

**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, Richard Tovey

Twenty-Eighth Sunday Year B Psalter Week 4 CTS Sunday Missal p931 Week ending 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> October 2012

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** Mon: St Teresa of Avila Tues: St Margaret Mary Wed: St Ignatius of Antioch  
Thurs: St Luke Fri: St Paul of the Cross

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**ST AMBROSE'S**

Monday	7.30 am	Esther Thompson RIP
Tuesday	8.30 am	Intentions of Mick and Bernie Galvin
Wednesday	9.15 am	Intentions of Thomas Yates
Thursday	11.30 am	Funeral: Gene Whitwam RIP
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 10pm (Compline 9.45 p.m.)
Friday	7.10 pm	Rosary
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Saturday	9.00 am	(Old Rite) In Thanksgiving (McFarland)
	2:00 pm	Marriage: Matthew Lobb – Victoria Garrett
	5.45 pm.	Thomas Skerrett RIP
Sunday	9.30 am	Christopher Aylott RIP
	6.30 pm	October Devotions

**OUR LADY'S**

Monday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Friday	9.00 – 9.45 am	Adoration 10:00 am Harry Berry RIP
Sunday	5.00 pm	Kath Escott RIP
	6.30 pm	October Devotions

**SACRED HEART**

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 – 7.30 pm and by request  
Sacred Heart: By request

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**Altar Servers for the morning Mass :** Callum Atkins, Aleks Okonski

St Ambrose's: Saturday 5.45 pm	A Harris, A Nicholls	<b>Readers</b>
Sunday 9.30 am	D.Duncombe, D Holdstock. P Hunt, J Villa	Filipino Mass
Our Lady's: Sunday 5.00 pm	M Bowdler, P Bowdler,	G Pardoe
Sacred Heart: Sunday 11.30 am	M Harper, A Speers	O da Costa, B Gavan

**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 of our prayers, especially:**

Dorothy Atwell, Joseph Baker, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Ken Bourne-Turner, Frank Bourke, Peggy Burke, Linda Button, Sandra Chapman, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Kitty Cooper, Maria Cosenza, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Eamonn Dalton, Thomas Dalton, John Donovan, Joni Dunlea, Phil Eady, Joe Egan, Brian Evans, Vera Farley, Sr Maureen Fay, Sheila Freeman, Anthony Georgieff, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Margaret Harley, Rita Harrod, Jim Heffernan, Diana Hesketh, Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Philip Hunt, Jane Jenner, Keeley John, Veronica Jones, Ben Kelly, Marie Lane, Felicity Librie, Audrey Little, Eleanor Lloyd, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Linda Low, Peter McQuillan, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Lee Maund, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Tom O'Brien, Leeza Odell, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Daniel Oxenham, Joyce Parker, Chris Price, Pat Quinn, Janet Richards, Mary Roberts, Nancy Ruffinato, Harold Salter, Canon Jim Samuel, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Pearl Stanley, Marie Stokes, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Patricia Virr, Maureen Walton, George Watkins, Eric Whittaker, Edith Wilkes and May Williams.

**Entrance Antiphon:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**Response to the Psalm:** Fill us with your love, that we may rejoice.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

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**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing

**Lately Dead:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gene Whitwam, one of our most distinguished parishioners – the first recipient in this Parish of the Diocesan Ubi Caritas award. She was a dedicated servant to so many causes in the parish, and the amount of unsung good that she did may never be known. She died peacefully after a very long illness borne with characteristic fortitude and determination. Please remember, also, Barbara Williams, a highly esteemed member of the teaching staff of Winterfold School; and Deacon Tony Colby, a good friend of Fr Lamb since their days together at St Thomas More's in Coventry. May they rest in peace.

**Anniversary:** Next Thursday is the anniversary of the death in 1912 of Fr Alfred Hall, Parish Priest here for just one year (1884-1885). He was Parish Priest of St Mary's, Warwick for 20 years.

**Marriage:** We pray for Matthew Lobb and Victoria Garrett, who will celebrate their wedding next Saturday at St Ambrose's. Congratulations.

**Baptism:** Next Saturday, Revd Peter Hesketh will baptise Jade Southall. She and her family are very welcome to our Parish.

**Teas and Coffees:** Provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30am Mass by the Ambrosians and next Sunday by the CMS.

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

**The Diocesan Opening Mass for the Year of Faith:** will be at St Chad's Cathedral today at 3pm. Each Parish is to be represented by two parishioners, who will receive a Parish Pack which will be presented in the Parish during Masses next weekend (20/21 October). Our representatives are Lucy Harler and Mark Stride.

**October Devotions:** The Devotion of the Holy Rosary will be made in both our Churches in Kidderminster, beginning each Sunday evening of the month at 6:30 pm.

**Age UK Wyre Forest:** will hold an Open Day at the Tulip Tree Centre, Castle Road, Kidderminster, on Monday, 15 October, 10.30am–2pm. Please see publicity leaflets in our Churches giving details of services available in Kidderminster for older people.

**Bible Study:** Wednesday, 17 October at 2.00 pm at Our Lady's, Habberley. Come and join our discussion on Suffering and Service, based on the readings for the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year B.

**Ambrosian Group:** Meets for lunch at 12:15 pm on Thursday, 18 October, in the Borromeo Hall.

**Air Ambulance Rescue Helicopters:** One of our own parishioners, Doreen Reynolds, is organising a charity comedy evening at Cookley Village Hall on Friday, 19 October to support the Air Ambulance service. Tickets £8. Further details (01562) 852720.

