

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH, KIDDERMINSTER

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells.**

Parish Clergy: Fr. Douglas Lamb, Revd Peter Hesketh

**In Retirement: Revd Thomas Ashcroft, Revd Dr Peter Mason. In Formation: Charles Duncombe & Adam Nicholls.
In residence : Fr. Lukasz Szweda.**

25th Sunday Year: A Psalter week: 1 Pope John Sunday Missal: p. 697 Week Ending: September 17th / 18th 2011.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Tues: The Martyrs of Korea, Wed: St Matthew, Fri: St Pio of Pietrelcina, Sat: Our Lady of Walsingham.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

ST AMBROSE'S:

Monday: 7.30am Enid Magdalene Young (Anniv)

Tuesday: 8.30am Intentions of Maura Furlong

Wednesday: 9.15am Ivor Moritboy RIP

Thursday: 11.30am: In Thanksgiving (Grantham) **7.30pm:** Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45pm)

Friday: 9.30am Funeral: ROBERT TAYLOR RIP

2pm: Marriage; CHRISTOPHER BYRNE & LYNDSY KENNETT

6pm: Renewal of Marriage Vows: HAYLEY & RAYMOND BIRCH.

7.10pm: Rosary 7.30pm Intentions of Mick and Bernie Galvin

Saturday: 9am FR DANIEL WILLIAMS RIP **12 noon:** Sado family intention **5.45pm:** In thanksgiving (Duncombe)

Sunday: 9.30am HARRY BERRY RIP.

OUR LADY'S:

Monday: 7.30pm Celebrant's Intention

Friday: 9.00-9.45am Adoration **10am** Celebrant's Intention

Saturday: 10.15am Celebrant's Intention

Sunday: 5pm Celebrant's Intention

SACRED HEART:

Sunday: 11.30am The People of the Parish.

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 11.45am – 12.45pm, 6.30pm – 7pm; and by request.

Our Lady's: Saturday after Mass.

Sacred Heart: By request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for Morning Mass: Lawrence Park, Will Scott.

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's: Saturday 5.45pm E. Darbyshire, T. Webb

Sunday 9.30am C. Duncombe, P. Grealy, P. Hunt, P. Lay

Our Lady's: Sunday 5pm B. Gavan, J. Gavan

Sacred Heart: Sunday 11.30am M. Peyton

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's) Team A Offertory Counters: Group 3

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick. And for all who have need for our prayers, especially:

Dorothy Atwell, Christopher Aylott, William Patrick Bannister, Albert Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Peggy Burke, Linda Button, Stephen Coates, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Mary Cull, Eamon Dalton, Thomas Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Joe Egan, Gervase Elwes, Brian Evans, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Foxall, John Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Maura Furlong, Anthony Georgieff, Bernard Grovenor, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, George Humble, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Cathy Kneuss, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda & Michael Maffei, Lee Maund, Kathleen Mellisop, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Pat Redmond, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Nancy Ruffinato, Harold Salter, Cecil Smith, Keith Southall, Lawrence Speers, Pearl Stanley, Marie Stokes, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Assunta Vaccaro, Patricia Virr, Josephine Warner, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Gene Whitwam, Edith Wilkes, May Williams.

Readers

V. Cartwright

J. Turner

H. Bearne, A. McDermott

A. Stanley

Entrance Antiphon: *I am the Saviour of all people, says the lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.*

Response to the Psalm: *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!*

Preface: as appointed **Eucharistic Prayer:** as appointed **Memorial Acclamation:** as appointed by Celebrant.

Communion Antiphon: *You have laid down your precepts to be faithfully kept. May my footsteps be firm in keeping your commands.*

DIAMOND WEDDING: Next Thursday, two of our most distinguished parishioners, TESS & PETER GRANTHAM will celebrate the 60th anniversary of their wedding. Fr Lukasz will offer Mass for their intentions next Thursday morning. We congratulate Tess and Peter on their wonderful contribution to the life of the Parish, and of the town, for their commitment to ecumenism, and their tireless concern for those in need at home and abroad. ADMULTOS ANNOS.

