

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**  
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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Week Commencing February 19<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Psalter Week : 3**

**CTS Sunday Missal p.712**

**Response to the Psalm :** The Lord is compassion and love.

**Gospel Acclamation :** If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

**Preface of Sunday V :** p.571      **Eucharistic Prayer : III p.611**      **Mystery of Faith I**

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK :**    **St Peter Damian.**      **W. St Peter's Chair.**      **Th. St Polycarp.**

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

**ST AMBROSE'S**

Monday	7.30 a.m.	David Weaver RIP
Tuesday	8.30 a.m.	Angelina Scrocca RIP
Wednesday	10.45 a.m.	<b>Funeral : Bernard Durnin RIP</b>
	7.30 p.m.	Tom Massey RIP
Thursday	8.30 a.m.	Jan Joyce RIP
	7.30 p.m.	Adoration until 9.00 p.m. (Compline 8.45 p.m.)
Friday	9.30 – 10.15 a.m.	Adoration
	10.30 a.m.	Sean Waldron RIP
Saturday	9.00 a.m.	Peter McQuillan RIP followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick
Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Angelo Vaccaro RIP
	6.00 p.m.	The People of the Parish

**SACRED HEART**

Sunday 9.00 a.m. Veronica Tobin RIP

**CONFESSIONS :**      **St Ambrose's – Saturday 11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m; and by request**  
**Sacred Heart – By request**

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK :**

**Altar Servers for morning Mass :**    Luca Barry, Jacob Hughes

	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Readers</b>
<b>St Ambrose's :</b>		
Sunday 11.00 a.m.	H Scott, R Tovey, R Barber, M Bradley, E Buncl, A Colclough	C Vass, M Darbyshire
Sunday 6.00 p.m.	R Fox, L Farmer, M Hesketh, B Taylor, M Weaver	T Alexander, P Young
<b>Sacred Heart</b>		
Sunday 9.00 a.m.	E O'Neill, M Peyton	J Moore

**Church Cleaners : Team A (Wed 3.30 p.m.)    Offertory Counters : Group 3    Teas/Coffees : Craft Club**

**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 & Marion Birch, Catherine Blount, Jennifer Bush, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Fr Paul Chavasse, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Bunty Cook, Julie Cook, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Eamonn Dalton, Sarah Dalziel, Angeline Doherty, Revd Patrick Duffy, Sr Maureen Fay, Lina Finella, Victoria Fleming, 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, Fr Denis O'Connor, Billie O'Keeffe, Jean O'Shaughnessy, Katherine O'Sullivan, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, Peter Strangward, 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.

**MASS FOR THE SICK :** Last Saturday 73 people received the Sacrament of the Sick during Mass on the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This was a remarkable moment in the life of our Parish and I am very grateful to **Joy Farmer** and **Richard Tovey** for their highly successful co-ordination. It was good that other parishioners made it possible for many to attend, and all of us will congratulate Lynn Grealy on the lavish buffet which all of us enjoyed.

**COMMEMORATION of the GREAT WAR :** Copies of the book on our War Memorial have been given to the Archbishop, and to the Diocesan Archives. The Archbishop described it as 'a beautiful book' and sends his thanks and congratulations to the co-authors. Fr John Sharp, the Diocesan Archivist, has placed a copy in the Parish file at Cathedral House, calling the book 'a wonderful tribute'. An article on the book appears in the January edition of **Catholic Today** (available in our Churches), in which there is also an article about our Year of Celebration (back page) and a contribution by Brother Joseph Moran on the role of the Catholic Men's Society.

**2017 COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET :** If any parishioners would like to have their reminiscences, of the past 25 years in the Parish, included in the Booklet, could they please send them to : Pat Storey, 10 Huntington Green, Ashford Carbonel, Ludlow SY8 4DN or email to paddy @surfanytime.net

**BAPTISM :** Today, **Pearl** and **Mabel Miah** will be baptised by the Revd. Charles Duncombe. We are glad to welcome them to the life of the Catholic Church.

