

**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**

**Second Sunday in Advent**      **Year A Psalter Week 2**      **Pope John Sunday Missal** p. 69      **December 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 2007**

**Entrance Antiphon:** People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.  
**Response to the Psalm:** In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!  
**Preface of Advent I:** p. 558      **Eucharistic Prayer I:** p. 566      **Memorial Acclamation I**  
**Communion Antiphon:** Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.  
**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** Th. St Lucy, F. St John of the Cross.

**Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week**

**St. Ambrose's**

Monday	7.30 a.m.	Elizabeth Lamb (Anniv)	
Tuesday	9.15 a.m.	John Marron RIP	
Wednesday	7.30 a.m.	Michael Cannon RIP	
Thursday	8.30 a.m.	Kathleen Grady RIP	7.30 p.m. Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45 p.m.)
Friday	7.30 a.m.	Joseph Donigan RIP	2.30 p.m. <b>Holy Trinity Carols</b>
	7.10 p.m.	Rosary	7.30 p.m. <b>Penitential Service</b>
Saturday	1.30 p.m.	<b>MARRIAGE: Carl Berisford-Murray &amp; Andrea Hesketh</b>	
	5.45 p.m.	The People of the Parish	
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Jozef Dzumaga RIP	6.30 p.m. Advent Vespers (Dr Richard Taylor MP)

**Our Lady's**

Monday	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Prayer Group)	
Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Adoration until 8.30 p.m.	
Friday	9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Adoration	10.00 a.m. Fr Bede Lynch (Anniv)
Saturday	9.30 a.m.	Kath & Bob Harris	
Sunday	5.00 p.m.	Eileen Gauden (Anniv)	

**Sacred Heart**

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Sandra Docherty RIP

**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, Maggie Booton, Keith Southall, Eric Turner, Lillian Insleay, 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, Janet Richards, Liz Ashcroft, Phil Eady, Sheila Mikulicz, Rene Caulfield, Marion Thomson, Rita Vaccaro, Pat Norris, Eamonn Dalton, Mary Cull, Jim Valentine, Amelia Gissyng, Kathleen Whatley, 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, Linda Button, Fernanda Maffei, Gertraud and Dominik Chrzan, Ellen Patton, Christopher Thomas, Kathleen Mellsop, Suzanne Sturrock, Shirley Hale, Francesca Marciante, Marion Birch, Pat Quinn, Jo Brothwood, Michael Hodges, Joseph Keogh and Gina Szaban.

**Ministries for the Coming Week**

**St Ambrose's**

**Weekday mornings:** Guisepe Cosenza, Harvey Kelsall.  
**Saturday 5.45pm:** Saturday Evening Team  
**Sunday 9.30am:** Team B

**Altar Servers**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday 5.45pm:** C Ellwood, B McFarland  
**Sunday 9.30am:** A Colclough, C Geraghty, T Hart, M Holmes, A Hunt

**Readers**

A Conway  
 UCM

**Church Cleaners:** Team C    **Offertory Counters:** Group 2    **Children's Liturgy:** To be appointed

**Our Lady's**

**Sunday 5.00pm:** J Gavan, M Hesketh, P Standing, B Taylor      B Gavan, J Walker

**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

**Fr Edwards:** Fr Derek Edwards has been in Worcester Royal Hospital during this past week. He is making some progress, and is appreciative of the help he received at Our Lady's last Monday evening.

**Baptism:** this afternoon we shall celebrate the Baptism of **Tinisha Frances Brookes-Kilkenny**. We welcome her and her family.

**Marriage:** At St Ambrose's next Saturday, **Andrea Hesketh** and **Carl Berisford-Murray** will be married. Please pray for them, and for their life together in the future.

**Anniversary Calendars: Tom Roy** has been working very hard to produce a calendar to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of our Parish Church. There are some very beautiful photographs, both from years past and the present day. It will be helpful for him to know how many will be required. Please indicate on the lists at the back of our Churches. The cost is unlikely to be more than £6 per calendar. It will be a very acceptable Christmas/New Year Gift, and an important souvenir of a very special anniversary year.

**Anniversaries:** Monday is the anniversary of the death in 2005 of the much loved **Fr Vincent Lucas** (St Ambrose's 1937-1939); and Thursday is the anniversary of the death in 1916 of **Mother Augustine Mooney** (the founding nun of St Ambrose's Convent, and the first Head Mistress of our School 1888-1910). The pulpit was erected in her memory. May they rest in peace.

**Vera Bennett (nee Hennessy):** During the week, we received a telephone call from Australia, made by Vera Hennessy who had read of our forthcoming anniversary on the Kidderminster Shuttle website. She sends greetings to all those parishioners who remember her.

