

**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 Peter Hesketh  
 In Retirement: Revd Dr Peter Mason, Revd Thomas Ashcroft

**Thirty-first Sunday Year C Psalter Week 3 Pope John Sunday Missal p 988 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Do not abandon me, Lord, my God, do not go away from me! Hurry to help me, Lord, my Saviour.

**Response to the Psalm:** I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**Preface of Sundays:** III p563 **Eucharistic Prayer:** I p566 **Memorial Acclamation:** III

**Communion Antiphon:** Lord, you will show me the path of life and fill me with joy in your presence.

**Feast Days this Week:** Fri: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Sat: St Leo the Great

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

***St Ambrose's***

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| <b>Mon</b>   | <b>7.30 am</b> | Susan O'Doherty (Anniv)                          |   |
| <b>Tues</b>  | <b>9.15 am</b> | Deceased Bostock and Donigan families            |   |
| <b>Wed</b>   | <b>8.30 am</b> | Anthony Griffin RIP                              |   |
|              | <b>7.30 pm</b> | Deceased CMS Brothers                            |   |
| <b>Thurs</b> | <b>8.30 am</b> | Ivor Mortiboy RIP                                | <b>7.30 pm</b> Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm) |
| <b>Fri</b>   | <b>7.10 pm</b> | Rosary   | <b>7.30 pm</b> Holy Communion                           |
| <b>Sat</b>   | <b>5.45 pm</b> | Florrie Farmer RIP                               |   |
| <b>Sun</b>   | <b>9.30 am</b> | Deceased of two World Wars, and recent conflicts |   |

***Our Lady's***

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| <b>Mon</b> | <b>7.30 pm</b>        | Holy Communion (Prayer Group)                  |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>7.30 pm</b>        | Adoration (Prayers for Vocations)              |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>9.00 – 9.45 am</b> | Adoration <b>10.00 am</b> Agnes Sidebottom RIP |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>9.30 am</b>        | K A Kuriakose RIP                              |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>5.00 pm</b>        | The People of the Parish                       |

***Sacred Heart***

**Sun 11.30 am** Fr Denis Manion RIP

**CONFESSIONS:**

***St Ambrose's:*** 11.45 am – 12.45 pm, 6.30 pm – 7.00 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, 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, Marion Birch, Pat Quinn, Archbishop Marurice Couve de Murville and Jo Brothwood.

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

***St Ambrose's***

**Church Cleaners:** Team D **Offertory Counters:** Group 3 **Children's Liturgy:** to be appointed

**Altar Servers:**

**Weekday mornings:** Joseph and Tommy Patrick **Sat 5.45 pm:** Saturday Team **Sun 9.30 am:** Team A

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|                    | <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>             | <b>Readers</b> |
| <b>Sat 5.45 pm</b> | B McFarland, M Weaver                    | E Manley       |
| <b>Sun 9.30 am</b> | R Barber, A Colclough, C Vass, G Whitwam | T Grantham     |

***Our Lady's***

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| <b>Sun 5.00 pm</b> | H Bearne, P Collins, J da Costa, A McDermott | C Villa, K Nicholls |
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**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.**

**Archbishop Couve de Murville:** Archbishop Maurice has now moved to St Joseph's Nursing Home, in Littlehampton. He is very ill and has lost his power of speech. Please continue to pray for him in gratitude for all his good work during his seventeen years as our Archbishop.

**Baptisms:** Today, the Revd Peter Hesketh will baptise Mackenzie and Morgan Jeanes. We pray for them, and congratulate their family.

**Anniversary:** Tomorrow is the anniversary of the death in 1950 of Fr Joseph Boland (1933–1935). May he rest in peace.

**Coffees/Teas:** provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass today by the Parent and Toddler Group, and next Sunday by FOSAS.

**Cemetery Service:** The Service of Prayer and Blessing of Graves in Kidderminster Cemetery takes place this afternoon at 3.00 pm. We meet at the Holy Trinity memorial, at the top of the old Catholic plot.

**Elgar Evening:** A further presentation by Tony Cross and George Wallis, entitled 'Elgar and the Dream of Gerontius' will be given in the Borromeo Hall tonight from 7.15 pm. Those who attended the previous presentation will remember how enjoyable it was. It is a very appropriate theme for November, when we pray especially for the Holy Souls.

**Bewdley SVP:** Each year Bewdley SVP reads out the names of all those deceased friends and supporters of the conference at a special Mass of Remembrance. Our grateful thanks to Fr Stephen, who has agreed to say this Mass at the Holy Family Church at 7.30 pm on Monday, 5 November. Our present friends and supporters are most welcome to attend.

**Union of Catholic Mothers:** meets in the Borromeo Hall at 8:15 pm on Monday.

**Called to be Saints:** The place of Angels and Archangels in the Spirituality of the Catholic Church will be the subject of our meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.45 pm in Church. We conclude with Night Prayer of the Church and refreshments.

