

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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Second Sunday in Advent: Year C Psalter Week 2 CTS Sunday Missal p. 65 Week commencing December 6th, 2015.

Response to the Psalm: What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.

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

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: **M.** The Solemnity of **St Ambrose**, patron of our Parish. **T.** Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of Our Lady**.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

ST. AMBROSE'S

Monday	9.15 am	Patrick Nestor (Anniv)	
Tuesday	8.30 am	Rose McCann (Anniv)	
Wednesday	8.30 am	Holy Souls (In thanksgiving)	
Thursday	8.30 am	Eileen Caffrey RIP	7.30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8.45 pm)
Friday	9.30 am – 10.15 am	Adoration	10.30 am Mass: Intentions of Peter Grantham
Saturday	9.00 am	Intentions of Jean Bullock, followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the Sick	
Sunday	11.00 am	Intentions of Lindsey Grainger	
	6.00 pm	Elizabeth Lamb (Anniv)	

SACRED HEART

Monday	1.00 pm	Funeral Mass: Irene Power RIP	
Saturday	11.00 am – 4.00 pm	Day of Recollection	12.30 pm Mass: Messrs Bridge & Greer Spencer RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	The People of the Parish	

CONFESSIONS: **St Ambrose's:** **No Midday** (Tenbury)/ by request.

Sacred Heart: by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Jay Jay Bishop, Charlie Bradbury

		<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Readers</u>
St Ambrose's	Sunday 11.00 am:	A Colclough, D Duncombe, B Galvin, C Geraghty, A Harris.	M Holmes, M Parker.
	Sunday 6.00 pm:	J Gavan, M Hesketh, V Page, J Stanley, M Stride.	M Bowdler, P Bowdler.
Sacred Heart	Sunday 9.00 am:	A Stanley, T Cole.	C Stanley.

Church Cleaners: Team A

Offertory Counters: Group 3

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Fr Paul Chavasse, Fr Peter Jones, Ann Aylott, Joan Aylott, Albert and Elsie Barr, Joan Battye, Peggy Baynton, Lilia Beecroft, Christina Bickley, Catherine Blunt, Frank Bourke, Jean Bullock, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Rob Conway, Julie Cook, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Paul Crowley, Eamonn Dalton, Sarah Dalziel, Joni Dunlea, Sr Maureen Fay, Martha Graham, Frances Graves, Diane Grovenor, Robert Hale, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Canice Heavern, Vicki Houghton, Cindy Jones, Tom Jones, Jan Joyce, John Joyce, Audrey Little, Francesca Lloyd, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Margaret McKeever, Joe McLaughlin, Peter McQuillan, Gaetana Maffei, Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Petronilla Marcianti, Lee Maund, Margaret Metcalf, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Kitty Murray, Delia Nepi, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Billie O'Keeffe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Daniel Oxenham, Jo Peters, Chris Price, Revd Philip Prince, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Marie Stokes, Colette Stride, Edward Sutton, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Jean Villa, Patricia Virr, Mary Wallace, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Ann Webb, Edith Wilkes, Jake Wolfenden and Anne Youde.

Confirmation: We welcome Bishop Robert Byrne to our Parish. He will confirm twenty-nine of our children during Mass at 6.00 pm. We congratulate our candidates and their families, and we pray that they will become active and faithful members of our Parish.

Christmas Bazaar: Please visit the Borromeo Hall after 11.00 am Mass today, for our Parish Bazaar. There are stalls, games, raffles and refreshments, and this is an excellent way to support the work that the Parish undertakes. Thanks to all who have already contributed gifts and items for the various stalls, and donated prizes for the Christmas Draw. Please let us try to ensure the success of this important event.

Rest in Peace: Alice Roberts, of Birchen Coppice, died in the GP Unit on Wednesday evening, shortly after receiving the Last Rites. May she rest in peace.

Funeral: The Funeral Mass for **Irene Power** at the Sacred Heart Church in Tenbury tomorrow at 1.00 pm.

Coffees and Teas: A new rota for volunteers to make the coffees and teas after 11.00 am Mass is now available at the back of church. Please do consider firstly taking the opportunity to come in for a short while after Mass; it is a chance to socialise with fellow parishioners. If you would like to help but are unsure what to do, please come and ask one of the people in the kitchen during coffee time or contact Chris Vass K. 630949. Many thanks to all those kind people who have already volunteered since the 'new' scheme started in September and to those who sign up for the New Year.

