

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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**SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells**

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**Second Sunday in Advent Yr B Psalter Week 2 CTS Sunday Missal p485 Week commencing: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

**Response to the Psalm:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

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

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**Mystery of Faith:** I

**Today is the Feast of St Ambrose, Principal Patron of our Parish**

**Feast Days this Week:** Mon: The Immaculate Conception of our Lady Sat: St Lucy

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**ST AMBROSE'S**

Monday	7.30 am	Intentions of Clare Conway
Tuesday	7.30 am	Intentions of Eileen Villa
Wednesday	9.15 am	Brian Martin RIP
	11.00 am	Funeral Mass: Lynn Kerrigan RIP
Thursday	8.30 am	Tena Hawkins RIP
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 10.00 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Friday	9.00 am	Adoration until 9.45 am
	10.00 am	Ellen Lloyd RIP
	1.00 pm	Funeral: John Martin Mahoney
	7.10 pm	Rosary
	7.30 pm	(Old Rite) Elizabeth Lamb RIP
Saturday	9.00 am	Joseph Donigan (Anniversary)
Sunday	11.00 am	Intentions of Lil Cook
	6.00 pm	The People of the Parish

**SACRED HEART**

Sunday	9.00 am	Fr Philip Garrett RIP
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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:** Nikhil Jose, Ciaran Kealey

**Eucharistic Ministers**

			<b>Readers</b>
St Ambrose's:	Sunday 11.00 am	M Bradley, D David, C Geraghty, M Holmes,	M Holmes, D Duncombe
		M Roy, G Sumagpao	
	6.00 pm	N Doherty, L Farmer, C Hopkins, J Stanley	M Weaver, P Young
		M Stride	
Sacred Heart:	Sunday 9.00 am	M Peyton, A Speers	J Hughes

**Church Cleaners:** Team B

**Offertory Counters:** Group 1

**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, Margaret Blizard, 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, Jan Joyce, John Joyce, Marie Lane, Audrey Little, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Michael and Margaret McKeever, Joe McLaughlin, Peter McQuillan, Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Petronilla Marciante, Lee Maund, Joe and Margaret Metcalfe, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Kitty Murray, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Maureen O'Neill, 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, Margaret Strangward, 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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**Funerals:** Lynn Kerrigan died suddenly on 22 November, and her body is to be buried in Kidderminster Cemetery after the Funeral Mass on Wednesday. John Martin Mahoney died nearly a month ago in Spain, where his body was cremated. His ashes will be brought to Church on Friday for Mass at 1pm, prior to burial.

**Anniversaries:** Tuesday is the anniversary of the death in 2005 of the saintly Fr Vincent Lucas, whose priestly life began in this Parish (1937–39) and who celebrated his Diamond Jubilee in our Church. Next Saturday is the anniversary of the death in 1916 of Mother Augustine Mooney, the founding Head Mistress of our Schools (1888–1910). May they rest in peace.

**Christmas Bazaar:** Please do visit the Borrromeo Hall and the Adams Lounge after Mass today, and visit the many stalls with so much to offer in our Bazaar. Many people have worked hard, and collected assiduously to ensure the success of this important fund-raising event, and we are grateful to all those who have donated so many outstanding items. There is much to see and enjoy.

**Coffees and Teas:** Provided in the Borrromeo Hall after 11.00 am Mass by the UCM as part of the Christmas Bazaar; and next Sunday by the Parent and Toddler/Craft Groups.

**Old Rite:** There will be a Sung Mass in the Extraordinary Form in our Church this afternoon at 3.00 pm. Books are provided for those who wish to follow Mass.

**Advent Evening Prayer:** The Evening Prayer of the Church, with Advent readings and music will be at 4.30 pm today.

**Kidderminster Deanery:** The Clergy of the Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch. They will share an Advent period of Reflection before the Blessed Sacrament, allocate personnel for the Penance Services, receive a report from the recent meeting of the Council of Priests, and enjoy the renowned hospitality of Mount Carmel in a festive lunch!

**Montini Group:** In our last session before Christmas, on Tuesday at 7.45 pm in the Montini Room, we shall look at Pope Paul's beautiful document on Devotion to Our Lady, Marialis Cultus. This gives valuable and helpful teaching on the Rosary and the Angelus. Everyone welcome. As is now traditional, there will be mince pies and a festive drink at the close of the meeting.

**Additional Ministers of Holy Communion:** If possible, I would like all our Additional Ministers of Holy Communion to attend 9.00 am Mass on Saturday, 13 December (St Lucy's Day) and to meet briefly afterwards. There are one or two examples of bad practice that we may wish to discuss in order to establish uniformity and a greater reverence for the Holy Eucharist.

**Advent Penance Services:** The Deanery Services of Penance for Advent are as follows:

<b>Tuesday, 16 December:</b>	St Wulstan's, Stourport-on-Severn
<b>Wednesday, 17 December:</b>	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch
<b>Thursday, 18 December:</b>	St Peter's, Bromsgrove
<b>Friday, 19 December:</b>	St Ambrose's, Kidderminster
<b>Monday, 22 December:</b>	Sacred Heart, Droitwich Spa

All services begin at 7.30 pm and there is the opportunity for individual confessions. Several priests will be available on each occasion.

**Hospital Carol Service:** Wednesday, 17 December, 10.30 – 11.00 am in the Treatment Centre Main Entrance. The St John's School Choir and others will be with us. All welcome.

**Stourport Choral Society:** Please see notice board for details of A Stourport Christmas being presented on Saturday, 20 December at 7.00 pm in Stourport Civic Hall.

**Christmas Draw:** Tickets are available this weekend. Please take and sell (or buy) as many as possible and return counterfoils and money to the Rectory prior to the Draw, which will be in the Adams Lounge on Sunday, 21 December at about 9.00 pm. On the same evening the Christmas Draws of the 200 Club will also take place.

**Carols by Candlelight:** The Carol Service will be in Church on Sunday, 21 December at 7.30 pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Adams Lounge.

**Christmas Masses:** The times of Masses for Christmas are as follows:

<b>Christmas Eve, 24 December:</b>	9:00 am	St Ambrose's
	6:00 pm	St Ambrose's
	8:00 pm	Sacred Heart, Tenbury (Carol Service 7.30 pm)
	Midnight	St Ambrose's
<b>Christmas Day, 25 December</b>	9:00 am	St Ambrose's (Old Rite)
	10:30 am	St Ambrose's
<b>St Stephen's Day, 26 December</b>		There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day
	12 noon	St Ambrose's (Presentation of Medals to Altar Servers)

**SVP:** Baby's cot required for a young mother. Ring K 745410.

**St Ambrose's Red Boxes:** Those box-holders who would like their boxes emptied before the end of the year are asked to give them to Christine Hopkins or hand them in at the Sacristy. Please DO NOT leave them at the back of the Church.

**Finances:**

- i A Collection will be made after Masses today to support the poor parishes of the Diocese.
- ii The Offertory last week raised £909.29, for which, as always, we are very grateful. (Envelope Scheme £371.58, loose plate £537.71).
- iii Another £36.51 has been added to our collection for the Catholic Youth Service.

**Borrromeo 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.