**Whist/Bingo:** The Whist Drive continues every Wednesday at 2:00 pm in the Borromeo Hall and Bingo in the Adams Lounge on Tuesday and Saturday from 8:00 pm.

**Confirmation:** The next Parish meeting with parents and children will be in School on Wednesday at 6.30 pm.

**Catholic Men's Society:** Our next Plan meeting will be on Wednesday, 7 November in St Ambrose's Rectory. The meeting will follow Mass for deceased Brothers at 7.30 pm. We shall be discussing Bulletin 6 on the 'The Church then ... now ... to come'. All men of the Parish are invited to come along and share a little in their faith; any newcomers will be made most welcome.

**Body Shop Evening:** Hagley Catholic High School on Wednesday, 7 November at 7.30 pm in the Sixth Form Study Centre. Tickets £3 including glass of wine/soft drink. Proceeds to Minibus Appeal. Tickets available from the School Office or (01562) 883193.

**Trinity Methodist Church:** Will once again be hosting lunch on Christmas Day for those otherwise on their own, and hope to organise this ecumenically. There will be an initial planning meeting on Thursday, 8 November at 2.00 pm at Trinity. Anyone interested in being involved in the planning (not necessarily needing to be there on Christmas Day) would be welcome at the meeting.

**Traidcraft Fair:** Selling fair-trade goods for Christmas, Christmas cards, jewellery, crafts, clothes and foodstuffs, at St Mary's Chantry, Kidderminster, next Saturday (10 November) from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Help is required. Please 'phone Clare Cassidy (01562) 746384) with offers.

**St Philip's Old Boys Association:** The annual Requiem Mass for deceased students and teaching staff members of St Philip's Grammar School and College will be offered in the Church of the Birmingham Oratory on Monday, 12 November at 8.00 pm, followed by a buffet reception in the Beaufort Room of the Plough & Harrow Hotel.

**Catholic Men's Society Dinner:** The annual dinner of the Worcester District Council takes place on Friday, 16 November at St Ambrose's Parish Hall (7.30 for 8.00 pm). As well as members and spouses, all parishioners are invited, but please supply names to Peter Young (K639068) or Ray Barber (K630740).

**Christmas Bazaar:** Now only two weeks away, on Saturday, 17 November between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm at Kidderminster Town Hall. Please support this very important Parish event by helping on the day and/or donating whatever you can – books, toys, bric-a-brac, home produce etc. Please ring Anne Conway (K753997) if you would like to help.

**Christian Aid:** The next Austerity Lunch in support of Christian Aid will be at Milton Hall, Lorne Street, on Sunday, 18 November from 12.30 pm.

**Roadpeace Service:** Once more we have been invited to host the annual Roadpeace Service for victims of road traffic accidents in the Wyre Forest and District. This will be in St Ambrose's on Sunday, 18 November at 6.30 pm.

**Mass for Deceased Parishioners and those associated with our Parish:** On Friday, 23 November, there will be Mass in St Ambrose's at 7.30 pm for all those who have died during the past year. The names of those who have died will be read during the Prayer of the Faithful, and placed on the Altar during the Eucharistic Prayer. After Mass there will be a cup of tea in the Parish Hall.

**Little Lakes Lunch:** The Friendship Club will enjoy a three-course lunch at the Little Lakes Golf Club on Wednesday, 5 December. Anyone is welcome to join us. The cost will be £13. See list at the back of Church, or 'phone M Hesketh (K748474).

**Abbot Alan Rees RIP:** The Abbot and Community of Belmont have issued a Memorial CD of the late Abbot Alan Rees's Liturgical Music. I have a copy and it is very beautiful indeed. A flyer explaining details more fully is on the notice board at St Ambrose's, and if we order 10 or more CDs they will be available at the wholesale price of £7 per CD plus £1.50 postage. Please notify Fr Lamb with requests for orders. This CD would be an excellent Christmas gift and/or an aid to prayer.

**Fr Edwards:** It is hoped that Fr Edwards will be able to return to the Parish next Saturday.

**Rectory:** For the time being, Christopher Goodman will be resident at St Ambrose's Rectory.

**Thanks:** I have been very grateful for all the enquiries and good wishes (and prayers) for Maisie during these past weeks. She has developed a chronic cough but after exhaustive veterinary procedures a course of treatment has been prescribed and she should improve. Her condition is not in any way life-threatening, and I am very thankful.

## Finances:

i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £835.17 (envelope scheme £248.50, loose £586.67).

ii. Donations to CAROD were £5.12

iii. Congratulations to everyone who came together for the 'Soup and Pudding' evening last Friday. It was a happy and enjoyable evening, with many excellent recipes made available, and exotic puddings especially tempting. The Food and Drink Trivia Quiz was won by Christine Vass; Rita MacKay and the Revd Peter Hesketh were runners-up. The raffle and donations raised £80.22 for Parish funds. Thanks to all our very sporting participants.