

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Psalter Week 2 CTS Sunday Missal p693 Week commencing 15th January 2017

Response to the Psalm: Here I am, Lord! I come to do Your will.

Gospel Acclamation: The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept Him He gave power to become Children of God.

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer: IV p621

Mystery of Faith I

Feast Days this Week: **Tues:** St Anthony, Abbot **Thurs:** St Wulstan **Fri:** SS Fabian and Sebastian **Sat:** St Agnes

Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week:

ST AMBROSE'S

Monday	7.30 am	John and Martin Weaver RIP
Tuesday	8.30 am	John Lainchbury RIP
Wednesday	9.15 am	Tony O'Dowd (Anniversary)
Thursday	11.30 am	Angelina Scrocca RIP
	7.30 pm	Adoration until 9.00 pm (Compline 8.45 pm)
Friday	9.30 am	Adoration until 10.15 am
	10.30 am	Joan Aylott RIP
Saturday	9.00 am	Brendan McCann RIP followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick
	2.00 pm	Marriage: Jordan Sabin – Roisin Murrhoy
Sunday	11.00 am	The People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	Joe Metcalf RIP

SACRED HEART

Tuesday	2.15 pm	Funeral Mass: Maria Olga Adams RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	Emma Lynch RIP

CONFESSIONS: **St Ambrose's:** Saturday, 11.45 am – 12.45 pm and by request
Sacred Heart: By request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Luca Barry, Jacob Hughes

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
St Ambrose's:		
Sunday 11.00 am	A Harris, T Hart, D Holdstock, P Hunt, A McDermott, M Martin,	A Martin
Sunday 6.00 pm	M Hesketh, V Page, J Stanley, M Stride B Taylor	C & D Lendon-Montrose

Sacred Heart

Sunday 9.00 am	E O'Neill, M Peyton	A Hughes
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Church Cleaners: Team D (Friday, after Mass)

Offertory Counters: Group 4

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Aylott, Olena Barchuk, Albert and Elsie Barr, Keith and Marion Birch, Catherine Blount, Jennifer Bush, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Ann Catchpole, Fr Paul Chavasse, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Bunty Cook, Julie Cook, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Eamonn Dalton, Sarah Dalziel, Angeline Doherty, Sr Maureen Fay, Lina Finella, Catherine Freemantle, Martha Graham, Frances Graves, Fr Christopher Greaney, Diane Grovenor, Shirley Hale, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Canice Heavern, Cindy Jones, Georgina Jones-White, John Joyce, John Kean, Wendy Kowalewicz, Audrey Little, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Joe McLaughlin, Gaetana Maffei, Marjorie Male, Francesca Marciante, Petronilla Marciante, Robert Matthews, Margaret Metcalf, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Pat Motteram, Sr Breda Murphy, Jacqui Murray, Kitty Murray, John Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Nichol, Kate Nicholls, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Billie O'Keeffe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Amelia Piatek, Revd Philip Prince, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, Edward Sutton, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Lyndon Whatley, Edith Wilkes and Anne Youde.

Christmastide: Our thanks to Joy Farmer and her family for once again being responsible for our Christmas trees and decorations; to Jean Bullock and all who helped her in the Sacristy and in the building and dismantling of the Crib; and to all those who placed poinsettias near the Crib, to remember those dear to them who have died (some in the days leading up to Christmas). All were remembered by the Parish Priest (and others) when they visited and prayed at the Crib.

Baptism: This afternoon the Revd Charles Duncombe will baptise Zane Gallagher Kirk, and will welcome him and his family into the life of our Parish.

Marriage: We congratulate Roisin Murrighy and Jordan Sabin, who will be married in St Ambrose's next Saturday at 2.00 pm. Please pray for their future and lasting happiness.

Funerals: On Tuesday afternoon in Tenbury we have the funeral Mass of Maria Olga Adams, who died on 6 January while staying with her family in the Christmas season. Her home is in Derry City, Northern Ireland. She is to be cremated at Wyre Forest Crematorium at 4.00 pm. Joyce Morris also died during Christmastide, and her funeral is at the Crematorium on Wednesday at 4.00 pm.

Anniversaries: Last Friday was the anniversary of the death in 1900 of Fr Louis Torond (Parish Priest 1877-1883). He retired to France, and spent his last years praying for the conversion of England. Tomorrow is the anniversary of the death in 1961 of the Franciscan, Fr Alban Greal, whose family came from Kidderminster. May they rest in peace.

