

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KIDDERMINSTER

ST. AMBROSE'S, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 2BY. (01562 822839)

OUR LADY & ST. PIUS, Canterbury Road, Habberley (01562 748474)

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

B.R.C.D.T.R. Registered as a Charity

Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Fr Derek Edwards, Revd Peter Hesketh

In Retirement: Revd Dr Peter Mason, Revd Thomas Ashcroft

Twenty Fourth Sunday Year C Psalter Week 4 Pope John Sunday Missal p. 960 September 15th/16th 2007

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, Lord to those who wait for you and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Response to the Psalm: I will leave this place and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling..... Alleluia!

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

Communion Antiphon: O God, how much we value your mercy! All mankind can gather under your protection.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: M. St Robert Bellarmine; Th. St Andrew Kim; F. St Matthew.

Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week

St. Ambrose's

Monday	7.30 a.m.	Seymour & Stella Shore RIP	
Tuesday	7.30 a.m.	Redahan & Gibbons families	8.30 a.m. Mary Davies RIP
Wednesday	7.30 a.m.	Joseph Kinsella RIP	9.15 a.m. Barbara Webster & Josephine Garvey
Thursday	8.30 a.m.	Rita Preston RIP	7.30 p.m. Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45 p.m.)
Friday	7.10 p.m.	Rosary	7.30 p.m. Anthony Griffin RIP
Saturday	5.45 p.m.	Maria Fernanda Gomes RIP	
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Anna Burn RIP	

Our Lady's

Monday	7.30 p.m.	George Gallagher (Anniv) Prayer Group	
Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Adoration until 8.30pm (Vocations)	
Friday	9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Adoration	10.00 a.m. Ivor Mortiboy RIP
Saturday	9.30 a.m.	Fr Gordon Povey RIP	
Sunday	5.00 p.m.	Julie Ann Grady RIP	

Sacred Heart

Sunday	11.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
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Confessions: **St Ambrose's:** Saturday: 11.45am-12.45pm 6.30pm-7.00pm and by request.

Our Lady's: Saturday: after the 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, Eric Whittaker, Ada Wall, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Eric Turner, Lillian Inseley, Jean Legierski, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Carmen Thomas, Margaret Norris, Bill Nicholl, Mary Jones, Wilf Bradley, Edith Wilkes, May Hampsey, Jacqueline Byrne, Christine Barber, John Mullen, Bill Pardoe, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vaccaro, Pat Norris, Lucy Dudzinski, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Phil Eady, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley, Margaret Grimley, Jean McHugh, Arwen Lockley, Maria Bradley, Peggy Baynton, Joseph Samways, Jo Kean, Norman Taylor, Patrick O'Connor, Helen Drew, Simon Sadler, Con Griffin, Diane Grovenor, Kitty Cooper, Bill Perry, Nora Collins, Jennifer Bush, Anthony Georgieff, Joan Wareham, Steven Mitchell, Thomas Anderson, Linda Button, Ellen Patton, Fernanda Maffei, Gertraud and Dominik Chrzan, Christopher Thomas, Kathleen Mellsop, Suzanne Sturrock, Shirley Hale, Francesca Marciante and Lynne England.

Ministries for the Coming Week

St Ambrose's

Altar Servers

Weekday mornings: Guiseppa Cosenza, Harvey Kelsall.

Saturday 5.45pm: Saturday Team

Sunday 9.30am : Team B

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 5.45pm: A Harris, R Quinn

Sunday 9.30am : D Duncombe, D Holdstock, C Geraghty, P Grealy

Readers

M Weaver

L Harler

Teams at Our Lady's

Sunday 5.00pm : B Gavan, J Norwood, K Norwood, P Standing

K Nicholls, J Page

St Ambrose's:

Church Cleaners: Team A

Offertory Counters: Group 4

Children's Liturgy: To be appointed

"If each one of us were to reach out, and be responsible for one other person either joining our Parish Community, or returning to it, it will be the cause of greatest possible celebration." IT IS POSSIBLE.

Parish Centre: **Jean Bullock** has been responsible for the care of the Parish Hall since it opened in 2000, and she has also been the Booking Secretary. She has now asked to be relieved of these responsibilities. The whole Parish will always be indebted to her for her years of excellent service, and for the care that she has always shown for the Hall and those who use it. **Mary Preston** will take over the caretaking of the whole Parish Centre; and bookings will now be taken by **Lynda Grealy (07513 295817)**. They will both work closely with **Margaret Blizard**, our Steward to ensure the best possible service to parishioners, and others who wish to use our facilities.

Baptism: This afternoon, the Revd Peter Hesketh will baptise **Daniel** and **Molly Mae Oxenham**. The children are happily settled in our School, and we welcome them to our Parish.

