

## ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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In Residence: Fr Lukasz Szweda

Last Sunday Year A Psalter Week 2 Pope John Sunday Missal p. 732 Week ending: November 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> 2011  
**THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** Mon: The Presentation of Our Lady Tues: St Cecilia Wed: St Clement  
Thur: The Martyrs of Vietnam Fri: St Catherine of Alexandria

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

#### *St Ambrose's*

**Mon:** 7.30 am Intentions of Madeleine Isaew  
**Tues:** 8.30 am Gerry Fox RIP 8.30 am Harry Berry RIP  
**Wed:** 9.15 am Clifton Donald Young (Anniv) 3.30 pm HOLY HOUR in preparation for Advent  
**Thurs:** 11.30 am Joan Lawson RIP 7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)  
**Fri:** 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm Deceased parishioners  
**Sat:** 9.00 am (Old Rite) Joseph Lorbert RIP 5.45 pm Michael Downs (Anniv)  
**Sun:** 9.30 am Dave Harris (Anniv) 6.30 pm EVENING PRAYER FOR ADVENT I

#### *Our Lady's*

**Mon:** 7.30 pm Patrick Raftery RIP  
**Fri:** 9.00 – 9.45 am Adoration 10.00 am Intentions of Jan Richards  
**Sun:** 5.00 pm The People of the Parish

#### *Sacred Heart*

**Sun:** 11.30 am Celebrant's Intention

### CONFESSIONS

*St Ambrose's:* Saturday: 11.45 am – 12.45 pm; 6.30 – 7.00 pm and by request  
*Our Lady's:* Saturday after Mass  
*Sacred Heart:* By request

### MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

#### *St Ambrose's*

**Altar Servers for the morning Mass:** Laurence Park, Will Scott **Church Cleaners:** Team B **Offertory Counters:** Group 6

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**Sat.** 5.45 pm M Weaver, T Webb  
**Sun.** 9.30 am B Galvin, M Holmes, P Hunt, J Villa

#### **Readers**

J Bicknell  
C Vass

#### *Our Lady's*

**Sun.** 5.00 pm J Da Costa, V Page

A McDermott, H Bearne

#### *Sacred Heart*

**Sun.** 11.30 am A Speers

J Moore

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, Sandra Chapman, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Eamonn Dalton, Thomas Dalton, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Joe Egan, Gervase Elwes, Brian Evans, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Celia Fernandez, John Freeman, Sheila Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Rita Harrod, Jim Heffernan, 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:** The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour; to him be glory and power for ever.

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our father, David. Alleluia!

**Preface of the Solemnity: p.735 Eucharistic Prayer and Memorial Acclamation:** As appointed by the Celebrant

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord will reign for ever and will give his people the gift of peace.

**Absent:** Fr Lukasz will be absent from the Parish from Wednesday until next Sunday evening.

**Readers' Rotas (St Ambrose's):** will readers please note that the new rotas are available at the back of Church.

**Baptisms:** This afternoon Fr Lukasz will baptise **Elle Lauren Fox** and **Rylee Nathaniel Donaghy**. We congratulate their families on choosing this wonderful Feast Day for the Baptism of their children.

**Anniversary:** Next Friday is the anniversary of the death in 1950 of **Fr Maurus Rudman** (1944 -1950).

**SPUC:** We are passing the 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act at Our Lady & St Pius X by donating tea/coffee donations during November.

**Teas and Coffees:** will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass by the Pre-School Group and next Sunday by the Craft Group.

**Parish Rambles:** There will be no rambles in November, December or January. However, there will be a meeting in January to plan for the coming year. Details nearer the time.

**Holy Hour for Christ the King:** This afternoon, the Catholic Men's Society is promoting a Holy Hour at St Mary's Harvington at 3 pm. It will be preached by Monsignor Canon John Moran. All welcome.

**Roadpeace Service:** The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Roadpeace Service will take place at St Ambrose's this evening at 6.30 pm. We shall pray for all victims of road traffic accidents and their families. The preacher will be the Revd Keith James, Vicar of St Anne's Bewdley. The Service will be attended by Civic Dignitaries from the Wyre Forest District.

**Crib on Sundays:** Chris Hopkins invites anyone wishing to learn **crib** (a card game) to join her in the Adams Lounge this evening at 7.30 pm.

**Union of Catholic Mothers:** will meet on Monday in the Borromeo Hall at 7.30 pm for their Annual General Meeting. New members will be most welcome. The UCM would like to thank all those who made cakes for the Refreshment Stall at the Autumn Bazaar.

