

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
 BRC DTR Registered as a Charity
 Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb Fr Derek Edwards
 Revd. Thomas Ashcroft, Revd. Peter Hesketh Revd. Peter Mason (in retirement)

The Feast of the Holy Family Year C Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p 140 Weekend: 30th/31st December 2006

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Response to the Psalm: They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Preface, Eucharistic Prayer and Memorial Acclamation: As appointed by the Celebrant

Communion Antiphon: Our God appeared on earth, and lived among men.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: M: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God T: St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 10.00 am Private Intention (Douglas Family)
Tues: 7.30 am Holy Souls (Thanksgiving) 9.00 am Mary O'Connor RIP
Wed: 7.30 am Angela O'Mahoney's Intentions 9.00 am Ray Swalwell RIP
Thurs: 8.30 pm Peter Locke RIP 7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Fri: 2.15 pm Funeral MARGARET BENNETT RIP 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm Elsie Reynolds RIP
 9.00 am (Latin) Deceased of Whitwam family 6.30 pm Danny Cullen RIP
Sun: 10.30 am Intentions of the Hopkins family

Our Lady's

Mon: 10.00 am Barbara Watts RIP
Wed: 7.30 pm Adoration until 8.30 pm
Thurs: 11.00 am Funeral AGNES MILLICHAP RIP
Fri: 9.00 – 9.45 am Adoration 10.00 am Deceased of O'Mahoney, Murphy, Ring and Rywacki families
Sat: 9.30 am Pat Coffey RIP
Sun: 9.00 am The People of the Parish

Sacred Heart

Thurs. 2.15 pm Funeral: MADGE SMITH RIP
Sun: 10.30 am Intentions of Simon Sadler

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, Ann Edwards, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vaccaro, Pat Norris, Ivan Watton, Lucy Dudzinski, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Phil Eady, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley, Margaret Grimley, Stella Griffith, Jean McHugh, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Rita Preston, Tom Healey, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean, Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Anne Stringer, Helen Drew, Simon Sadler, Con Griffin, Mike Oborski, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Bill Perry, Nora Collins and Jennifer Bush.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Church Cleaners: Team A **Offertory Counters** Group 7
Altar Servers: **weekday mornings** Marvin Marquez, Ethan Davies **Sat.** 6.30 pm Team A **Sun.** 10.30 am Team B

Children's Liturgy: to be appointed

| | Eucharistic Ministers | Readers |
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| Sat. 6.30 pm | T Alexander B McFarland | M Weaver |
| Sun. 10.30 am | M Bradley, D Holdstock, P Lay, G Whitwam | M Phillips |
| <i>Our Lady's</i> | | |
| Sun. 9.00 am | M Bowdler, P Bowdler, P Collins, M Hesketh | H Bearne A McDermott |

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.

Thanks: The Parish Priest, the Clergy of the Parish, the Housekeeper (Rita Mackay) and Maisie were, as usual, overwhelmed by greetings, cards and gifts at Christmas time and we offer our thanks to all who remembered us so kindly. Thank you, also, for the very generous Christmas offerings.

Congratulations: Our neighbour, CANON NICK BARKER (Rector of St George's) has been appointed Archdeacon of Auckland, in the Diocese of Durham. We offer him our congratulations, and our thanks for his friendship and all that we have shared together over many years.

Deaths: Christmas this year brought sadness to many families: MARGARET BENNETT of St John's Avenue, died on December 23rd; MADGE SMITH, a long established parishioner in Tenbury, died in hospital on Christmas Eve; and AGNES MILLICHAP, sister of Joan Bone, and one of our oldest Kidderminster parishioners, died on St Stephen's Day in Holmwood, where she spent her last months. Please note the funeral times overleaf.

Coffees/teas: we should be grateful for volunteers today. Next Sunday the Pre-school Group will provide the refreshments in the Borromeo Hall after 10.30 am Mass.

Christmas Cards: Please collect any Christmas cards today from the Borromeo Hall after Mass, and from the back of the Church at Our Lady's.

New Year's Eve: The Adams Lounge and the Borromeo Hall will, as usual, be the venue for the New Year's Eve Party & Disco. Music provided by Nigel. Tickets £3.00 available from the Adams Lounge. 7.30 pm till late (Bar until 1.30 am).

Austerity Lunch: A reminder that the next Austerity Lunch is on Sunday January 14th at St George's from 12.30 pm.

While Shepherds Watched: a Christmas musical by Roger Jones will be performed by the New Life Together Choir on Sunday 14th January at 6.30 pm in St Ambrose's Church. All are most welcome.

Catholic Men's Society: VERY IMPORTANT – The Kidderminster Branch AGM will take place on Wednesday 17th January in St Ambrose's Rectory at 7.30 pm. Would all Brothers please make a special note of this date in their diaries and please make every effort to attend. Any issues can be discussed and any ideas for 2007 will be most welcome. Any men of the Parish who would like to know a little more about our Society are most welcome to come along.