**REST IN PEACE :** The funeral Mass of **Bernard Durnin** will be on Wednesday at 10.45 a.m, prior to cremation at Wyre Forest. (Reception Tuesday 4.30 p.m.). We are awaiting the Funeral arrangements of **Susan Windsor** who died last weekend; and of the much loved **Sheila Skitt** who died last Saturday. Please pray also for the Quigley family (friends of Fr Lamb) whose Father died tragically in a house fire in Edgbaston last week.

**MONTINI GROUP :** We shall meet again on Tuesday at 7.45 p.m. in the Montini Room when the subject will be **Bread and Wine**. We shall study the Prayers of the Offertory, the Eucharistic Prayer and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (in the light of last week's reflection on the Eucharistic Change).

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB :** The Friendship Club meets in the Borromemo Hall on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please contact Joyce Gavan for catering purposes.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY :** On Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 p.m. Brother Edward Higgins and Brother Steve O'Reilly will be inducted as members of the Catholic Men's Society (St Ambrose's Branch). This is a very important Parish event, and everyone is welcome.

**CONFIRMATION :** Next Thursday evening, Bishop Robert Byrne will confirm pupils at Winterfold House School, where Fr Lamb is the Chaplain.

**LOURDES REUNION :** The Knights of Malta will have their Birmingham Lourdes Reunion at the Birmingham Oratory on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, with Solemn Mass and Anointing of the Sick at 11.00 a.m., followed by a Buffet Luncheon for the sick and their carers. Please see notice board for details.

**40 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** will take place next weekend in Cardinal Newman's Chapel at Littlemore in Oxford. Please see the poster for details.

**PARISH CENTRE NOTICES :** On Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> there is to be a **Wedding and Events Fair** in the Borromeo Hall 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please see parish notice boards, and Adams Lounge publicity for further details. The Wye Valley Country Music Club presents **West Country** (a superb Country duo.) on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 p.m. Tickets £7. Please let all of us try to support the events as they are publicised.

**LENT 2017 :** The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We offer a small booklet on **The Meaning of Lent** and it is highly recommended. Please make a donation of £1 per copy. Between now and Shrove Tuesday, please bring last year's palms and place them in the incinerator near the Baptismal font. They will be burned on Shrove Tuesday evening to provide **Ash** for the following day. Stations of the Cross during Lent will be at 11 a.m. each Friday in Tenbury and 7.30 p.m. in Kidderminster (except March 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE :** Another campaign of prayer outside **Marie Stopes Abortion Centre** in Edgbaston during Lent (Vigil hours 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., every day). Leaflets giving details are available at the back of the Church.

**WEDDING RINGS :** Do you have a wedding ring (perhaps once owned by a relative) which is no longer worn by anyone? Please consider donating it to the Grace and Compassion Benedictine nuns, where it will be worn by a young nun who will pray daily for the original owner. Vocations mainly come from southern India and Sri Lanka and their work is mostly in their U.K. homes for the elderly, the nearest being Stroud. No hurry to decide. Tel. Jennifer Bush 01684 563241 or leave your name at the Rectory.

**FOODBANK :** In the month of January the Parish donated 96 kilograms of food to the foodbank. Thank you for your generosity. Our help is still needed.

**HOLY HOUR :** The next Holy Hour will be on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the feast of St Chad.

#### **FINANCES :**

- i. **The Mite Scheme :** Thank you for a further £71.40, including a cheque for £20 and a £20 note. All donations welcome, you are saving a life for as little as 5p.
- ii. Thank you for the Offertory last week of £723.33. (Loose plate £434.33. Envelope Scheme £289.00).
- iii. A further £73.35 has been added to our total for LIFE.

**Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge:** Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on (07513295817) or 07742 730680.

**Bingo:** Every Tuesday 8.00 p.m.

**Whist:** Every Wednesday 2.00 p.m. 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 p.m. – late.

**THANK YOU :** Still more comestibles have been received at the Rectory by a grateful Parish Priest.