Mass in the Home: An important part of this Year of Celebration will be the opportunity to come to a fuller understanding of the importance of the Mass, at the centre of Parish life and in the life of each one of us. To this end, I would like to have the opportunity of offering Mass in homes around the Parish during the course of the year, ideally in a variety of neighbourhoods. On such occasions it will be possible to give some explanation of different parts of the celebration, and for families and friends and neighbours to come together as ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT in CHRIST. If you would be willing to host a Mass (during the daytime or evening, as convenient) please collect an information sheet from the Sacristy today (or next week) and return it to the Rectory in due course. I hope this initiative will help our younger families, and bring all of us closer to Our Lord, and to each other.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting will be on Monday, 16th January at 7.15 pm in the Adams Lounge.

Union of Catholic Mothers: Meets on Monday at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall. New members always welcome. **Please Note:** There will be no meeting on 30 January. The Annual General Meeting will take place on 6 February. It is hoped that all UCM members will make every effort to attend the AGM. Congratulations to the UCM members for raising £1,180 in support of their annual projects: SANDS (to support families following infant death) and SMA (research into Spinal Muscular Atrophy).

Montini Group: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday at 7.45 pm in the Montini Room, when our topic will be 'Body and Soul: the Human Person'. This meeting will be of interest to anyone seeking a deeper knowledge of the Catholic position on pro-life issues, and the informed conscience. Everyone welcome.

Bible Study: We meet again on Wednesday, 18th January, 2.00 pm for 2.30 pm start at 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster (K.741794). Do consider joining us to discuss the Holy Scriptures, and the application to our lives.

Octave of Prayer: For the Unity of Christians, begins on Wednesday.

Fraternal: Ministers of the Churches in Kidderminster will gather for lunch on Thursday at the home of the Revd Nigel Taylor, St Peter's Vicarage, Cookley.

Ambrosian Group: Meet on Thursday in St Ambrose's Parish Hall for the monthly shared lunch, after the 11.30 am Mass. Everyone welcome.

Open Mic Night: In the Adams Lounge next Friday from 8.30 pm. Everyone welcome to come and play and sing.

Friendship Club: Meets for the first time in the Borromeo Hall at St Ambrose's on Wednesday, 25 January. For catering purposes please contact Joyce Gavan.

Sacrament of Baptism: We begin our year of Sacramental Celebration to mark the 1620th anniversary of the death of St Ambrose, and the 25th year of the present Parish Priest, with an Ecumenical Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism on Wednesday, 25 January at 7.00 pm. There will be a Liturgy in Church, which will include a Profession of Faith and a Renewal of Baptismal Promises, and the preacher will be Fr Tim Williams, Team Rector of Kidderminster West Team Ministry and Vicar of St John's, Blakebrook. Light refreshments will be available in the Borromeo Hall afterwards, together with various displays from representatives of ecumenical organisations in the area. Chris Harvey and Danny McCormack have worked very hard to organise this very significant celebration. They will introduce it during Mass this weekend, and I hope that we shall all do our best to support them and join with them in welcoming members of the other Christian communities in our town. Please pray for the success of this first celebration, and for the whole year to come.

Holy Hour: The monthly Holy Hour for all engaged in Parish Ministry (Readers, Additional Ministers, Musicians, Servers etc), and for all parishioners, will be on Thursday, 26 January from 7.30 pm. As that day is the feast of SS Timothy and Titus, early disciples of St Paul, the theme will include a prayerful consideration of Christian discipleship.

Greener Living Fair: In Kidderminster Town Hall, Saturday 28 January 10.30 – 2.30 pm. Please see noticeboard for details.

Catholic Men's Society: At the Annual General Meeting of the St Ambrose's Branch on Wednesday evening, Brother Martin Grovenor was elected President; Brother George Nixon was elected Vice-President; and Brothers Ray Barber and Trevor Webb were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

FINANCES:

- i We have received a very grateful acknowledgment from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) for our donation from the bucket collection in Advent, which raised £887.11. This aid will help refugees from Syria in Lebanon, and in Syria itself.
- ii Thank you for the Offertory last week of £820.49. (Envelope Scheme £350.30, Loose £470.19).
- iii The collection for SPUC raised £203.89.
- iv Copies of the much admired book on our War Memorial are still available at £15 per copy – from the shop at St Ambrose's, in the Church at Tenbury, and from the Adams Lounge.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Peter Greal on (07513 295817) or 07742 730680.

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm. **Whist:** Every Wednesday 2.00 pm Please come along and support the Parish Centre.

Folk Music: In the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists on the second and fourth Fridays of every month. Admission free 8.00 pm – late.