

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

First Sunday Year C Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p 169 9th/10th January 2010**The Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord**

Feast Days this Week: Tuesday: St Aelred of Rievaulx Wednesday: St Hilary

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:***St Ambrose's***

Mon	8.30 am	Audrey Ray RIP
Tues	8.30 am	Intentions of Peter and Clare Conway
Wed	9.15 am	Magda Morris RIP
Thurs	8.30 am	John and Martin Weaver RIP
	2.15 pm	Funeral: Stephen Mitchell RIP
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 10:00 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Fri	7:10 pm	Rosary 7:30 pm Holy Communion
Sat	9:00 am	(Old Rite) John and Judy Peters RIP
	5.45 pm	Charles and Marie Evans RIP
Sun	9.30 am	The People of the Parish

Our Lady's

Mon	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Tues	11.00 am	Funeral: Genevieve Seeley RIP
Fri	9.00 – 9.45 am	Adoration 10.00 am Holy Souls
Sat	10.00 am	Monsignor Thomas Gavin RIP
Sun	5.00 pm	James Valentine RIP

Sacred Heart

Sun	11.30 am	Fr Seamus McInerney RIP
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CONFESSIONS: *St Ambrose's:* Saturday 11:45 am – 12:45 pm, 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm and by request*Our Lady's:* Saturday after Mass*Sacred Heart:* By request**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:****Altar Servers for Morning Mass:**

G Cosenza, B Fox

Eucharistic Ministers**Readers****St Ambrose's** Sat 5.45 pm

M Weaver, T Webb

Filipino Community

Sun 9.30 am

C Duncombe, B Galvin, M Holmes, M Roy

C Beaumont

Our Lady's Sun 5.00 pm

H Bearne, M Bowdler, P Bowdler, P Standing

C Villa, K Nicholls

Sacred Heart Sun 11.30 am

T Cole

A Speers

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's):

Team B

Offertory Counters: Group 5**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, 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, Muriel Godsell, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Veronica Jones, Cathy Kneuss, Cyril Laskey, Jean Legierski, Felicity Librie, Richard Lindoe, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Natalina Maffei, Giuseppe Marcianti, Connie Maund, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Bill Nicholl, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Bill Pardoe, Eileen Postans, Janet Richards, Giaconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Anthea Speers, Lawrence Speers, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey Patricia Virr, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, May Williams.

Entrance Antiphon:

When the Lord had been baptised, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on him. Then the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved son, with him I am well pleased.

Response to the Psalm:

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are!

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Preface of Our Lord's Baptism p162**Eucharistic Prayer I p566****Memorial Acclamation IV****Communion Antiphon:**

This is he of whom John said: I have seen and have given witness that this is the Son of God.

Recently Deceased: Stephen Mitchell died on New Year's Eve in St Richard's Hospice at the early age of 39 years. He had been suffering from a particularly virulent form of cancer for some years. His father is a Priest of the Diocese of Poitiers (France). He will be with us for the Funeral Mass on Thursday. Winnie Grossi, sister of Ada Steward, died in hospital on Tuesday evening. Her funeral is yet to be arranged. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Next Wednesday is the anniversary of the death in 1900 of Fr Louis Torond (Parish Priest 1877 – 1883). Saturday is the anniversary of the death in 1961 of Fr Alban Greal, a parishioner of St Ambrose's who joined the Franciscans. His photograph is in the entrance porch of the Church.

Teas/Coffees: provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9:30 am Mass today by the UCM and next Sunday by the CMS.

Austerity Lunch: At St Barnabas, Franche, today (Sunday, 10 January) from 12:30 pm. .

Joseph: Another chance to see this Christmas musical performed by New Life Together at St Barnabas Church, Franche tonight (Sunday, 10 January) at 6:30 pm. All welcome.

PACT: The next meeting of the Greenhill PACT will be on Monday, 11 January at 7:00 pm in the Adams Lounge. All parishioners who live in Greenhill district are invited to attend with other local residents to discuss ways of improving our local environment.

Union of Catholic Mothers: will meet in the Borromeo Hall on Monday at 8:15 pm. New members most welcome.

Sharing Faith: The meeting in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7:45 pm will focus on the Sacraments in the life of the Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome to join in these meetings, which last for about one hour.