Coffees/teas: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass today by the Pre-School Group and next Sunday by the Children's Liturgy.

St Ambrose's Rambling Group: Today, 1.00pm start. A four mile walk around Dodford. Directions to the meeting place: follow the A448 Bromsgrove Road. Just after passing the 'Park Gate Inn' the lay-by is on the left. Any queries please contact Tom Wilson (K. 863639).

Friendship Club: Meets at Our Lady's on Wednesday, 19th September. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh K. 748474.

Whist Drive: There is a Whist Drive in the Borromeo Hall every Wednesday from 2.00pm at which all are welcome, at whatever stage of proficiency. Bingo is played in the Adams Lounge every Tuesday and Saturday from 8.00pm.

Confirmation: Bishop Philip Pargeter will visit the Parish on November 29th and he will visit the School, and Confirm our children. Parents and children of the Confirmation Class are invited to an introductory meeting in the School Hall on Wednesday at 6.30pm. It is obviously very important that the Parish, the School and the families work together so that our children are well prepared.

Catholic Men's Society: A discussion meeting, on Priestly Vocations, will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday at 7.30pm. All men of the Parish are invited to attend and take part.

Learning about the Catholic Faith: Several parents and friends of the School have expressed an interest in learning about the Catholic Faith, and perhaps in joining the Catholic Church. A series of evening meetings, held weekly on Tuesdays, '**Called to be Saints**' will begin on October 6th but it has been suggested that we try to organize a series of meetings during the School term (9.05am-10.00am or 2.00pm-2.55pm) to coincide with bringing children to school or collecting them. Thanks to those who have already indicated an interest. Such meetings may help those with children preparing for **Confirmation** or **Holy Communion**. A meeting will be held in Church next **Thursday, September 20th at 9.05am** to discuss possibilities. All welcome.

Kidderminster Child Contact Centre: There will be a training session for volunteers **at 2.00pm on Saturday 22nd September at Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields**. Potential volunteers need to bring several forms of identity for a CRB check (e.g. passport, driver's licence, birth certificate, a bank or other document less than three months old with current address).

Forties Night: Saturday 22nd September: Enjoy the nostalgia of the 40s with Martin and Liz entertaining! Tickets £5.00 (to include a fish and chip supper).

Macmillan Coffee Morning: The countdown has begun. Only two weeks to go.

Harvest Thanksgiving Mass and Supper: In a year when there has been so much concern in country areas because of widespread flooding and the restricted movement of livestock, we ought to be particularly aware of our dependence upon God, and those who work specifically as stewards of his Creation. It seems particularly appropriate that we should offer our Harvest Thanksgiving Mass this year in the Sacred Heart Church, Tenbury. This will be on Friday, September 28th at 7.00pm; and if we all bring something suitable for a Shared Supper afterwards, it will complete our thanksgiving. More details next week.

Day of Prayer: The Day of Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady's will be on Tuesday, October 2nd beginning with Mass at 10.00am and ending with Devotions at 7.30pm. Lists will be available next Sunday.

Area Mass: There will be an area Mass for parishioners who live in the Sutton Farm, Marlpool and Franche areas of the Parish at Our Lady's on Wednesday, October 3rd at 7.30pm followed by light refreshments. Please make this known as widely as possible, invite neighbours and non-participating parishioners to join us on that evening.

Cardinal Newman: The Birmingham Newman Circle are holding a Study Day on Cardinal Newman at the Oratory on Saturday, September 22nd 10.45am-3.30pm. The Day begins with Mass, and ends with Benediction. There will be two lectures, and pre-booked lunches at the Plough and Harrow. Please contact Winifred Flanagan (0121 475 0386) before September 14th. DVDs/Videos of the documentary 'Preserving the Newman Heritage' are now available from the Oratory, to raise funds towards the 'Cardinal Newman Library Conservation & Preservation' appeal. The cost is £10, and order forms are available from the Parish Priest.

The annual Mass to mark the conversion of Cardinal Newman takes place at 12 noon on Saturday, October 6th 2007 at the Church of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Littlemore, Oxford. The Principal Celebrant will be Rt Rev Philip Pargeter, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham and the Preacher will be Fr John Saward. Enquires to: The Sisters of The Work, Littlemore. Telephone: 01865 779743.

Finances:

i	Thank you for last week's offertory of £731.69 (Loose £574.69; Envelope Scheme £157.00).
ii	Today there is a retiring collection for Father Hudson's Society, about which we heard at length last week.

VANDALISM: Sadly, several Church buildings in Kidderminster have become targets for vandalism and antisocial behaviour in recent weeks. Please be vigilant when passing our own Churches, and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament would be an excellent precaution as well as devotionally and spiritually rewarding.