**Parish Walk:** Saturday, 20 October. Meet at Ribbesford Church at 10:30 am for a four/five-mile walk. Contact Bernard Page on K 637456.

**Skittles Night:** Next Saturday evening there will be a Skittles Evening in the Borromeo Hall from 7:30 pm, to remember Pat Redmond, who died in July. We hope that many who knew and loved her will be able to take part.

**Kidderminster Valentines:** Concert at St. John's Church, Saturday, 20 October at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 from Doreen Baker (01562) 752507.

**Year of Faith:** Inspired by Pope Benedict's letter, Porta Fidei, we are asked to present in our Parishes opportunities for people to rediscover the gift of their Baptismal Faith, and to give witness to our Faith with greater confidence. We are also called to communicate our own experience of faith to others, especially to those who do not believe, and to those who are indifferent. With this in mind, our own programme for the Year of Faith will begin in the Montini Room on Tuesday, 23 October at 7.45 pm. We shall study together certain key passages from the documents of the Second Vatican Council, as well as sections from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Please consider making this series of meetings a significant part of our own Year of Faith. Also, let us make sure that we invite anyone who may be interested in deepening their faith, or rediscovering their Faith, or who may be considering entering Full Communion with the Catholic Church. This is a contribution that all of us can make.

**Friendship Club:** Meets on Wednesday, 24 October at 12:30pm. All welcome. Contact Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh K48474.

**All Hallows Eve:** A fairly traditional party for Hallowe'en will be in the Adams Lounge on Sunday, 28 October from 3.00 pm. Youngsters with a strong nerve and an appetite for fun are invited.

**Archbishop's Visitation:** His Grace, the Archbishop, will be in our Parish for the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> November. He will preach at all Masses, and will present Margaret Holmes with the Diocesan Ubi Caritas award during Mass on Saturday, 3 November at 5.45 pm. There will be a reception in the Adams Lounge afterwards. In the afternoon on Saturday he will visit one or two sick parishioners, and meet with representatives of the School, and other designated parishioners (he has requested to meet with the Safeguarding Representative in particular). Several of our young parishioners will be invited to meet him in the Wheatley Room at about 9:00 pm on Saturday evening. After Mass on Sunday morning he will meet parishioners in the Borromeo Hall, and we are grateful to Aidan Tagg who has agreed to provide a Parish lunch on that day (details next week). The Archbishop will join our parishioners and members of the Polish Community for the Service of Prayer and the Blessing of Graves in Kidderminster Cemetery at 3:00 pm on Sunday, before finishing his Visitation at Our Lady's for Mass at 5:00 pm and meeting with parishioners afterwards. Some time during his visit he hopes to meet one or two clergy members from other Churches. A full calendar will be published nearer the time.

**FOSAS AGM:** on Thursday, 8 November. We would like to welcome new members who are able to attend this vital meeting. We shall be electing our committee for 2012/13, and roles available are Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to volunteer for any of these roles, or would just like to help with any fund-raising, tea/coffee-making or just to show support then please come along. Anyone can be a member – friends, grandparents, parents or anyone who wants to support St Ambrose's RC Primary School.

**Petition:** Please support Pro-Life Midwives. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has launched a petition to defend the right of nurses and midwives not to participate in abortion. The right to conscientious objection is under threat and Catholic and other pro-life doctors, nurses, midwives and pharmacists are coming under growing pressure to participate in the abortion process, despite having deeply-held pro-life and religious convictions. SPUC is backing the appeal case of Mary Doogan and Connie Wood, supervisor midwives at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, following an extremely worrying court decision earlier this year. The management at the Southern General re-interpreted the conscience clause in the Abortion Act and said that Connie and Mary were no longer allowed to object to supervising the work of other midwives performing abortions. The pair fought against this decision and took the hospital to court. In February a judge backed the hospital, stripping the midwives of their right to conscientious objection and, effectively, their jobs. The judgment has extremely serious implications for Catholic and other pro-life midwives, doctors, nurses and pharmacists all across Britain. Please sign SPUC's petition to the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) today, calling on the NMC to defend nurses' and midwives' right to conscientious objection.

#### **Finances:**

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £1020.74 (Loose £634.94, Envelope scheme £395.80).
- ii. Donations to CAFOD were £59.
- iii. The Auction following the Tenbury Harvest Thanksgiving raised £160.
- iv. Macmillan Coffee Morning: A very big thank-you to all those who supported this year's Coffee Morning – those who helped on the day, baked cakes or donated raffle prizes. As always, your support is very much appreciated. A total of £435.00 was raised, including a very generous donation from a parishioner.

**New Arrival in the Rectory:** A four-year-old West Highland Terrier, called Molly, moved in last Tuesday, and made herself very much at home almost immediately. She attended Mass on Wednesday morning, and will soon become a familiar figure in the Parish. It is wonderful to have a dog again

**Parish Website:** is currently undergoing an overhaul and will now be updated on a regular basis. Any groups or individuals who would like their Parish activities or organisations to be put on the site can give the relevant material (handwritten or typed) to the Rectory. If any parishioners have photographs of our churches, or past events, on digital memory cards, Joseph Moran would be grateful for access to these for use on the website.

**Borromeo 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 8pm-late.