

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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 OUR LADY & ST PIUS X, Canterbury Road, Kidderminster DY11 6DR (01562 748474)  
 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

Third Sunday Year B Psalter Week 3 Pope John Sunday Missal p746 Week ending 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012  
**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** Mon: St Nicholas Owen, Patron of Hagley School Tues: St Francis de Sales  
 Wed: Conversion of St Paul Thurs: St Timothy and St Titus Fri: Blessed Edward Oldcorne Sat: St Thomas Aquinas

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:****ST AMBROSE'S**

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| Monday    | 7.30 am            | Thomas Redmond RIP                          |
| Tuesday   | 8.30 am            | Mary Moran RIP                              |
|           | 11.00 am           | Funeral: Martin Purcell RIP                 |
| Wednesday | 9.15 am            | Charles and Marie Evans RIP                 |
| Thursday  | 11.30 am           | Gioconda Salsano RIP                        |
|           | 7.30 pm            | Adoration until 10.00 pm (9.45 pm Compline) |
| Friday    | 7.10 pm            | Rosary 7:30 pm Holy Communion               |
| Saturday  | 9.00 am (Old Rite) | Fr Gregory Winterton RIP                    |
|           | 1.00 pm            | Nuptial Mass: Philip Parker and Megan Tovey |
|           | 5.45 pm            | Intentions of Mick and Bernie Galvin        |
| Sunday    | 9.30 am            | Intentions of Tess and Peter Grantham       |

**OUR LADY'S**

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| Monday | 7.30 pm        | Holy Communion                      |
| Friday | 9.00 – 9.45 am | Adoration 10.00 am Norah Reilly RIP |
| Sunday | 5.00 pm        | Teresa Picken RIP                   |

**SACRED HEART**

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| Sunday | 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 the morning Mass: Kamil Lisowski, Lawrence Park

**Eucharistic Ministers****Readers**

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| St Ambrose's:                   | Sat 5.45 pm  | E Darbyshire, A Nicholls          | S Baylie             |
|                                 | Sun 10.30 am | C Duncombe, P Hunt, P Lay, C Vass | H Cahill             |
| Our Lady's:                     | Sun 5.00 pm  | To be appointed                   | P Bowdler, M Bowdler |
| Sacred Heart:                   | Sun 11.30 am | M Peyton                          | P Storey             |
| Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): | Team B       |                                   |                      |

**Offertory Counters:** Group 2

**Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:**

Dorothy Atwell, Christopher Aylott, 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, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Eleanor Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Harold Mason, Lee Maund, Kathleen Mellsop, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Veronica Neal, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Daniel Oxenham, Eileen Postans, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Pat Redmond, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Nancy Ruffinato, Harold Salter, Margaret Skillicorn, 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 sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**Response to the Psalm:** Lord, make me know your ways

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the good news. Alleluia!

**Preface of Sundays IV**

**Eucharistic Prayer I**

**Memorial Acclamation I**

**Communion Antiphon:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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**St Joseph:** For some time I have been hoping to find a statue of St Joseph which depicts his unique relationship with the Child Jesus. During the week one was made available because of the closure of the Cross and Passion Convent in Bolton. It has now been placed in St Joseph's Chapel. The current statue is now going to the Sacred Heart Church in Tenbury so that all our communities can honour St Joseph and enjoy his protection. We have also obtained a set of crystal Altar Cruets from the same source.

**Baptism:** Today we welcome Alfie and Lennon Baker who will be baptised by the Revd Peter Hesketh.

**Marriage:** Please pray for the future and lasting happiness of Philip Parker and Megan Tovey, who will marry during Nuptial Mass at St Ambrose's next Saturday.

**Lately Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Fr Gregory Winterton of the Birmingham Oratory, one of the most distinguished priests of our generation, who worked and prayed tirelessly for the Beatification of Cardinal Newman.

**Anniversary:** Monday is the anniversary of the death in 1985 of Sr Mary of Dolours Cronin, Infant Headmistress 1929 – 1955.

**Teas and Coffees:** provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9:30 am Mass by the UCM and next Sunday by FOSAS.

**Fairtrade:** Fairtrade bananas plus Traidcraft/Fairtrade products on sale in the Parish Hall after 9.30 am Mass every Sunday. Also, there is a fresh supply of CAFOD collecting boxes available from the stall.

**Unity Service:** We have been invited to attend and participate in the Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is being held this evening in Trinity Methodist Church, commencing at 6.30 pm.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul:** The next meeting of the SVP takes place on Monday, 23 January at 2.00 pm.

