

DR & MRS PETER MASON: Peter and Pat Mason wish to express their thanks to everyone for the kind wishes and greetings they received on their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on September 6th. It was wonderful that they were able to join us for Mass at 11.30am on that day. Ad Multos Annos!

BAPTISMS: This afternoon, the Revd Peter Hesketh will baptise **Darcy Griffin** and **Evan Gareth Davies**; and next Saturday will see the Baptism of **Jayden Ohiremen Sado**. Congratulations to these families.

ANNIVERSARY: Today is the anniversary of the death in 2001 of **Canon Albert Adams**, Parish Priest of St Ambrose's 1969-1992. May he rest in peace.

COFFEES/TEAS: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30am Mass by the Brownies and next Sunday by the Children's Liturgy Group.

SATURDAY MIDDAY CONFESSIONS: I apologise that for the third successive Saturday, it is not possible for me to be here for Sacramental Confession at 11.45am-12.45pm. Last Saturday was the 125th anniversary of the foundation of my old school, St Philip's (at the Birmingham Oratory). Yesterday I was invited to the Priestly Ordination of **Fr Roger Raven**, and next Saturday is the Golden Jubilee in the priesthood of the Church of England of **Canon Jim Samuel**, who has always been a very good friend of our Parish. I have been invited to attend the celebratory Sung Eucharist at St Mary's at 12 noon. I am sorry for the inconvenience my repeated absence may cause.

CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY: The meeting of the Archdiocesan District Council this afternoon will now take place in St Ambrose's Rectory, beginning at 3.00pm (not at Stourport, as previously announced).

DEANERY VISITATION: The Visitation of the Kidderminster Deanery will take place during the winter months. It opens with Evening Prayer at the Sacred Heart Church in Droitwich on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm. All parishioners are invited to attend the Evening Prayer, and the subsequent meeting in the Hall when the Archbishop will give details of the Visitation Process. The evening will conclude with light refreshments. I hope that all our communities will be represented.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: meets on Wednesday, 26th September at 12.30pm. All welcome. Please contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh 01562 74874.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: This year the Macmillan coffee morning is on Friday 28th September in the Borromeo Hall from 9am until 12 noon. Please make a note in your diary and support this very worthwhile cause.

COMMISSIONING OF KIDDERMINSTER STREET PASTORS: There will be an evening of prayers next Friday in the Baxter Church, commencing at 7.30pm during which the Street Pastors will be commissioned. Refreshments will be served following the service and shortly afterwards the Street Pastors will carry out their first patrol of Kidderminster Town Centre. Everyone is welcome to take part in this very important Ecumenical venture in our town.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY: I do hope parishioners will come along to the evening of celebration on September 29th. Afternoon tea, and a display of parish archives will be available in the Borromeo Hall from 3.00pm; and in the Wheatley Room after Mass at 5.45pm. A Fish and Chips Supper has been arranged in the Adams lounge from 7pm (courtesy of Broadwaters Chippy); there will be a **quiz** on Parish history and other Parish associated matters about 7.45pm; and a Benny Hill Fun Evening thereafter. Everyone is welcome to all (or part) of the event but it is a good opportunity for us to gather socially before we start the earnest response to the **Year of Faith**.

UCM SPONSORED WALK: takes place next Saturday 29th September meeting at 10.30am at the Lock Inn car park. All welcome to come along or please sign the sponsor forms at the back of Church. Proceeds to Parish funds.

GREENHILL PACT: The next meeting of the Greenhill PACT will be in the Adams Lounge on Monday, October 1st at 7.00pm. All parishioners resident in Greenhill are welcome to attend to discuss matters of local interest and concern.

DAY OF ADORATION: The Annual Day of Eucharistic Adoration in Our Lady's Church, Habberley, is on Tuesday, October 2nd. It will begin with Mass at 10.00am and Adoration will continue throughout the day until closing prayers at 7.30pm. Please sign the lists at the back of Our Lady's, thus ensuring that the Church will not be unattended at any time of the day.

