

**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 Peter Mason. In Formation: Charles Duncombe, Adam Nicholls.

Holy Family Year A Psalter Week 1 Pope John Sunday Missal p.131. Week ending December 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** M. St John, Apostle, T. The Holy Innocents, W. St Thomas of Canterbury,  
S. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. **Next Sunday** – Solemnity of the Epiphany.

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

**ST. AMBROSE'S**

Monday	12.00 noon	Deceased of Bostock & Donigan families.	
Tuesday	12.00 noon	Kingsford and Freemantle families	
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Frank & Jean Legierski RIP	
Thursday	11.30 a.m.	Joseph & Emily Kinsella & family RIP	7.30 p.m. Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45 p.m.)
Friday	12.00 noon	Bill Nicholl RIP	<b>No Evening Devotions</b>
Saturday	9.00 a.m.	(Old Rite) John & Margaret Bohan & family RIP	
	5.45 p.m.	Gerard O'Keeffe RIP	
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Joan Bone RIP.	

**OUR LADY'S**

Friday	9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Adoration	10.00 a.m. Bill Pardoe RIP
Saturday	10.15 a.m.	Kath Smith RIP	
Sunday	5.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish	

**SACRED HEART**

Sunday 11.30 a.m. Charles & Marie Evans RIP

**CONFESSIONS:** St Ambrose's : Saturday: 11.45am-12.45pm, 6.30pm-7.00pm and by request.  
Our Lady's : Saturday: after Mass.  
Sacred Heart : By request.

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Volunteers please

		<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Readers</b>
St Ambrose's	Saturday 5.45 pm:	C Hopkins, B McFarland	C Jones
	Sunday 9.30 am:	M Bradley, E Fox, C Geraghty, M Roy	D Reynolds
Our Lady's	Sunday 5.00 pm:	M Bowdler, P Bowdler, P Standing, L Whatley	J Walker, K Kelly
Sacred Heart	Sunday 11.30 am:	N Taylor	A Hughes

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team D **Offertory Counters:** Group 1

**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, Michelle Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Elizabeth Harris, George Humble, Keeley John, 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, Lee Mound, Jean Mulligan, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Gianconda 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 and Kitty Wooldridge.

**Entrance Antiphon:** The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

**Response to the Psalm:** O Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

**Preface of Christmas I:** p. 599. **Eucharistic Prayer I:** p. 566. **Memorial Acclamation:**

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among men.

**THANKS:** Many of our preparations for Christmas, and pre-Christmas events were affected by the weather conditions but many people braved the difficulties and attended Mass last weekend, and supported events where they could. Thanks are offered to everyone who has worked towards the preparation of the Church, Hall and Lounge for the festivities, and for those taking part in our Christmas Services. We are grateful to the ladies who arrange our flowers, and to those who erect and decorate our Crib. Throughout the year so many people give us their very willing support and at the great Feasts it is fitting that we celebrate their generosity.

Once again, the Rectory has been flooded with gifts, cards and greetings. Rita, Maisie and I have been recipients of much kindness and we are very grateful.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** This is a very proud day for our Altar Servers. As well as being the Feast of the Holy Family, it is also St Stephen's Day – and he is the Patron Saint of Altar Servers. At St Ambrose's this morning **Christopher Harler** and **Patrick Hunt** are to receive the Silver Medal of the Guild of St Stephen for their ten years of exemplary Altar Serving, and unflinching good example to all of us. The Bronze Medal is to be awarded to **Callum Charles, Thomas Smith, Daniel Swarcz** and **James Wall**, at the end of their first year. At the Sacred Heart, Tenbury, **Mark Payton** will also receive the Silver Medal. Mark has been outstanding in his loyalty to the Tenbury Community, and has supported our other two communities also. At Our Lady's this evening, **Anthony Saich** is going to receive the Bronze Medal. His contribution has been very enthusiastic. The Altar Servers in our Parish must surely be among the finest in the Diocese, and we are justifiably proud of them and grateful to them. Special mention should also be made of **Albert Barr, Michael Bradley, Leo Kealey, Joseph Moran** and **John Parker** who have served our Funeral Masses at St Ambrose's with fidelity and dignity.