**Union of Catholic Mothers:** Will meet at 6.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall on Monday, 23 January.

**A Worshipping Community:** Our Study of the Mass continues on Tuesday evening in the Montini Room at 7.45 pm, when our subject will be 'Sacrifice and Sacrament'. All welcome to attend.

**Craft Club:** Will meet on Tuesday, 24 January and 7 February at 7.30pm in the Hall. New members most welcome.

**Friendship Club:** Meets again at Habberley on Wednesday, 25 January at 12.30 pm. Please contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh on K 748474 if you would like to come and have a two-course lunch for £2.50.

**First Holy Communion:** The Information Evening for families who wish to prepare for First Holy Communion; is being held in the School Hall on Thursday at 6.30 pm. By now letters of application should have been received by the Parish Priest. Letters of application should be delivered BEFORE the meeting on Thursday.

**Parish Ramble:** Saturday, 28 January. Meet at Rock Cross Inn at 10.30 am (please park at top of the car park). There will be lunch at the Rock Cross for those who wish at approximately 12:30 pm. For further information please contact Peter and Maureen Bowdler on (01299) 269233 or [pandam.bowdler@btinternet.com](mailto:pandam.bowdler@btinternet.com).

**Polish Community:** Are holding a dance in St Ambrose's Parish Hall on Saturday, 28 January, starting at 7.30 pm. Dancing to live music by Jurek. Tickets £5 each. Please bring a plate of food to share. Raffle.

**St Ambrose Sunday Roast Club:** Next Sunday we inaugurate a new Parish group which will meet on the last Sunday of each month in the Borromeo Hall 12 noon – 2.30 pm. There will be a three-course meal (choice of two roasts) and a vegetarian option. Tickets available after Mass this weekend (£1 per person) which will inform the caterers, and a donation may be made on the day. For further details please contact Aidan Tagg (07956 546156).

**Holocaust Memorial Sunday:** Once again this year the Wyre Forest community will be commemorating the Holocaust at the Holocaust Memorial in front of St Mary's Church, Kidderminster. We will meet at 11.40 for 11.45 on Sunday, 29 January for a brief service of readings and prayers. The Revd Peter Hesketh will offer a prayer, and those attending are invited to bring flowers to lay at the memorial.

**Friends of the Holy Land:** Will repeat the successful (and filling) event of last year – a pie and a pint Sunday lunch at St Ambrose's Hall on 5 February. We will provide the pie (tickets £5) and St Ambrose's Bar will sell you the pint, or a glass of wine (or other drink of your choosing). Tickets for the event are on sale each Sunday at the back of Church. All proceeds after deduction of the cost of the pie only will go directly Christians in Bethlehem and the Holy Land. Thanks to your generosity during 2011 the Wyre Forest group sent £4,500 to the Holy Land - £3,000 directly for use in the Holy Land in the Widow's Mite Project, and £1,500 to purchase Christmas cards, soap and olive wood products, which provide necessary employment there.

**World Youth Day:** An opportunity for any young person in the Parish who will be 18 years of age by July 2013. Come and find out more about this epic adventure! Join other young Catholics from across our Diocese as we journey at the invitation of the Holy Father to meet for the 27<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day at Rio de Janeiro. To find out more come to the information evening at St Ambrose's on Tuesday, 7 February at 7.30 pm.

**Autumn Fayre:** Sadly, booking arrangements at Kidderminster Town Hall have changed, and block bookings covering a number of years are being made by Choral and Operatic Societies, for both performance and rehearsal. This has meant that a booking for our Christmas Bazaar is no longer available. We have been offered the only available weekend (12/13 October) and it is proposed to accept it and to organise an Autumn Fayre. A planning meeting will be arranged shortly.

#### **Finances:**

- i We acknowledge a legacy to the Parish of £10,369.70 under the terms of the Will of Peter Uttley, who died during August last year. A small amount has been used to purchase the Statue of St Joseph, and the altar cruets; a commemorative notice will be placed on the rails of St Joseph's Chapel, noting this generous benefaction and inviting prayers for Peter Uttley. May he rest in peace.
- ii Thank you for last week's Offertory of £1,002.03 (Envelope Scheme £324. Loose £678.03).
- iii So far, we have raised £300.87 for Survive-Miva.
- iv A further £57.50 has been added to our White Flower collection. Total £263.21.
- v We have been notified that the Diocesan Levy on the Parish this year will be in excess of £13,000. We appreciate the continued generosity of so many, which enables us to meet our continuing financial commitments.