

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER
ST AMBROSE'S Birmingham Road Kidderminster DY10 2BY (01562 822839)
OUR LADY & ST PIUS Canterbury Road Habberley (01562 748474)
SACRED HEART & OUR LADY Berrington Road Tenbury Wells
BRCDTR Registered as a Charity

Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Fr Derek Edwards
Revd Thomas Ashcroft Revd Peter Hesketh Revd Dr Peter Mason (in retirement)

First Sunday in Advent Year C Psalter Week 4 Pope John Sunday Missal p 99 2nd/3rd December 2006

Entrance Antiphon: To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No-one who waits for you is ever put to shame.
Response to the Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!
Preface, Eucharistic Prayer, Memorial Acclamation: As appointed by the Celebrant
Communion Antiphon: The Lord will shower his gifts, and the land will yield its fruit.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: **Tues:** Our St Birinus; **Thurs:** Solemnity of St Ambrose; **Sat:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon	8.30 am	Yvonne Choyce RIP
Tues	8.30 am	Ray Swalwell RIP
Wed	8.30 am	Elizabeth and James Hester RIP
Thurs	9.15 am	Philip Hopkins RIP
	7.00 pm	Confirmation Mass (Patrick Nestor - Anniversary)
Fri	7.10 pm	Rosary 7.30 pm In Thanksgiving (Douglas)
Sat	9.00 am	(Latin) Intentions of Rita MacKay
	6.30 pm	Intentions of Sheila and Roy Quinn
Sun	10.30 am	Mary O'Connor RIP
	6.30 pm	Advent Vespers and Benediction

Our Lady's

Mon	7.30 pm	Julia and Fernanda Gomes RIP (Prayer Group)
Wed	7.30 pm	Adoration until 8.30 pm (Prayers for Vocations)
Fri	9.00 – 9.45 am	Adoration 10.00 am Jack and Amy Connolly and Dave Harris RIP
Sat	9.30 am	Intentions of Jim McCarron
Sun	9.00 am	The People of the Parish

Sacred Heart

Sun 10.30 am Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS: ***St Ambrose's:*** Saturday: 11.45 am – 12.45 pm 7.15 – 7.45 pm and by request
Our Lady's: Saturday after morning Mass or as announced
Sacred Heart: By request

Please pray for all in our communities who are sick especially during the Rosary at St Ambrose's each Friday at 7.10 pm:

Mary Collins, William Patrick Bannister, Anthony Piechowicz, Jumper Collins, Rosa D'Oriano, Elizabeth Westwood, Sylvia Jay, Marie Woodfine, Tony O'Dowd, Vera Farley, Gene Whitwam, Martin Cahill, John Power, Eric Whittaker, Ada Wall, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Eric Turner, Lillian Insleay, Jean Legierski, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Mathilde Bono, Bill Nicholl, Mary Jones, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, Jo Collins, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Anne Edwards, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vaccaro, Pat Norris, Peter McQuillan, Ivan Watton, Lucy Dudzinski, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Phil Eady, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley, Margaret Grimley, Stella Griffith, Agnes Millichap, Jean McHugh, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Rita Preston, Irene Brown, Tom Healey, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean, Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Anne Stringer, Helen Drew, Simon Sadler, Con Griffin and Mike Oborski.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Church Cleaners: Team A **Offertory Counters:** Group 3 **Children's Liturgy:** to be appointed
Altar Servers: **Weekday mornings:** Harvey Kelsall, Marvin Marquez
Sat 6.30 pm: Team A
Sun 10.30 am: Team A **6.30 pm Advent Vespers:** D Baylie, J Fox, M Stride

Sat 6.30 pm	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Sun 10.30 am	C Hopkins, R Quinn	
<i>Our Lady's</i>	M Bradley, M Cleary, B Galvin, J Kowalik	
Sun 9.00 am	H Bearne, B Gavan, J Gavan, J Scully	J Walker, G Chrzan

Parish Prayer: O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless our Parish in this united endeavour, strengthen our faith, grant us the spirit of sacrifice so that, with thy grace, we may provide for the needs of our Parish, glorify Thee and sanctify ourselves, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Parish Renewal Prayer Walk: Thanks to those who have already agreed to take part in the Walk of Prayer in the 10 local areas of the Parish. Please try to volunteer today, especially in areas where participants are few. Co-ordinators have been designated and starting points will be announced next week. The Prayer will begin at 4.00 pm, and will conclude with Vespers at 6.30 pm in St Ambrose's, followed by a Buffet Supper. Please make next Sunday afternoon's Prayer Walk a priority.

Revised Schedule of Weekend Masses: Please see the revised schedule of weekend Masses; and submit alternative proposals in writing to the Rectory before next Sunday. Thank you.