**REST IN PEACE:** **Michael Connolly's** funeral is at Stourbridge Crematorium on Wednesday morning. We offer our sympathy to the Polish Community following the death of **Mrs Saternus**, one of their most long-standing parishioners. Her Funeral Mass is at Our Lady of Ostra Brama, Pitt Street, on Thursday at 1.15pm.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Today is the anniversary of the death in 2002 of **Fr Colum McCabe** (St Ambrose's 1939-1945).

**TEAS/COFFEES:** These will be provided in the Borromeo hall after 9.30am Mass today by the Choir and next Sunday by the Ambrosians.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The chance we have to offer hospitality and gratitude to all our many parishioners who support us in so many ways during the year. This is an informal coming together with food, drink, some Christmas music; and yet another tedious Quiz, hosted by the Parish Priest, on a Christmas and Parochial theme. Nothing too taxing – the Adams Lounge on Tuesday from 7.45pm until late. The usual **New Year's Eve Party** (December 31<sup>st</sup>/January 1<sup>st</sup>) is in the Borromeo Hall and the Adams Lounge from 7.30pm until (very) late. Adult tickets £3.

**CRIB DRIVE:** The annual **Bernard Hopkins Memorial Crib Drive** is in the Adams Lounge on Wednesday, beginning at 8pm.

**NEXT SATURDAY: Adoration and Rosary for Vocations** at Our Lady's 9.15-10.00am.

**MISSA CANTATA:** The next Sung Mass in the Old Rite at St Mary's Harvington is on January 2nd at 3 pm.

**MUSIC FOR MIDDLEBROWS:** A Gala Evening of New Year's Music will be presented in the Borromeo Hall on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 from 7.45 pm. Participants are invited to bring their own personal selections.

**AUSTERITY LUNCH:** The next Lunch in support of Christian Aid will be at St Oswald's, Broadwaters on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 from 12.30 pm. Intending participants are asked to put their names on the lists that are available at the back of our Churches.

**THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB & THE AMBROSIANS:** are having lunch at The Plough, Far Forest on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm - 2 courses (Main & Dessert) £10.00. Please ring Marie Hesketh K.748474.

**THE 2011 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES:** are available for purchase in our three Churches. Price £2.50.

- FINANCES:**
- i Thank you for last week's offertory of £641.24 (Envelope Scheme £240.01 Loose £401.23).
  - ii A further £24.00 is added to the Bazaar total. Thank you.
  - iii We acknowledge with gratitude a donation of £100 from the Parent & Toddler Group.
  - iv Congratulations to the recent winners in the 200 Club: **Margaret Holmes** (No. 79) and **Teresa Reardon** (No. 130) for October; **Margaret Baynton** (No. 11) and a void number for November. A further number will be drawn for the Second award.

#### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM ST AMBROSE'S:**

The peace and joy of Christmas to all at our three Churches. God Bless, Ann Harris.

Happy Christmas to all Parishioners from the Colclough family.

To Margaret and Tom. Wishing you peace and happiness this Christmas. God Bless. Jan.

To everyone – Christmas Greetings from the UCM.

To everyone in the Parish – Happy Christmas – Christine Vass.

To everyone – Wishing you joy this Christmas. From the Martin family.

Dear Everybody – We wish to a very Merry Christmas. We also wish to you that God is with you throughout this special season. From the Rundle family.

To all at St Ambrose – Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the coming year. From Lisa, Michael, Jade and Holly.

To all our friends and acquaintances. Have a blessed Christmas and very good wishes for the New Year. Noel & Denise Holdstock and family.

To everyone in St Ambrose's Parish. Love and God's blessings. From Teresa and Peter Hart and family.