

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday Year A Psalter Week 2 Pope John Sunday Missal p701 Week ending 24th/25th September 2011

Feast Days this week: Mon: SS Cosmas and Damian Tues: St Vincent de Paul
Thurs: Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Fri: St Jerome Sat: St Theresa of the Child Jesus

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

ST AMBROSE'S

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| Monday | 7.30 am | John Weaver RIP | |
| | 3.00 pm | Marriage: Lisa Dickinson and Richard Massey | |
| Tuesday | 7.30 am | Stan Tyler RIP | 8.30 am Celebrant's Intention |
| Wednesday | 7.30 am | Ita Hardy RIP | 9.15 am Kath Mills RIP |
| Thursday | 7.30 am | Celebrant's Intention | |
| | 7.30 pm | Adoration until 10.00 pm | (9.45 pm Compline) |
| Friday | 11.30 am | Funeral: Giulia Bianco RIP | |
| | | No evening Rosary or Mass (Harvest Mass in Tenbury) | |
| Saturday | 9.00 am | (Old Rite) Fr Vincent Lucas RIP | |
| | 5.45 pm | Gioconda and Alfonso Salsano RIP | |
| | 9.30 am | The People of the Parish | 6.30 pm October Devotions |

OUR LADY'S

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| Monday | 7.30 pm | Thomas Redmond RIP | |
| Friday | 9.00 – 9.45 am | Adoration | 10.00 am Kevin Wheeler RIP |
| Saturday | 10.15 am | Frank Quinn RIP | |
| Sunday | 5.00 pm | Celebrant's Intention | 6.30 pm October Devotions |

SACRED HEART

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| Friday | 7.00 pm | Harvest Thanksgiving Mass and Supper (Archbishop Couve de Murville RIP) | |
| Sunday | 11.30 am | Roy Atkins RIP | |

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 the morning Mass:

Thomas Smith, Gianluca Swain

Eucharistic Ministers

C Hopkins, R Quinn
D Duncombe, T Hart, M Holmes, M Roy
M Hesketh, M Bowdler

Readers

T Alexander
D Duncombe
C Villa, B Taylor
C Stanley

St Ambrose's: Sat 5.45 pm
Sun 9.30 am
Our Lady's: Sun 5.00 pm
Sacred Heart: Sun 11.30 am

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's):

Team B

Offertory Counters: Group 4

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, Peggy Burke, Linda Button, Stephen Coates, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Mary Cull, Eamonn 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, 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 and Michael Maffei, Lee Maund, Kathleen Mellsop, 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 and May Williams.

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, you had just cause to judge men as you did: because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will. But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness.

Response to the Psalm: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Preface, Eucharistic Prayer and Memorial Acclamation: All as appointed by the Celebrant

Communion Antiphon: O Lord, remember the words you spoke to me, your servant, which made me live in hope and consoled me when I was downcast.

St Ambrose's School: The School is at present implementing a 'Gospel Values' curriculum, that hopes to support staff and children to relate the Gospel values to the way that they live their lives in School, at home and in society. At present the Gospel Value is Service.

Baptism: This afternoon Revd Peter Hesketh will baptise Oscar Henry Eric Strong and next Saturday he will baptise Cohen Justin Crew. We welcome and congratulate both families.

Marriage: We pray for Lisa Dickinson and Richard Massey whose marriage on Monday will be solemnised by Revd Peter Hesketh.

Lately Dead: Pat Redmond's brother, Idris Griffiths, died on Wednesday evening, and Bernard Grovenor died suddenly on Thursday morning. Details of Bernard's funeral will be published when available. Next Friday, Giulia Bianco, who died recently in Holmwood Nursing Home, will be buried in Kidderminster Cemetery after Mass in St Ambrose's. May they rest in peace.

Anniversary: Next Friday is the anniversary of the death in 1899 of Canon James McCave (Parish Priest 1870 – 1877). He was a historian, and moved from here to become Parish Priest of Stourbridge.

Teas and Coffees: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9:30 am Mass by the Brownies and next Sunday by the Children's Liturgy Group.

Catholic Men's Society: The Archdiocesan District Council will meet this afternoon at St Wulstan's, Stourport-on-Severn.

Union of Catholic Mothers: Will meet on Monday in the Borromeo Hall at 7:30 pm. New members will be most welcome.

Clergy Study Day: On Wednesday, Fr Lucasz, the Revd Peter Hesketh and Fr Lamb will attend the Diocesan Study Day with the Archbishop at St Mary's College, Oscott.

Friendship Club: Meets on Wednesday, 28 September. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh K748474.

Musical Evening: The Union of Catholic Mothers is putting on this fundraiser next Thursday, 29 September at 7:30 at the Gainsborough House Hotel, Kidderminster. Tickets £5 adults, £2.50 concessions, from Miriam Cunliffe (K820927) or Betty Martin (K745051), or pay on the door. This will be a great evening with a wide variety of musical talent. There will also be a raffle with some fantastic prizes to be won, all in aid of the local branch of Sight Concern.