**Kidderminster Deanery:** On Tuesday morning, local Clergy will be meeting at St Ambrose's for initial discussions about possible ways of rationalising the provision of Masses in the Wyre Forest (eg. enabling neighbouring priests to cover for one another in cases of absence or illness), as well as other ways that local parishes can collaborate, so as to make the most effective use of our existing resources, and in view of the likely reduction in the number of priests available in the future. This is a Diocesan process, which will include widespread consultation over the coming months and years about individual parishes and churches. It is important that you are aware that these matters are under review, and everyone will have an opportunity to take part in the process of consultation.

**Worshipping Community:** On Tuesday evening at 7.45 pm in the Montini Room we shall reflect on **The Gospel of the Lord**, the climax of the Liturgy of the Word. Everyone welcome.

**Friendship Club:** meets in Habberley on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Everyone is welcome but please let us know if you are coming: Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh (Tel. K748474).

**In Preparation for Advent:** On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, at 3.30 pm, the Staff and Governors of our School will join the Parish Priest for a Holy Hour of reflection on Advent themes in St Ambrose's and parents are warmly invited to attend, as are any parishioners who might like to attend.

**Confirmation Preparation:** The fourth session of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be in the School Hall on Wednesday.

**Mass for Deceased Parishioners:** on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a Mass in St Ambrose's at 7.30 pm for all those who have died during this past year. The names of those who have died will be read during the Prayer of the Faithful and placed on the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer. The list will be retained in the Memorial Book at St Joseph's Chapel during the forthcoming year. After Mass there will be a cup of tea in the Borromeo Hall and the Adams Bar will also be available.

**Grand Fairtrade Sale:** The Corn Exchange, Kidderminster, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10 am to 4 pm. To be opened by Michael Collie at 10 am. Large collection of Fairtrade gifts, clothes, bags, food etc. Also freshly made tea, filter coffee and cakes. We also need people to man the stalls and to make cakes (to help with the cost of hiring the hall). If you can help please contact Alison Burton on K. 824490 [nburton@wfsccmail.com](mailto:nburton@wfsccmail.com) or Clare Cassidy K. 746384 [cassidy@bhf.org.uk](mailto:cassidy@bhf.org.uk).

**Soup and Pudding Sunday Lunch:** This will take place on Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>. We are invited to bring along our favourite soup/pudding – warming up facilities are available – and to contribute to a shared table lunch in the Borromeo Hall and the Adams Lounge. This is a good opportunity for us to bring along our home made specialities, and for us to join together for a meal as an extension of our Eucharistic Fellowship. Dishes don't have to be home made – just 'favourites'.

**Catholic Men's Society:** Brothers of St Ambrose's Branch are reminded of a Discussion Meeting in the Rectory on Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.

**Holy Hour:** The third of the Novena of Holy Hours will be in St Ambrose's on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 pm. These Holy Hours reflect on some of the Saints who have sustained my priestly vocation over the past 30 years. For Advent, I will reflect on the two most important influences on my vocation – **Our Lady** and the Parish Priest of my boyhood years, **Fr Joseph Bernard Hickson**, of Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield. To commemorate the anniversary next year, a plaque in his memory will be blessed and installed in Holy Trinity by Bishop Philip Pargeter during Mass in honour of Our Lady on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. I hope that many parishioners will join with me on that evening, and on December 1<sup>st</sup> for the Holy Hour.

**St Ambrose's Day:** As you know, Bishop Pargeter will be with us again – to confirm our children, and to celebrate with us on our Patronal Feast. The children will have their own reception after Mass and, after the success of last year, the whole parish is invited to a Party in the Borromeo Hall and the Adams Lounge. I am grateful to the UCM who have agreed to co-ordinate the refreshments.

**The Plough, Far Forest:** A Luncheon has been arranged at the Plough, Far Forest, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30 pm for Our Lady's Feast Day, at a cost of £9.95. Please contact either Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh Tel. K748484 if you would like to join us for lunch.

#### **Finances:**

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £957.19 (loose £614.64 Envelope Scheme £342.55)
- ii. A further £36.94 has been contributed to the Johnson Fund for retired and infirm clergy.
- iii. Our indefatigable Whist players have donated yet another £100. Thank you.
- iv. It appears that the **Bazaar** realised nearly £1500, a splendid result considering the difficult economic times, and the many counter attractions in the town last week. I am sure that the many people who worked so hard and gave so freely of their time feel well rewarded. Thanks to those who held stalls, provided and served refreshments, donated items and did the all important work of setting up and clearing away. Also Marie & Peter Hesketh did our accounting – thanks also to them.