Counters Rota for 2007: Now available from the back of the Church. Please take one as soon as possible.

Christmas Greetings: Buy one £5 greetings card for the Christmas Tree, sending a message to everyone in the Parish, which will be published in the Newsletter at Christmas. This will be possible in our Kidderminster Churches.

Baptism: Orin Patrick Thornhill was baptised in St Ambrose's yesterday. Congratulations to his family.

Coffees/Teas: Provided in the Borromeo Hall today after 10.30 am Mass by the UCM and next Sunday by the Choir.

Traidcraft: Christmas Cards are now on sale in St Ambrose's Church Hall after 10.30 am Sunday Mass, and also Fairtrade bananas.

Kemp Hospice: The Tree of Light Service is at 4.00 pm today in the Swan Centre..

Advent Vespers: The Evening Prayer of the church will be celebrated on the Sundays of Advent at 6.30 pm, and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Music for Middlebrows: Music lovers are invited to the Borromeo Hall this evening from 7.45 pm to listen to the music of Antonio Vivaldi. Good music, and excellent company.

Absent: The Parish Priest will be in Retreat at Belmont Abbey from midday on Monday until Thursday.

Union of Catholic Mothers: meets in the Borromeo Hall on Monday at 8.15 pm

Catholic Basics: The Revd Peter Hesketh will address The Mystery of God at Our Lady's on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. The following week will be a Question and Answer session when we shall attempt to answer questions on Faith, Morals and Catholic practice. Everyone welcome.

Little Lakes: Three-course lunch for £14 at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, 6 December for the Friendship Club and anyone else who would like to join us. Contact Marie Hesketh on K748474.

Whist Drive: Commences in the Borromeo Hall on Wednesday from 2:00 pm, and Bingo is in the Adams Lounge every Tuesday and Saturday from 8:00 pm.

Confirmation: Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass on our Patronal Feast Day, Thursday, at 7:00 pm, when the Vicar General of the Diocese will confirm over 30 of our children. It will be good for so many of us to attend in order to encourage and pray for our children.

Youth Club: There will be no meeting this week because of the Confirmation Mass.

Kidderminster Male Choir: Christmas Charity Concert at Kidderminster Town Hall on Saturday, 9 December at 7.30 pm, features The Sirens (soprano and pianist). Tickets £7.00 Hall and £8:00 Balcony, available from the Choir Ticket Officer on K751922, Mr Cleancall (Stourport), Hunter's Tobacconist (Kidderminster), Town Hall or any choir member.

Catholic Men's Society: Our next Plan meeting will be on Wednesday, 13 December in St Ambrose's Rectory at 7:30 pm. We shall be discussing Bulletin 8. All men of the Parish are invited to come along and share a little in their faith. Any newcomers will be made most welcome.

Advent Service of Penance: Please remember the Advent Service of Penance in St Ambrose's on Friday, 15 December at 7:30 pm. There will be visiting Priests for individual confessions.

Parish Rambles: On Sunday, 17 December we meet at 12:45 pm at Bodenham Arboretum with the option of a light lunch in the café. For our January meeting (21st) we will be having lunch at The Vine Inn, Clent, with a short ramble.

While Shepherds Watched: Date for your diary – Sunday, 14 January 6:30 pm in St Ambrose's Church: New Life Together will be performing this popular Christmas musical by Roger Jones. All most welcome.

Parish Finances:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £848.13 (envelope scheme £220.05; loose £619.08)
- ii. Thank you to everyone who supported the Bric-a-Brac Stall and Christmas Raffle at Our Lady and St Pius, Habberley. A grand total of £193 was raised for Parish funds.
- iii. We should have taken up a collection last week for the Catholic Youth Service. It will be taken up today.
- iv. A retiring collection next week for the poor parishes of the Diocese.
- v. We hope that the final total for the Christmas Bazaar will be available fairly soon. It was a wonderful occasion, with everyone working hard together and so many generous donations in cash and kind. Thanks to all who helped so willingly in the weeks of preparation, and worked so hard on the day.

Simon Sadler: Unfortunately Simon Sadler will be detained in Worcester Hospital in an isolation room for several weeks. His many friends and fellow parishioners may wish to ring him direct on 07046 406534.

Important Notices about Parish Renewal: As part of our preparation for Christmas, families in our Parish have offered to host our Advent Masses. We hope they enjoy being more actively involved in the Liturgy, and thank them for their services.

We should like to update records, compile lists, address envelopes and deliver information to former participants of our Parish who have been identified as part of this year's census. If you can spare an hour or two to help with this administration Marion Phillips would be pleased to hear from you. This involves flexible sessions, daytime and evening, in the Rectory, enjoying jolly company whilst contributing your valued time and skills. Telephone K 740926 to reserve your place.