

ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH, KIDDERMINSTER & SACRED HEART CHURCH, TENBURY WELLS



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Sunday, August 3rd 2025.



Parish Priest: Canon Douglas Lamb.

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The Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (C)



ONE BODY,

ONE SPIRIT,

IN CHRIST.

Psalter Week II.

Preface of Sundays I.

Eucharistic Prayer II.

Acclamation I.

TIMES of HOLY MASS, FEAST DAYS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY
August 4th

Mem. of St. John Mary Vianney; a 19th century priest tirelessly devoted to Confessions.

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. *Int. of Susan Purcell, in memory of Martin followed by Pro-Life Rosary.*

TUESDAY
August 5th

Dedication of St. Mary Major, the first church in the West dedicated to Our Lady.

(nb.) 8:15 am. Office of Morning Prayer

8:30 am. *The Holy Souls* (in Thanksgiving)

9:30 am. Funeral Mass (Private)

WEDNESDAY **Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.**

August 6th

(nb.) 7am. Mass with Office of Morning Prayer (Decd. of the Moss & Battye families)

(*Canon Lamb is absent thereafter until Thurs. Aug. 28th)

THURSDAY
August 7th

Memorial of St. Cajetan; 16th century preacher of prayer & charity.

9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion

7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with the Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY
August 8th

Memorial of St. Dominic; Founder of the Order of Preachers (Blackfriars).

9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion

SATURDAY
August 9th

Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein); a convert from Judaism.

9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion followed by *Rosary & Novena Devotions.*

SUNDAY NEXT is the Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (C).

August 10th

9 am. (Tenbury Wells) *Celebrant's Int.*

11 am. *Celebrant's Int.*

6 pm. *Nadine Farmer RIP*

CONFESSIONS **No Confessions in August on Saturdays. By request when a visiting priest is available.**

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am. Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: A. Harris, J. Knowles & M. Strangward

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. M. Bradley 6 pm. N. Jose

READERS: 11 am. G. Kaspar 6 pm. D. Gillett

CLEANING TEAM: D (Friday morning)

TENBURY: Additional minister: M. Bowdler Reader: C. Stanley

REST IN PEACE: PATRICK STEWART died at home in Summer Road last week-end. He was 96 years of age, and was cared for by his family. ANTHONY DAVIES, son of Guiseppina, also died recently. His Funeral Mass will be on August 29th at 12 Noon, prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. DAVE BORKOWSKI died just a week after his daughter's marriage in our church. Despite the severity of his illness he was able to bring her down the aisle for the ceremony. We continue to pray for RICHARD THOMAS, LAWRENCE SPEERS, ROBERT CORBO, ROBERT ROUSE, FR. TONY ROHAN and all who have died recently.

WELCOME: Please pray for BETHAN BUCKLEY, whom we welcome into Full Communion with the Catholic Church during Mass at 11 am. today.

ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: It was announced in Rome on Thursday that Pope Leo XIV will confer the title 'DOCTOR of the CHURCH' upon St. John Henry Newman. He will become the third English saint to receive this honour, joining St. Bede & St. Anselm of Canterbury. To be a Doctor of the Church it is not enough to be holy, a worker of miracles, a shining example of Christian virtue: a Doctor of the Church is one who has something to teach, who helps the Church in the age-long process of Development of Christian Doctrine. When controversies arise, or when love grows cold, God raises up men and women with the vocation to explain disputed points of the Truth, or to call God's people back to the Way of Life, through their preaching or through their writing. In September 2010, Pope Benedict XVI speculated publicly that Blessed John Henry Newman would fit the criteria laid down for a Doctorate. He certainly enjoyed the Charism of Wisdom, with an acute mind and intellectual ability beyond most of us. His long ponderings on the Scriptures and the writings of the Church Fathers helped him to attain a Mature Sapiential Synthesis: in particular, his thought on the relationship between faith and reason, religion and science, is peculiarly relevant today. Although we do not think of him as a spiritual writer, his letters of advice on prayer imply an Authentic Spiritual Mastery. Certainly he was heroic in his Christian Witness, for he gave up home, family and friends to follow where the light of truth led him, and so caused scandal or admiration among those who knew him. Despite the murmurings of those who pretended he was not fully Catholic, his affirmation by the Popes of his own time and afterwards shows that he was genuinely in touch with Catholic Ecclesial Sources. And the criterion of Wide Diffusion and Beneficial Influence can hardly be questioned, since his writings have been read and appreciated in many languages and have been an influence on great numbers of people in their journey towards faith.

