

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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The Baptism of Our Lord Sunday One (Yr B) Psalter Week 1 CTS Sunday Missal p133 Week commencing: 11th January 2015

Response to the Psalm: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

Preface of the Baptism of Our Lord: p 131 **Eucharistic Prayer:** I p591

Mystery of Faith: III

Feast Days this Week: Mon: St Aelred Tues: St Hilary Sat: St Anthony, Abbot

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

ST AMBROSE'S

Monday	7.30 am	John and Martin Weaver RIP
Tuesday	8.30 am	Dennis Griffiths RIP
Wednesday	9.15 am	Molly Charuk RIP
Thursday	11.30 am	Intentions of Lil Cook
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 10.00 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Friday	9.00 am	Adoration until 9.45 am
	10.00 am	John Peters (Anniversary)
	7.10 pm	Rosary
	7.30 pm	(Old Rite) Holy Souls
Saturday	9.00 am	Intentions of Charles Duncombe
Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Souls (Finella)
	3.00 pm	Unity Service (St Ambrose's)
	6.00 pm	Maria Arlete Rodrigues

SACRED HEART

Sunday	9.00 am	The People of the Parish
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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: Connor Vessey, Jay Jay Bishop

Eucharistic Ministers

			Readers
St Ambrose's:	Sunday 11.00 am	D Holdstock, M Holmes, P Hunt, A McDermott, B McFarland, M Roy	R Tovey, H Cartwright
	6.00 pm	M Hesketh, C Hopkins, V Page, H Scott J Stanley	B Taylor, D Lendon-Montrose
Sacred Heart:	Sunday 9.00 am	J Moore, A Speers	N Taylor

Church Cleaners: Team A

Offertory Counters: Group 6

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Fr Paul Chavasse, Joan Aylott, Albert and Elsie Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Alan Bullock, Linda Button, Catherine Carroll, Nigel Collier, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Julie Cook, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Paul Crowley, Eamonn Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Sr Maureen Fay, Anthony Georgieff, Frances Graves, Diane Grovenor, Robert Hale, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Christine & Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Cindy Jones, Tom Jones, Jan Joyce, John Joyce, Audrey Little, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Michael and Margaret McKeever, Joe McLaughlin, Peter McQuillan, Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Petronilla Marciante, Lee Maund, Margaret Metcalfe, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Kitty Murray, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Billie O'Keeffe, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Daniel Oxenham, Joyce Parker, Jackie Peck, Jo Peters, Chris Price, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Rita Simmonds, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Marie Stokes, Colette Stride, Edward Sutton, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Jean Villa, Patricia Virr, Edith Wilkes, Jake Wolfenden and Anne Youde.

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Poinsettias: Thank you to all those individual parishioners, and families, who placed poinsettias in our exceptionally beautiful Crib this year. Please be assured that all those commemorated by these lovely plants were remembered in the prayers of many of us who visited the Crib each day. Thanks, also, to the Farmer family, who worked so hard to prepare the Lady Chapel, and decorate our fine Christmas tree.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for Marie Lane, the sister of Cathy Kneuss. She died in Ireland on Cathy's anniversary, last Monday. Please also remember Eugene McLaughlin, brother of Joe. He also died in Ireland earlier this week. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Last Monday was the anniversary of the death in 2008 of Fr Philip Garrett, who looked after our Tenbury community 2002 – 2006. He is commemorated in a memorial stone in our Tenbury Church. Tuesday is the anniversary of the death in 1900 of Fr Louis Torond (Parish Priest 1877 – 1883). He returned to France and spent his last years praying for the conversion of England. Next Friday is the anniversary of the death in 1961 of the Franciscan Friar, Fr Alban Grealy, who lived some of his early years in our Parish. May they rest in peace.

Adoration/Daily Mass: I am often disappointed at the response to the opportunities offered in the Parish for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at daily Mass. During the coming weeks I would like to conduct a survey of opinion to ascertain if what we are offering is appropriate. For example, our Daily Mass times may need to be revised; and perhaps daytime Adoration may be preferred to our present period on Thursday evenings. In completing the survey it is important that those responding have a realistic intention of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and regular attendance at Daily Mass. I hope many parishioners will take part in this survey.

Coffees and Teas: Provided in the Borromeo Hall after 11.00 am Mass by the UCM/FOSAS and next Sunday by the Parent and Toddler/Craft Groups.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Monday, 12 January at 11.00 am in the Adams Lounge (note change of venue). New members welcome.

UCM: Will meet on Monday, 12 January at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall.

Big Cash Bingo: Every Tuesday night, 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm, St Ambrose's Parish Club. Come and support your Parish with a very enjoyable night. Fully licensed bar.

Montini Group: We reassemble in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7.45 pm, and we shall have a prayerful consideration of the homily of Pope Paul VI at Nazareth during his historic visit to the Holy Land. All are welcome to attend.

Ambrosian Group: Members of the Group meet for their monthly shared lunch on Thursday in St Ambrose's Parish Hall after 11.30 am Mass. Everyone welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The United Service for the Churches Together in Kidderminster will be held this year at 3.00 pm. on Sunday, 18 January in St Ambrose's. It will be an adapted form of the Evening Prayer of the Church, and will include an address given by the Revd Rose Lawley, Team Rector Designate and Vicar of St Mary's, Kidderminster. Please let us be well represented, and generous hosts at the refreshments afterwards.

Lent Retreat: As previously announced, Bishop Christopher Jones (retired Bishop of Elphin, Ireland) will be in our Parish 18 – 20 March to preach a Retreat in honour of St Joseph. He will speak at Mass on each of the evenings and his theme will be the three Communities that are most important to us – the Family; the Parish; the Church. Thursday, 19 March is the Solemnity of St Joseph and there will be a Concelebrated Mass, followed by a Buffet Reception. Next week posters will be available for publicity. Please let all of us make these dates a priority.

Walsingham Pilgrimage: The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham is on Saturday, 9 May, and it is hoped that we will be able to form a Parish Group to take part. At this stage I would ask for a declaration of interest. Please sign the lists at the back of our Churches. This is not a firm commitment but should be a positive indication of a willingness to take part.

Rosaries Abroad (a Catenian Initiative): Please may we ask you to give us your support by asking your parishioners to hunt for Rosaries in their homes and among family and friends. Please send Rosaries to Michael Blackburn, 164 Green Park Road, Halifax, W Yorkshire HX3 0SP. Queries to (01422) 352559. 07967 140542, Michael@jjbr.co.uk.

Finances:

- i White Flower appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding its annual appeal today. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause.
- ii Thank you for our Collection last week of £624.39. (Envelope Scheme £269.30, loose plate £355.09).
- iii A further donation of £100 has been received towards our electrical repairs, and is gratefully acknowledged.

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

Every Friday: Folk Music in the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists. Free admission, 8.00pm – late.

Apology: I am sorry for the inconvenience caused by my indisposition last Sunday, and am very grateful for all the concern and good wishes that have been received at the Rectory.