

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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Parish Clergy: Fr Douglas Lamb, Revd Peter Hesketh
In Retirement: Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Dr Peter Mason
In Formation: Charles Duncombe, Adam Nicholls

Second Sunday of Advent Year A Psalter Week 2 Pope John Sunday Missal p69 4th/5th December 2010
Feast Days this week: Tues: St Ambrose Wed: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon	7.30 am	Intentions of Paul and Jacqueline Weaver
Tues	9.15 am	(In School) Fr Derek Edwards, RIP
	7.00 pm	Confirmation Mass: Patrick Nestor RIP
Wed	7.30 am	William and Mary Kiely (Anniversary)
	11.00 am	Confessions in Church (Year 5) 3.30 pm Advent Holy Hour
Thurs	8.30 am	Bill Nicholl RIP 7:30 pm Adoration until 10:00 pm (Compline 9:45 pm)
Fri	1.00 pm	Funeral Mary O'Brien RIP
	7.10 pm	Rosary 7:30 pm Holy Communion
Sat	9.00 am	(Old Rite) Lucas Sbiera-Paleologue RIP
	5.45 pm	Intentions of Miss E Kingsford
Sun	9.30 am	Francesco and Maria D'Oriano (Ruby Wedding)
	6.30 pm	Advent Evening Service

Our Lady's

Mon	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Fri	9.00 – 9.45 am	Adoration 10.00 am Yvonne Choyce
Sat	10.15 am	Reita Blaker RIP
Sun	5.00 pm	Eileen Gauden RIP

Sacred Heart

Sun	11.30 am	The People of the Parish
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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:

			Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
St Ambrose's	Sat	5.45 pm	C Hopkins, B McFarland	S Baylie
	Sun	9.30 am	C Harler, M Holmes, C Kneuss, M Roy	L Harler
Our Lady's	Sun	5.00 pm	M Hesketh, P Standing, B Taylor, L Whatley	O da Costa, H Bearne
Sacred Heart	Sat	11.30 am	M Peyton	

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's):

Team C **Offertory Counters:** Group 6

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, Albert Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Linda Button, Stephen Coates, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Mary Cull, Eamonn Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Elizabeth Harris, George Humble, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Natalina Maffei, Giuseppe Marciante, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, John Nangle, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Eileen Postans, Pat Quinn, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Giaconda Salsano, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Lawrence Speers, Marie Stokes, Wendy Tait, Carmen Thomas, Cliff Tolley, Frances Tovey, Assunta Vaccaro, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Joe and Joan Whitfield, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, Edith Wilkes, May Williams, Kitty Wooldridge.

Entrance Antiphon: People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your heart 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!

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Eucharistic Prayer I

Memorial Acclamation IV

Communion Antiphon: Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

St Ambrose's Day: Next Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Principal Patron of our Parish, St Ambrose. There will be Mass in the School at 9.15 am, and the Ice Cream Van will be visiting the School during the day. Bishop Pargeter will visit the school from 2.00 pm, and will celebrate our Solemn Mass at 7.00 pm, in the course of which our children will be confirmed. We hope to be joined by Fr Edward Sopala, the Polish Chaplain. The celebration party will be in the Borromeo Hall and the Adams Lounge after Mass – until late. All our parishioners are invited so that it can be a real Parish celebration.

Baptism: This afternoon the Revd Peter Hesketh will baptise Alfie Baker. Please pray for him and his family.

Rest in Peace: The Funeral Mass for Mary O'Brien of Marlpool Lane, who died at home last weekend, will be on Friday at 1.00 pm, prior to burial in St Michael's Cemetery, Stourport-on-Severn. Please pray also for Fr Colin Fortune SCJ, who taught at Sacred Heart College, Droitwich in its last days. He died suddenly on Wednesday afternoon.

Anniversary: Next Friday is the anniversary of the death in 2005 of the much loved Fr Vincent Lucas (St Ambrose's 1937-39).

Teas/Coffees: Provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass today by the Craft Group and next Sunday by the Rainbows.

Missa Cantata: Fr Lamb will be the celebrant of a sung Mass in the Old Rite at St Mary's, Harvington today at 3.00 pm. There is low Mass in the Old Rite every Saturday at St Ambrose's at 9.00 am (books available).

