

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

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

In Retirement: Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Dr Peter Mason.

In preparation: Charles Duncombe, Adam Nicholls.

Fourth Sunday in Advent Year C Psalter Week 4 Pope John Sunday Missal p.111. Week ending December 19th/20th, 2009

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: F. The Birth of Our Lord. S. St Stephen

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

ST. AMBROSE'S

Monday	7.30 a.m.	Deceased of Hopkins Family	
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Peggy Wolstenholme RIP	
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Martin, David & John Weaver RIP	
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Elin Young (Anniv)	
	5.45 p.m.	Stanley & Victoria Fernandez RIP	Midnight The People of the Parish
Friday	8.00 a.m.	(Old Rite) Deceased of Bostock & Donigan Families	
	9.30 a.m.	Amy Harris RIP	
Saturday	12 noon	Joe Farmer (Anniv)	5.45 p.m. Bridie Mason RIP
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Norah & Claude Aston RIP	

OUR LADY'S

Monday	7.30 p.m.	HOLY COMMUNION
Thursday	8.00 p.m.	Chris Wright RIP
Friday	10.30 a.m.	Holy Souls (In thanksgiving)
Sunday	5.00 p.m.	Angela Mugridge

SACRED HEART

Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Elizabeth Lamb RIP
Sunday	11.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's : By request.
Sacred Heart : By request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Volunteers, please.

		Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
St Ambrose's	Saturday 5.45 pm:	B McFarland, J Nangle	A Conway
	Sunday 9.30 am:	D Duncombe, M Holmes, A Hunt, C Vass	H Cahill
Our Lady's	Sunday 5.00 pm:	H Bearne, M Bowdler, P Bowdler, P Standing	M Hesketh, O DaCosta
Sacred Heart	Sunday 11.30 am:	M Peyton	To be notified

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team C

Offertory Counters: Group 2

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:

Dorothy Atwell, Christopher Aylott, William Patrick Bannister, Christine Barber, Peggy Baynton, Peter Berry, John Blunt, Joan Bone, Dorothy Breese, Linda Button, Rene Caulfield, Jumper Collins, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Kitty Cooper, Mary Cull, Eamonn Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Veronica Jones, Cathy Kneuss, Cyril Laskey, Jean Legierski, Felicity Librie, Richard Lindoe, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda & Michael Maffei, Natalina Maffei, Giuseppe Marcianti, Connie Maund, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Steven Mitchell, John Mullen, Jean Mulligan, Bill Nicholl, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Bill Pardoe, Eileen Postans, Janet Richards, Gianconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Kath Smith, Keith Southall, Anthea Speers, Laurence Speers, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey, Patricia Virr, Joe & Joan Whitfield, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, and May Williams.

Entrance Antiphon: Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.
Response to the Psalm: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!
Preface of Advent II: p. 558. **Eucharistic Prayer III:** p. 579. **Memorial Acclamation: IV.**
Communion Antiphon: The Virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.

ANNIVERSARY: Next Saturday is the anniversary of the death in 2002 of **Fr Colum McCabe** (1939-1945).

CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES AT ST. AMBROSE'S:

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Christmas Eve:	C Ellwood, T Alexander, T Webb	C Atkins
Midnight:	D Duncombe, P Grealy, C Vass	C Duncombe
Christmas Day:	M Bradley, C Geraghty, J Villa	C Villa

TEAS AND COFFEES: will be provided in the Borromeo room after 9.30 am Mass today by Children's Liturgy Group and next Sunday by the Choir.

TRAIDCRAFT: Traidcraft are running a campaign to change **tea imports** to Fairtrade. Letters of support for the campaign ready for signature will be available in the Parish Hall after the 9.30am Mass today and at Our Lady's after the 5.00pm Mass.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: If anyone at St Ambrose's would like to make a donation to **Aid to the Church in Need** by sending a single postcard to fellow parishioners with Christmas greetings, Christine Hopkins will make this possible after Masses this weekend.

SERVICES OF PENANCE FOR ADVENT: The two remaining Services in the Deanery are at **St Wulstan's, Stourport-on-Severn** on **Monday at 7.30pm**; and **St Peter's, Bromsgrove** on **Tuesday at 7.30pm**. Confessions will be heard after Masses this week (by request) and at any other time when a Priest is available.

ART EXHIBITION: The Exhibition of sketches by Harry Berry continues in the Borromeo Hall after Mass today.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: This evening (Sunday) at 7.30pm. Come and have a relaxing evening in the Adams Lounge and either sing or listen to your favourite carols (mulled wine and mince pies will be served). The Grand Draw will also take place at 9.30pm, so if you haven't yet bought or returned your tickets please do so before Sunday evening.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY: The annual gathering of all who work so hard on behalf of the Parish all the year round will be in the Adams Lounge on Monday, December 28th from 7.45pm. There are no invitations but the Parish would wish, in this small way, to offer thanks to so many generous parishioners. The Parish Priest will host the now traditional Christmas Quiz and the December and Christmas Draws for the 200 Club will take place. Members are reminded that, if they wish to be included in these draws, they must be up to date with subscriptions. The Parish 200 Club organizer, Charles Duncombe will advise those in any doubt (K. 746748).

BERNARD HOPKINS MEMORIAL CRIB DRIVE: This will be held in the Adams Lounge on Wednesday, 30th December at 8.00pm. Everyone welcome.

ARCHDIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Next year's Pilgrimage takes place on 29th May and returns on 5th June. If any parishioner is interested please contact either Peter Young (K. 750529) or Tom Ashcroft (K. 823573) for more information. If you are unable to go on pilgrimage, you may wish to help someone deserving in the parish who cannot meet the full cost. In recent years, there has been a shortage of pilgrims with nursing experience and anyone with this experience would be most welcome.

FINANCES:

- i Thank you for last week's offertory of £979.73 (Loose £616.03 Envelope Scheme £363.70).
- ii A further £83.15 has been added to our total for the Poor Missions of the Diocese.
- iii Donations to CAFOD were £9.25.
- iv The collections at the Christmas Masses are the offerings to the Clergy.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST: Please maintain prayers each day for the Priests of the Diocese, many of whom express great gratitude for the encouragement these prayers give to them:

Mon: Fr Nicholas Latham, of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Rednal.

Tue: Fr John Laybourn, Sacred Heart, Tunstall, who preached at our Mass for the Sick this year.

Wed: Fr Michael Leadbeater, Dean of Walsall.

Thur: Fr Gerard Lennon, now at St Joseph's, Nechells.

Fri: Fr Kevin Lennon, whose poor health has prevented him from working for many years.

Sat: Fr Louis Le-Vang-Hong, a Priest from Vietnam, now at St Michael's, West Bromwich.

Sun: Fr Jacob Lewis, a former Anglican Clergyman, helping at Goring-on-Thames.