SILVER WEDDING: CHARLES & DANUTA DUNCOMBE will celebrate their Silver wedding anniversary next Saturday. We thank them for all that they do in the Parish, and wish them many more happy years together.

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS: Next Friday is a special anniversary for HAYLEY & RAYMOND BIRCH, and they have asked to renew their marriage promises. Please pray for their intentions.

MARRIAGE: CHRISTOPHER BYRNE & LINDSEY KENNETT will be married at St Ambrose's next Friday. We pray that God will bless them in the years that lie ahead.

BAPTISM: On Saturday Fr Lukasz will Baptise NIALL REYNOLDS, and welcome into the family of God and this Parish.

REST IN PEACE: ROBERT TAYLOR died last Saturday, shortly after receiving the last Sacraments of the Church. His funeral which will NOT be during a Mass, is on Friday prior to cremation at Stourbridge. May he rest in peace. One of the legendary priests of our Diocese, MONSIGNOR THOMAS FALLON, died recently. He had been Parish Priest of St Francis, Handsworth for 34 years.

ANNIVERSARY: Next Friday is the anniversary of the death in 2001 of Fr Albert Adams (Parish Priest 1969-1992) May he rest in peace.

TEAS / COFFEES: Will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30am Mass by the craft group and next Sunday by the Brownies.

TWO SISTERS AND A FUNERAL: There will be another chance to see this Christian musical presented by New Life Together this evening (18th September) 6.30pm at St George's Church, Birmingham Road. All are welcome – this is part of the evening service, so no entry charge.

MUSIC FOR MIDDLEBROWS: We hope to meet in the Borromeo Hall this evening at 7.45pm to listen to music with a summer/autumn 'feel'. Everyone welcome for what is always a pleasant evening.

CRAFT CLUB: Meets on Tuesday 20th September in the Parish Hall 7.30-10pm. Come and join this friendly group. Contact Betty Martin on K 745051.

KIDDERMINSTER FAIRTRADE: The first AGM of Kidderminster's Fairtrade Supporter's Group will be held in the lecture room at Baxter Church on Wednesday September 21st at 7.30pm.

BIG BIBLE STUDY: Archbishop Longley will join with the Anglican Bishop of Worcester for a morning of explanation and exploration of the Bible as an ecumenical experience and a morning prayer, taking over the whole of Worcester Cathedral. This will be on Saturday September 24th 10am-1pm. Please see the notice board for details. Booking forms (helpful but not necessary) are available from the Rectory.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: This will resume during 9.30am Mass on September 25th. There are two groups (preschool/ school age) which leave the church together and go to the Borromeo Hall and the Montini room to hear the Gospel, pray together and enjoy Gospel based activities. They return to the Church and take part in the offertory procession before rejoining their parents for the remainder of the Mass. We do invite parents and other interested parishioners to help the very dedicated group of catechists who run this Liturgy with such commitment. Please contact Marie Hesketh (K.748474)

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: Meets on Wednesday 28th September. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh K.748474.

MUSICAL EVENING (in aid of sight concern): Presented by the Union of Catholic Mothers, and featuring local star Laura Broad together with a variety of musical talent, Thursday 29th September 7.30pm at the Gainsborough House Hotel, Kidderminster. Tickets: £5 adults/£2.50 concessions on sale after Mass or from Miriam Cunliffe (K. 820927) or Betty Martin (K.745051).

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 2011: This year's MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING is on Friday 30th September in the Borromeo Hall from 9am until 12noon. Please make a note in your diary and support this very worthwhile cause.

HARVEST MASS AND SUPPER: Once again this year we are invited to the Sacred Heart Church in Tenbury to celebrate our Harvest thanksgiving Mass, to enjoy a supper together, and to participate in the auction. This is always one of our most enjoyable evenings, made more so by the generous support of those who attend. Gifts of harvest produce may be brought along to decorate our small sanctuary, the proceeds of the auction will go to the Barmenda Fund.