ABSENT: I will be absent from the Parish after morning Mass on Wednesday until the evening of Thursday, August 28th. The Vincentian Fathers will give a Mission on August 10th and the Masses will be as usual. Fr. JUSTIN KARAKADU, from Oscott College, will offer the Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption (on August 15th) at 9:30 am. in St. Ambrose's and 11:30 am. at Sacred Heart, **there will not be an evening Mass.** Fr. ANDREW ROBINSON, also of Oscott College, will offer the morning Masses on Sunday, August 17th. **There will not be an evening Mass on those two Sundays (the 10th or 17th).** On week-days there will be Services of the Word with the Office of Morning Prayer & Holy Communion, and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be as usual on Thursdays from 7:30 pm. Funeral Services can be arranged with Revd. Charles Duncombe; Funeral Masses will resume from August 29th onwards, arranged with consultation via Rev. Charles Duncombe and / or Joseph Moran. E-mails & answerphone messages will be collected regularly. In case of serious emergency please contact: Fr. Richard Sharples (St. Wulstan's, Stourport on Severn) 01299 822633 or Our Lady & All Saints, Stourbridge, 01384 395308.

TOMBOLA DONATIONS: Call for Prizes - please donate prizes for the Tombola, especially bottles, but anything suitable and good quality will be gratefully received. You can drop off donations at the Rectory or contact JOY FARMER on 0751 7294 175

MARCH FOR LIFE: Saturday, September 6th in London. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. A coach leaves from Our Lady & All Saints church in Stourbridge, DY8 1PQ at 6:30 am. Seats are £25, payable in advance. Contact Alice 0784-5706-362.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE to EVESHAM: has been arranged by the Deanery to the Church of OUR LADY and ST. EGWIN, Evesham on Saturday September 13th, with Mass at 12 noon. The Dean is anxious that all parishes in the Deanery are represented. Cris CRASSUS has kindly agreed to facilitate this, and a list of intending pilgrims will be drawn up. Many will be able to travel by car but we are happy to arrange a coach if this is necessary. Please express your intention to attend by signing the list at the back of the church, indicating travel preference.

SUMMER CHARITY SHOWCASE: Thanks to all those who attended the above, also thanks to the artists who gave up their free time to support the Let the Children Live! charity. A special thank you to Sylvia Kealy who gave the raffle prizes ably helped by Martin Grovner this raised £135.00. Also thanks to Mike and Mary for the excellent food and all their hard work in preparing the hall. A total of £400.00 was raised and this has already been sent. Ray Barber.

200 CLUB: Following the recent Draw in the Parish Centre the lucky winners for July 2025 are:

1 st	£75	No. 142.	Tom McSorley
2 nd	£50	No. 40	Paula Gillett
3 rd	£25	No. 15	Susan Meekings

PILGRIMS PROGRESS (2): *As a child, I was ill and bed-ridden with rheumatic fever many times and when I was invited to go to Lourdes with my aunt's parish. I was drawn to St. Bernadette when I heard she was ill when a child too. Although not a Catholic at the time, my aunt was a convert, I decided to go. I was quite nervous, not knowing much about Catholicism, but the experience stayed with me and when, 18 months or so later, circumstances led me and my mother to start attending the local Catholic church, it seemed the next step was to become a Catholic. I met my future husband too! It felt as if I was coming home when I made my First Communion and was Confirmed. My Confirmation name? Bernadette, of course. The effects of pilgrimage may not always be dramatic or rapid, but they can be life-changing and precious. The seed of faith sown at Lourdes is still growing and my relationship with Our Lady still strengthened, drawing me closer to Our Lord.* - Judith Standing.

If anyone else wishes to contribute to this series, please contact Matthew Morgan or Elizabeth Fox.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Allsopp, Trina Cole, Clare Conway, Olive Cooke, Alan Cunningham, Charlotte Doohan, Michael Dunne, Fr. Bruce Dutton, Ren Edward Evans, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Emilia Gissyn, Margaret Grimley, Lola Hartland, Kathleen Hegarty, Annie Holcroft, Margaret Holmes, Christine Hopkins, Boban Joseph, Shirley Keogh, Joan Kinsella, Pam Lay, Francesca Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Catherine Malcolmson-Priest, James McCarthy, Barry McManmon, Sheila Mikulicz, John Nangle, Brigid Nestor, William Nixon, Fran Oborski, Ian Page, Bridget Power, Veronica Pugh, Amanda Rattigan, Sarah Rejman-Greene, Jan Richards, Jackie Sands, Thomas Smith, Anthea Speers, Liz Steadman, Ray Stride, Ethel Thomas, Jim Thomas, Margaret Tillott, Jill Tombs, Christopher Tovey, Lynn Tovey, Lyndon Whatley, Michael Williams, Nuala O' Toole.

WEEK-END MASS TIMES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:

Ludlow: Sat 6 pm./Sun 11 am. 8:30 am. & 11 am. 8:30 am & 10:30 am.	Clebury Mortimer: Sun 9 am.	Stourport: Sat 5:30 pm. & Sun 10 am.	Stourbridge: Sat 5 pm./ Sun
Harvington: Sun 8:30 am. & 10:30 am.	Droitwich Spa: Sun 8:30 am. 10:30 am & 6 pm.	Bromsgrove: Sat 6 pm. / Sun.	

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