**Christmas Tree Greetings:** Jo Walker at Our Lady & St Pius X is happy to arrange Christmas greetings to all parishioners. Donations of £5 or more for Aid to the Church in Need. Anna Lloyd is prepared to do the same at St Ambrose's.

**Coffees/teas:** will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30am Mass today by the Rainbows and next Sunday by the CMS.

**St Ambrose's School:** The School Christmas Fayre takes place in the school hall today 10.30am-1.00pm. Entrance fee 50p per adult, and children free. Everyone invited.

**Advent Vespers:** This evening at 6.30pm we have the Evening Prayer of the Church, during which **Mark Garnier**, the prospective Parliamentary Candidate, will speak on issues of trust in public service, the need to engage people in local communities and the place of the Churches. He will also address family issues and individual responsibilities. Last week Nigel Knowles spoke very graciously and began our series in fine style. I hope that there will be a good congregation this evening.

**Craft Club:** The final session of the year will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you are interested for the New Year, our calendar can be obtained by contacting **Lisa Walker** on K. 742434. We meet every other Monday at the Parish Hall. The first date for the New Year is **7<sup>th</sup> January 2008**. Entrance Fee £2.50. Bring along your crafts and spend time with like-minded people. We will be organizing special nights with projects and instruction. We are looking forward to growth within the group so we can start to fundraise for the parish.

**Deanery:** The Clergy of the Kidderminster Deanery meet at the Polish Church, Our Lady of Ostra Brama, Pitt Street, on Tuesday at 11.00am. The meeting will end with the traditional Christmas luncheon.

**Called to be Saints:** On Tuesday at 7.30pm in Church we shall reflect on Apostles and Disciples, and learn lessons for our own Christian lives. We end with the office of Compline.

**Carol Service:** The Women's Institute will be holding a Carol Service at Our Lady's on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

**Holy Trinity School: The Christmas Carol Service** will be in St Ambrose's on Friday at 2.30pm.

**Advent Penitential Service:** The Service of Penance for Advent, with visiting Priests available for individual Confessions, will be at St. Ambrose's on Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul:** The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 8.00pm in the Hall/Rectory. New members welcome. Thank you.

**Kidderminster Male Choir:** wants you to come and sing with them in the **Concert for Christmas** in Kidderminster Town Hall on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 (hall) and £10 (balcony) from the Town Hall, Mr Cleancall (Stourport), John Beard Ironmongers, Kidderminster, Designs by Kim Johnson, Comberton Hill, Choir ticket officer – K 827936.

**Parish Ramble:** The Rambling Group will meet at Bodenham Arboretum at **12 noon** on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December for a short walk along the Nativity Trail followed by the option of a longer walk and/or lunch in the restaurant. Those wishing to have Sunday lunch are advised to book in advance Tel: K 852444, but lighter lunches are also available. Everyone most welcome to come along.

**Carols by Candlelight:** This very popular and enjoyable evening will be in the Adams Lounge on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm. There will be carols, seasonal readings, mulled wine and mince pies. The **Grand Draw will take place about 9.15pm**. Please return counterfoils and money in good time.

**Grand Draw Prize Donations:** Lists are available at the back of our Churches for donations to our Christmas Grand Draw prizes. Thanks to those who have already offered prizes.

**Ambrosian Group:** Over 30 names are now on the list for the Christmas Lunch which will be held in the St Ambrose Parish Centre on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. If you intend to come but you are not sure if your name is on the list, please contact Peter Young (K 639068).

**Pensioners' Party:** Tickets are available for the **Pensioners' Party** on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> in the Adams Lounge, with the ever-popular **Vince** to entertain. Tickets £1 from our Stewardess.

**Christmas Party:** I should like to invite all those who contribute to the life of the Parish to a **party** in the Adams Lounge on Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. I have asked Margaret Blizard to provide a buffet, the first drink will be on the Parish Priest; there will be some seasonal music and a Christmas Fun Quiz with appropriate prizes. Anyone who feels that they make a contribution to our corporate life, in any of our Churches, is invited. Please let this be a very happy evening for all of us.

**Finances:**

- i Thank you for last week's offertory of £781.19 (Envelope Scheme £211.50, Loose £569.69).
- ii Retiring Collection today for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.
- iii Donations to CAFOD in the past week were £65.19.
- iv We acknowledge with gratitude a further donation of £100 from the Whist Drive. Please remember that there is a Whist Drive in the Borromeo Hall every Wednesday at 2pm; and Bingo in the Adams Lounge each Tuesday and Saturday at 8pm. It is worth visiting the Adams Lounge just to see the superb Christmas Decorations.