The Mass is on Friday September 30th in the Sacred Heart Church in Tenbury. Kidderminster parishioners especially welcome.

A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY 2011-2012: So that we may deepen our awareness of the Mysteries we are privileged to celebrate, our series of talks / discussions will explore the Mass, our celebration of the Eucharist, which is at the centre of the life of the Catholic church. The meetings will be held in the Montini room of the parish centre on Tuesdays (as listed). The meeting will begin at 7.45pm and will last about one hour. This will be suitable for anyone – parishioners, those who may wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and practice, and those who may be considering entering Full Communion with the Catholic church. The programme commences on October 4th.

DAY OF ADORATION AT OUR LADY'S: The day of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will be at Our Lady's, on TUESDAY OCTOBER 4TH beginning with Mass at 10am. Adoration will continue throughout the day and will conclude our devotions at 7pm. Please sign the list in Church to signify participation.

NEWMAN PILGRIMAGE AND NIGHT WALK. (SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER):

12noon: Pilgrimage Mass at Bl. Dominic Barberi Church with Rt Rev Mgr A. Burnham and packed lunch.

2pm: Talk, by Fr Ian Ker "Newman and the vocation of the Christian in the world"

2.30pm: Guided tours in the college and to the church of St Mary & St Nicholas

7.45pm: Start of the night walk in St Aloysius, 25 Woodstock Road, Oxford

9.30pm: Candle procession from 89 Rose Hill to the church of Bl. Dominic Barberi, followed by procession to the College & thanksgiving in Newman's chapel. YOU CAN JOIN IN AT ANY PART OF THE EVENT.

Light refreshments will be provided afterwards. Before the walk you can leave your car in the car park of Bl. Dominic Barberi church and take a bus from Littlemore or Rose Hill (3, 3A or 16) to town. For enquiries contact the Spiritual family the work, tel 01865 779743.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT: Worldwide marriage encounter present residential weekends for married couples and priests who would like to gain further enrichment for their marriage or priestly sacraments. Venues are countrywide, from 4th-6th November. There will be a weekend locally at Belmont Abbey, Hereford. Contact details 01299 269233 or www.wwme.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday Oct 28th: Cheese and pickle supper – Adams Lounge. Come and enjoy a shared supper of different cheeses, pickles, nibbles etc.

Saturday Nov 12th: TOWN HALL – AUTUMN BAZAAR: There will be a meeting in the Wheatley Room on Wed 28th September at 8pm to discuss the planning of this event. All stallholders and helpers invited.

Sunday Nov 27th: Soup and puddings lunch – Borromeo Hall, 12noon. Make a soup, pudding or both and enjoy a shared lunch, trying all the recipes – everyone welcome.

Friday Dec 2nd: Polish evening – Adams Lounge. Fr Luke will be hosting a Polish evening – more details to follow.

Sunday Dec 18th: Carols by candlelight – Adams lounge. Gather for carols, mulled wine & mince pies for our traditional carols evening – 8pm

FINANCES:

- i. 200 club: the draws for July and August took place after Mass at Our Lady & St Pius X, Habberley at 6.15pm on Sunday 11th September. The draws were made by Stuart Abram and witnessed by Rev. Peter Hesketh. The winners were:
July 2011: Number 40 – Mrs Paula Gillett; and Number 169 – Mrs Mary Marshall.
August 2011: Number 112 – Mr John Nangle; and Number 42 – Mrs Denise Holdstock.
- ii. A retiring collection today in support of the Sisters' Missions Committee of England and Wales. An appeal is being made by a missionary Sister of St Peter Claver, who is very welcome to the Parish this weekend.
- iii. There is a collection next week for the work of Father Hudsons Society
- iv. Thank you for last week's offertory of £982.91 (loose £689.56 envelope scheme £293.35)
- v. A Collection, taken in respect of Peter Uttley's wishes, followed his Funeral Mass and contributed £22.32 to Parish funds. Please keep him in mind.