BIBLE STUDY: If you are at home during the day do consider joining us for our next meeting on Wednesday, 3rd October at 2.00pm at Our Lady's, Habberley. Lifts available. Contact Teresa Alexander K. 741794.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: A meeting at 7pm St. Georges Hall, St. George's Church, 1 Sansome Place, Worcester WR1 1UG on Thursday 4th October. A talk from Kath Ryan (former Matron of the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes) Title "A Mission To The Modern War Wounded" or "Cakes For Casualties". Kath has founded a unique charity for the war wounded admitted to Selly Oak hospital. Be prepared to laugh and, possibly cry. All welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY OF OCTOBER: To prepare for the first Friday in October, there will be our first **Evening of Reparation** on Thursday October 4th from 7.30pm. There will be a short reflection on the forthcoming **Year of Faith** which will begin the following week, and during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, there will be some quiet music played, and the opportunity for Confession. At 9pm there will be a period of intercessory prayer. Intentions may be placed before the Blessed Sacrament during the evening, and they will be announced and commended to our prayers from 9pm onwards. After a further opportunity for silent reflection, Compline will be recited at 9.40pm. This will be the usual format (with occasional adjustments) on the first Thursday of each month during the Year of Faith, and I do earnestly hope that all of us will take this opportunity very seriously.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING: The Harvest Thanksgiving Mass this year will be in the Sacred Heart Church, Tenbury

THE VITAL SPARK: A Malvern based Choir who perform Church music influenced by folk songs and Country dances present a Concert of West Gallery music (1750-1850) in the Bewdley Quaker Meeting House on Fri October 5th at 8pm. Please see noticeboard.

THE KIDDERMINSTER VALENTINES and CELEBRATED FRIENDS will perform a charity concert **Your Music** at Kidderminster Town Hall on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th October. Tickets available from our own Valentines – Pam Cunningham, Joan Knowles, Carole Watkins, Shirley Keogh and Madeleine Roy. See Noticeboard for details.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION: The feast of the Holy Rosary this year falls on Sunday, October 7th and to celebrate this, we shall have a Candlelight Rosary Procession in the grounds of St Ambrose's beginning at 7.00pm. We have learned from last year's mistakes, and we hope that the School grounds will be well lit, and that the statue will be illuminated.

THE AIRY VIOLIN: A Concert of Baroque Concertos for Violin will be given in the Chapel of Oscott College on Saturday October 13th. Please see noticeboards for details.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KIDDERMINSTER – Christmas Dinner – 25th December 2012: This year St Ambrose Parish is hosting the Annual Christmas Dinner on behalf of CITK. We are in need of volunteers to help with the preparation and serving of the dinner on Christmas Day, also drivers to help transport people to and from their homes to our Parish Hall in time for dinner (approx 12.30pm arrival, finish 4.00pm). If you wish to help please contact Adam Nicholls on K. 631109.

NB: Drivers need only be available for arrival and finishing times.

ST AMBROSE'S PRE-SCHOOL: provides quality care and education for children aged 2 years to rising 5. Morning sessions from 8.55am-11.55am, afternoon sessions from 12pm – 3pm. And all day care from 9am – 3pm. Our latest "Outstanding" Ofsted inspection report says "St. Ambrose Pre-School provides its children with an outstanding experience. Staff work extremely hard and provide a safe and stimulating atmosphere in which children make excellent progress in all areas of their development." Please ring the manager, Sharon Kennedy, on 07980 182741 for further details.

ST AMBROSE'S SCHOOL: Parents wishing to apply for a place for children starting school in September 2013 need to make such application **on line** by January 15th 2013. Please see noticeboard for further information.

PIETY SHOP (St Ambrose's) requires helpers urgently: Our small shop require volunteers for both Saturday and Sunday Masses. All that is required is 20 minutes before and after the Mass. We are down to a small amount of us now which means sadly that the shop is closed some weeks. If you can help us please contact Lisa on K.753009 or 07584 260577.

- FINANCES:**
- i 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 last week's offertory of £1009.15 (Loose £661.45 Envelope Scheme £347.70).
 - iii The Appeal for the Society of St Barnabas raised £305.57, and this sum has been forwarded to Mr Cyprian Blamires.

BORROMEIO HALL/ADAMS LOUNGE: Available for functions of all kinds: parties, receptions, etc. Please contact Mary Preston (07513 295817) or Margaret Blizard (07742 730680).

EVERY FRIDAY: Folk Music in the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists. Free admission 8.00pm – late.

VALETE: John and Christamaria Fellows, after many years as devoted parishioners in our Tenbury Community, are departing on Friday to spend their retirement in Pembrokeshire. We wish them every blessing, and our gratitude for their considerable contribution to the Sacred Heart Church.