Tenbury Parish Meeting: There will be Mass in the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday January 20th at 10.30 am followed by coffee and a community meeting to discuss the possibilities of establishing groups of parishioners to be responsible for pastoral matters, for the fabric of our Church and the social life of the community.

Area Masses: During the course of this year, we hope to invite parishioners from the different areas of the Parish to come together for Mass in either one of our Kidderminster Churches, followed by a small gathering to further deepen our friendship and perhaps discover new friends among our fellow parishioners. We invite those parishioners who live in GREENHILL to join for Mass in St Ambrose's on Wednesday JANUARY 24th at 7.30 pm. This is by way of a preliminary notice. Letters will be available soon to deliver to other folk living in Greenhill, notifying them of the Mass and inviting them to attend. Please let us all do our best to encourage a really good attendance and participation. More details next week.

Finances: i. Thank you for the Offertory last Sunday of £860.48 (envelope Scheme £218.50 Loose £641.98)
ii. Donations to CAFOD last Sunday were £1.99
iii. There is a Collection next Sunday for the PRO-LIFE Charities, especially the SPUC White Flower Appeal.

Aid to the Church in Need: Next weekend, a representative from AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED will speak at all Masses with a view to enlisting the support of our Parish for their work.

Looking back: At this time of the year, it is appropriate to turn up the pages in our Registers and recall:

Those children and adults who received the Sacrament of Baptism: WILL & CHARLIE TURNER, ALICE HICKEY, ANNABEL HARVEY, JACK ADAMS, LUCY CONNOLLY, RUBY NEWTON, OLIVER BLUNT, JACOB HUGHES, WELLINGTON CHIMALIZENI, JORDAN LOWE, ELEASHA & TYRONE MANLEY, LILLI SKURA, THOMAS SALACINSKI, GEORGE BAILEY, OLIVER CUMMINGS, ANNABEL CLAYTON, LOUIS BARNES, CALLUM PARKES, SOPHIA CAPELLA, OLIVER PASKIN, MAX LEWIS, GISOVAUN BRIJMOHAN, DOMINIC McBRIDE, SAMUEL & CAITLIN DOWNS, SEBASTIEN MORTON, GEORGE McKEEVER, JAMES RIDGWAY, RUBY GALBRAITH, LIAM BRABING, JAY PAGETT, THOMAS BAKER, FENTON CREW, BENJAMIN GUALANO, JACOB BIRCH, LOLA HARTLAND, CHLOE ATKINS, JAMES & SOPHIE WALL, KIERON NEWTON-HERNANDEZ, JAMES & CHARLOTTE SILWOOD, ORIN THORNHILL, COHAN McKENZIE. That God will bless and protect them throughout their lives.

We ask God's continued blessing on those who were married in our Church. MARK HARVEY and ELLEN MURRIHY, ROBERT PURDIE and SAMANTHA TAYLOR, STEVEN TIENE and JENINE WHATTAM, STEVEN BARNARD and GABRIELLE HATTON, MARTIN NEALE and CHRISTINE SMITH, JAMES LLOYD and KRISTA BEHRENDT, JONATHAN STINTON and ELIZABETH YATES, SERGIO RONCELLA and PETRA REYNOLDS, JAMES CHAPMAN and CLAIRE GALLAGHER-KENNETT, STUART CRANNAGE and NICOLA BETTIS, PAUL COLLINS and MARY CAHILL.

Those who have died in our Parish this year: MARTIN WHITE, NORMAN SMITH-SHAW, KITTY HEFFERNAN, MAY CLARIDGE, HAROLD HATTON, WIN CONCANNON, BRIAN FAIRS, JIM MILLINGTON, TONY SCULLY, BARNEY MURRAY, PHILIP HOPKINS, CONCETTINA POLINO, MICHAEL HAWKINS, LOL HEALEY, ANNA WALKER, JOAN WHITTAKER, JAMES LLOYD, KACI WATTERS, YVONNE CHOYCE, KATHLEEN TWOMEY, KATHLEEN DAVIS, TISHA McSORLEY, PATRICIA STRIDE, MARJORIE COSS, GENNARO SARVONIO, IVAN ZELENIAK, ALICE O'CONNOR, JOHN ROGERS, IGNATIUS McDONALD, ANN WEAVERS, MARY O'CONNOR, PAT COFFEY, RAY SWALWELL, PATRICIA HARPUR, ELSIE REYNOLDS, ANTHONY WIESNIEWSKI, FRANCIS CAREY, ROSE STANDING, MICHAEL DAVIES, DANNY CULLEN, LOUISE LEACH, STELLA DYMOW, LEN OLIVER, PETER LOCKE, JANET WOOLDRIDGE, JOAO CARASALTAS, PATRICK DELANEY, RALPH DYAS, IRENE PESCAGLINI, RON CONNOLLY, ALICE LOVESEY, BILL MAUN, JORGE ROMAO, GIUSEPPI SCOTTO-ROSATO, MARGARET BENNETT, MADGE SMITH and AGNESS MILLICHAP. May they rest in peace.