St Ambrose's Day: The Mass tomorrow at 9.15 am will be attended by the whole School, and we shall again sing the hymn in honour of St Ambrose, written by Joseph Moran. Over 75 parishioners have indicated that they will be attending the Feast Day Dinner in the Borromeo Hall tomorrow evening. The Shrine will be highlighted throughout the day. Please let us all pray to our Patron that he will intercede for our homes and families, our school, and our whole Parish.

Montini Group: The final meeting before Christmas will take place on Tuesday evening in the Montini Room at 7.45 pm. Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady, and we shall honour her in words, music and study.

Advent Services of Penance: The following arrangements have been made:

Monday December 7th Sacred Heart, Droitwich
Wednesday December 9th St. Wulstan's, Stourport on Severn
Tuesday December 15th St. Peter's, Bromsgrove
Thursday, December 17th St. Ambrose's Kidderminster

All the services begin at 7.30pm, with four Confessors available on each occasion.

Advent Day of Recollection: Parishioners are invited to spend a quiet day at Tenbury on Saturday, 12th December. Advent is a time of peaceful reflection in preparation for the great celebration of the Incarnation at Christmas. The Day will begin at about 10.45 am (tea and coffee from 10.30 am); there will be two reflections given by the Parish Priest; Mass at 12.30 pm; and we shall end with Eucharistic Adoration and Evening prayer at about 4.00 pm. Please bring something for a shared lunch. I hope that tea and coffee will be available throughout our time together. Please indicate intended participation on the lists available in our Churches.

Kidderminster Male Choir: Has its Christmas concert in the Town Hall on Saturday 12th December at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10.00 each and are available from the Town Hall between 10.00 am to 2.00 pm or booking office – telephone 01562 732158 or from KMC web site or any KMC member – ticket officer 01562 827958, also John Beard, Ironmonger, and Bewdley Tourist Information Centre.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: We will be holding our annual tea party for pensioners and those who are alone on Sunday 20th December at 3pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like to join our afternoon of tea, cake and Christmas carols, please sign the list at the back of church, leaving your contact details if you need help with transport.

Blessing of Family Cribs. The custom of bringing the Family Crib for blessing before Christmas will take place on the Fourth Sunday of Advent during the Carol Service at 7.30pm (followed by mulled wine, mince pies and the Christmas Draw in the Adams Lounge).

Christmas Poinsettias. In recent years, many parishioners brought poinsettias to Church to place around the crib in memory of deceased relatives and friends. We hope to do this again this year. More details to follow.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES;

Christmas Eve Vigil	5.45pm	St. Ambrose's
First mass of Christmas	8.00pm	Sacred Heart (Carols 7.30pm)
Carols and Readings	11.30pm	St. Ambrose's
First Mass of Christmas	Midnight	St. Ambrose's
Dawn Mass (Old Rite)	9.00am	St. Ambrose's
Mass during the Day	10.30am	St. Ambrose's

Adams Lounge: The winner of the Draw for the Hudl Tablet was John Quinn. Congratulations.

St Ambrose School Job Vacancy: A vacancy has arisen for the post of a lunchtime supervisor. The post is for 1hr 20mins per day, 5 days a week. Anyone interested in the post should contact the School Office on 01562 823568 or call in to school during school hours.

- Finances:**
- i **Christmas Draw:** Books of tickets are now available, and will be on sale during the Bazaar and until the **Carol Service** on the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20th. Please take and sell and buy as many as possible within the next three weeks.
 - ii **Red Boxes:** Thanks to all Mission Box holders and collectors from Our Lady's for raising £1044.35 in 2015.
St Ambrose's Red Boxes: It is near the end of the year so if any Red Box holder would like their Box emptied, please leave it in Church. Calendars at the back of Church – please pick one up.
 - iii Thank you for the offertory last week of £828.17. (Envelope Scheme £283.00; Loose plate £545.17).
 - iv A further £20 has been donated for Refugees.
 - v We acknowledge with gratitude a donation of £20 from Arwen Lockley.
 - vi The Parish has received £3,608.22, a legacy from Mrs Wood, who died earlier this year.
 - vii A further £46.51 is added to our collection for the Diocesan Youth Service.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Mary Preston (07513 295817) or 07742 730680.

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm. **Whist:** Every Wednesday 2 pm. Please come along and support the Parish Centre.

Every Friday: Folk music in the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists. Free admission 8pm-late.