Craft Club: First meeting of the year, Tuesday, 12 January, 7:30 pm in the Borromeo Hall. Great news – we are back and it will be better than ever this year as we shall meet weekly. We also have a new day, Tuesday, so why not come and join us to learn new skills, socialise and have fun. The theme for January is 'Preserving Memories'. We need your help – do we have any parishioners who have quilting skills? Please contact Lisa Walker on K 753009/07944 542262.

Whist Drive: Resumes on Wednesday, 13 January in the Borromeo Hall at 2:00pm. New members, including beginners, welcome.

Ambrosian Group: Members of the group will be visiting La Brasserie for lunch on Thursday, 14 January at 12 noon for 12:30. The cost will be £8.50 for two courses. Anyone who has not given their name should do so as soon as possible to Peter Young (K 750529 or 07866 806660). The monthly shared lunch will take place as usual on the following Thursday in St Ambrose's Parish Hall.

Parish Ramble: There will be no ramble during January. Instead we are meeting at the Watermill Pub, Stourport Road, from 12:15 (for lunch if desired) on Sunday, 17 January, to discuss future plans for the monthly Parish rambles, including the possibility of changing the day, which may enable more parishioners to participate. Anyone interested is invited to come along. Alternatively, please make your views known in person or writing to the organiser, Chris Vass (K630949) beforehand.

Friends of the Holy Land: Invite all to a Pie and a Pint in St Ambrose's Hall on Sunday, 17 January at 12 noon – 2:00 pm. Tickets £5 to include pie, are available after Mass in all our Churches, and from Maureen Brewer on K 754322.

Music for Middlebrows: The next meeting of this group will be in the Borromeo Hall on Sunday, 17 January from 7:45 pm. Once more, we shall enjoy a concert-style evening, chosen by participants. Everyone is welcome for good music and pleasant company.

Friendship Club: The next meeting is at Our Lady's, Habberley, on Wednesday, 20 January from 12:30 pm. Further details from Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh (K 748474).

Beginning Experience Weekend: Princethorpe Retreat Centre, 29 – 31 January. A spiritually-based weekend for those who have experienced loneliness, rejection, hurt and pain through the loss of a loved one by separation, divorce or bereavement. A time to share with others who have experienced loss and who care. A time to heal by experiencing God's love through others. A time to begin again. Further details from Kath (01942 246452) or Sue (07901 858687).

World in Union Party: Celebrating our multi-national Parish family will be held on Saturday, 6 February at 7:30 pm. If possible come and display your national costume with pride and enjoy performances of song and dance. Take a poster and reach out to others who will be welcome to join us. Tickets £5 adults, £1 children. Profits sent to 'Light of Maasai', a Kenyan charity supported by St Ambrose's. To book your place, or to find out more about the evening or about the charity, please 'phone Madeleine Roy on K 822189.

Lourdes Archdiocesan Pilgrimage: Several parishioners have already expressed an interest in joining the pilgrimage, which commences on 29 May. Further information may be obtained by telephoning K 750529 or K 823573.

Finances:

i Thank you for the Offertory last week of £931.21 (Envelope scheme £321.50, Loose £609.71)

ii CAFOD donations were £5

iii Our subscribers to the Priest' Training Fund have raised £70.50. **Will those who make an annual subscription note that this is now due, and should be placed in the collection plate at Mass, in an envelope marked 'Priests' Training Fund'. Cheques should be made payable to St Ambrose's Parish. Anyone requiring envelopes for monthly donations, or more information about the Fund, should contact the Parish Secretary for the Fund, Mary Heffernan, on K743639.**

iv The monthly collection for the Tenbury Bamenda Fund last week raised £150.50.

v There is a retiring collection this week for Pro Life Charities. Please be as generous as possible.

The Year of the Priest: Please continue to pray each day for one of the Priests working in our Diocese.

Mon: Fr Ambrose May, a Franciscan at Greyfriars, Oxford.

Tues: Fr Gerry McArdle, retired in Ireland after many years of faithful service to the Diocese.

Wed: Fr Andrew McCann, newly ordained Curate at Corpus Christi, Stechford,

Thurs: Bishop Leo McCartie, a priest of this Diocese, retired Bishop of Northampton. Lives at Aston Hall.

Fri: Fr Andrew McGann, who died shortly before Christmas. May he rest in peace.

Sat: Fr Denis McGillycuddy, Parish Priest of St Edward's, Selly Park.

Sun: Fr Brian McGinley, now at St George's, Worcester.