Evening Prayer for Advent: The office of vespers (evening prayer) with Advent music and reflections will be said on the Sundays of Advent in St Ambrose's at 6:30 pm.

Union of Catholic Mothers: Will meet on Monday in the Borromeo Hall at 7.30 pm, followed by an Advent Recollection led by Adam Nicholls.

Holy Hour: The staff and governors of our school will spend a Holy Hour on Advent themes with the Parish Priest on Wednesday, 8 December 3:30 – 4:40 pm. This will be in St Ambrose's Church, and parishioners may wish to attend.

Wine Tasting: On Wednesday, 8 December, at 7:30 pm in Our Lady's Hall at Habberley, there will be a wine tasting with cheese and biscuits and mince pies. 'Supermarket wines with Christmas in mind'. Tickets are £5 and places are limited. To book a place please contact John Keetch (K741442) or Maureen and Peter Bowdler (01299 269233).

Key Stage One Christmas Play: This will take place in the School Hall on Thursday at 1.30 pm.

Senior Citizens: The annual Christmas party will be in the Adams Lounge on Thursday, 9 December 7:30 – 11:00 pm. Tickets are available from the Lounge (£1) and there will be live entertainment and party fun. All senior citizens welcome.

Quiz Night: in the Adams Lounge on Friday, 10 December from 7:45 pm. The last quiz was very well attended and very enjoyable. Teams of at least four are invited, with a small entrance fee.

Christmas Carols: New Life Together will be leading Carol Singing in the Swan Centre, Kidderminster, next Saturday from 1.00pm. You are welcome to come along and join us.

Advent Penitential Service: The Advent Service of Penance with visiting priests will be on Thursday, 16 December at 7:30 pm.

The Kidderminster Valentines: In concert with Jonathan French, concert pianist, in aid of the Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust, Saturday, 18 December at 7:30 pm. Tickets £10, to include mulled wine and mince pies, from Judy Morris K 751753.

Carols by Candlelight: This popular evening will be in the Adams Lounge on Sunday, 19 December from 7:45 pm, during which there will be mulled wine and mince pies; and the Christmas Draw will take place at 9:15 pm. Please sell and distribute as many tickets as possible.

Christmas Greetings: Cards for personal greetings will be available at Our Lady's on Sundays until 12 December, with a donation to the Church in Need. The UCM will make the same provision at St Ambrose's. This is a good way to be inclusive with our greetings and to support Aid to the Church in Need.

Nativity Trail: An excellent Nativity Art Trail has been launched at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, and will run until 9 January 2011, admission is free. It shows some of the many ways in which artists over 500 years have depicted the story of the birth of Jesus, and the life of the Holy Family. An illustrated leaflet will be available to visitors. A supplementary exhibition of the visit of Pope Benedict to Birmingham is also being staged.

Parish Christmas Party: Hosted by the Parish Priest, in the Adams Lounge on Tuesday, 28 December from 7.45 pm; and there will be, as usual, a New Year's Eve Party (31 December/1 January) 7.30 pm until late. Adult tickets available at £3.

Marriage Preparation 2011: Couples contemplating marriage during 2011 who have not already contacted Fr Lamb, are requested to do so urgently, as couples are required to attend marriage preparation. There will be a one-off preparation course on Saturday, 19 February, commencing at 10.30 am, until 5.00 pm approximately. This will be held in the Borromeo Hall at St Ambrose's Church, and will fulfil the requirement for preparation.

Ben Kelly: As many parishioners know, Ben Kelly has been in poor health for some time, and this has hampered his studies for the Priesthood. It has been agreed that, for the moment, he should withdraw from his preparation. Understandably this is a major disappointment for Ben and his family, and for all of us. It is best that we should remember Ben in our prayers, and allow him and his family to re-adjust in the coming weeks. Ben will remain at St George's, Worcester, until Christmas, and will probably welcome some privacy while he plots his immediate future.

Finances:

- i Thank you for last week's Offertory of £1,016.55 (Loose £674.05, Envelope Scheme £342.50)
- ii £3.71 was donated to CAFOD
- iii A further donation of £10 has been added to the Bazaar total
- iv A collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese is being taken up today.

200 Club: David Gillett has taken over the management of the 200 Club, and will say a few words about its future after each Mass this weekend. We are very grateful to Charles Duncombe for his stewardship of the Club over the last few years.