at 10:30 am in the Hall/Montini Room. New members welcome.

KIDDERMINSTER DEANERY: The Clergy of the Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch. We shall have a pre-Christmas period of prayer and reflection together.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES: The Services of Penance, with individual Confessions, have been arranged in our Deanery as follows:

Monday December 16 th :	St Wulstans, Stourport on Severn	Tuesday December 17 th :	Sacred Heart, Droitwich
Wednesday December 18 th :	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch	Thursday December 19 th :	St Ambrose's, Kidderminster
Friday December 20 th :	St Peter's Bromsgrove.		

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Last Christmas many people brought poinsettias to Church to place around the crib in memory of deceased relatives and friends. We hope to do this again this year. These beautiful Christmas plants may be brought on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and a message or prayer may be attached.

NEW LIFE TOGETHER: will be presenting 'On Christmas Night' by Bob Chilcott in St Ambrose's on Sunday, 5th January at 6:30pm. All most welcome.

- FINANCES:**
- i Thanks to everyone for making the **Bazaar** such a success last Sunday – for the planning and organization, for the many gifts and items donated, for the raffles and stalls, and for all the good things that people were able to enjoy last week. The likely total is over £1,100 and this will be a great help to us over the coming months.
 - ii The offertory last week was £969.42 (Loose £651.68, Envelope Scheme £317.74).
 - iii £42.13 has been added to our collection for the Diocesan Youth Services.
 - iv The Collection in Tenbury last Sunday raised £105.15. This month it will be donated to our Maryvale project in Bamenda.
 - v There is a collection today for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.
 - vi **200 Club:** The November 2013 draw of the St Ambrose 200 Club took place on Tuesday, 3rd December in St Ambrose's Rectory. The draw was made by J M Bullock and witnessed by R Mackay. The winning numbers are: £75: No. 88 Mrs Shirley Keogh; £30: No. 136 Mrs Mandy Baylie; and £30: No. 32 Betty Cahill - Please supply address to remit cheque as we do not have your details on file. All members need to ensure their 2013 subscription of £24 is fully paid up, in order to be eligible to participate in the Christmas draw. Payments should be made in a 200 Club envelope found at the back of each of our churches, and placed in the collection bag or through the rectory door.

BORROMEIO 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 8.00pm – late.