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2001: This year's Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Friday, 30 September in the Borromeo Hall, from 9am until 12 noon. 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 Bamenda Fund.

Missa Cantata: Fr Lamb will sing Mass in the Old Rite at St Mary's, Harvington, next Sunday at 3:00 pm.

October Devotions: October Devotions will be in both our Kidderminster Churches on the Sundays of October at 6:30 pm. On Sunday, 9 October, however, there will be a Candlelight Rosary Procession through the grounds of St Ambrose's. This will begin in Church at 7:30 pm.

Day of Adoration at Our Lady's: The Day of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will be at Our Lady's on Tues, 4 October, beginning with Mass at 10am. Adoration will continue throughout the day and devotions will conclude at 7pm. Sign the list in Church to signify participation.

A Worshipping Community 2011-12: 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. The meeting will begin at 7:45 pm 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 4 October.

Confirmation Preparation: The first meeting for the preparation of our families for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be in the School Hall on Wednesday, 5 October at 6:30 pm. The children and their parents will attend a Commitment Mass in St Ambrose's on Saturday, 8 October at 5:45 pm. Please pray for them.

Holy Hour: As part of my own preparation for the anniversary of my Ordination next year, I am offering a monthly Novena of Holy Hours which will begin on Thursday, 6 October at 7:30 pm. I will reflect on the Saints who have particularly inspired my Priesthood, and recall priests who have been formative influences. The Holy Hours will be followed by the Office of Compline (Night Prayer of the Church), concluding by 8:50 pm.

Music for You: After 30 years of concerts, raising thousands of pounds for local charities, Music for You will be putting on their final concerts on 7th and 8th of October at Kidderminster Town Hall. The Kidderminster Valentines will be performing on both nights. Performances start at 7:30 pm and tickets are: Friday £8 balcony, £6 hall (£1 concession in hall) and Saturday £10 balcony, £6 hall (no concession). Available from Town Hall, Hunters and Mr Clean.

St Ambrose's School: The Harvest Festival in School will be during Assembly at 9:15 am on Friday, 7 October, and the Revd Peter Hesketh will preside. Later, at 2pm, the School staff and children will take part in a Rosary Procession through the School grounds. Parents and parishioners are very welcome to join them.

Newman Pilgrimage and Night Walk Saturday, 8 October: You may join at any part of the event)

12 noon: Pilgrimage Mass at Bl Dominic Barberi Church with Rt Revd Mgr A Burnham (packed lunch).

2:00 pm: Talk by Fr Ian Ker - 'Newman and the vocation of Christians in the world'.

2:30 pm: Guided tours in the college and to the Church of St Mary and St Nicholas.

7:45 pm: Start of the night walk in St Aloysious, 25 Woodstock Road, Oxford.

9:30 pm: Candle procession from 89 Rose Hill to the Church of Bl Dominic Barberi, followed by procession to the College and thanksgiving in Newman's Chapel.

Greenhill PACT: The next meeting of the Greenhill PACT will be in the Adams Lounge on Monday, 10 October at 7pm. All parishioners who live in the Greenhill area are invited to join with other residents to discuss issues in the neighbourhood.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday, 28 October, Adams Lounge: Cheese and Pickle Supper. Come and enjoy a shared supper of different cheeses, pickles, nibbles etc

Saturday, 12 November, Town Hall: Autumn Bazaar. There will be a meeting in the Wheatley Room on Wednesday, 28 September at 8pm to discuss the planning of this event. All stallholders and helpers invited.

Sunday, 27 November, Borromeo Hall: Soup and Puddings Lunch. 12 noon. Make a soup or pudding, or both, and enjoy a shared lunch, trying all the recipes. Everyone welcome.

Friday, 2 December, Adams Lounge: Fr Lukacz will be hosting a Polish Evening – more details to follow.

Sunday, 18 December, Adams Lounge: Carols by Candlelight. Gather for Carols, mulled wine and mince pies for our traditional Carols evening. 8:00 pm.

Finances:

i Fr Hudson's Society: There is a collection today for Fr Hudson's Society throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham. As the social care agency of the Archdiocese, the Society supports people in need. Their work includes care for older people, those suffering from dementia and people with disabilities; fostering and supporting families through Community Projects and school-based Family Support Projects.

ii Thank you for the generous response made to the appeal by the Missionary Sister last weekend. We have sent the cheque for £851.19.

iii Thank you for last week's Offertory of £1077.76 (Envelope Scheme £464.05. Loose £613.71).

Mass Books: We have obtained copies of an excellent Mass Book, published by the Catholic Truth Society, at a cost per copy of £1.95. It provides all the necessary Mass responses, as well as the revised translation of the four main Eucharistic Prayers. It will be useful for absolutely everyone, and can be used in conjunction with Sunday Missals because the texts of the Mass Readings remain the same. They will also be very useful for weekday Mass attendees, and will help us to prepare at home before we come to Mass. The Eucharistic Prayers provide valuable sources for private prayer and reflection. These books are available in all our Churches, and are highly recommended.