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Thirty third Sunday Year A:

Psalter Week 1

Week commencing: November 19th 2017

CTS Sunday Missal p.806

Response to the Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful and I will give you the crown of life.

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer: IV p. 621

Mystery of Faith: I

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Tues: Presentation of Our Lady; Wed: St Cecilia Thurs: St Clement

Fri: The Martyrs of Vietnam Sat: St Catherine of Alexandria

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7.30 am

Maria Gualano RIP

Tues: 8.30 am

John Thompson (Anniv). The Church will be closed all day for carpet cleaning.

Wed: 9.15 am

Gill Pardoe RIP

Thurs: 11.30 am

Gerry Toner RIP

7.30 pm

Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8.45 pm)

Fri: 9.30 – 10.15 am

Adoration

10.30 am

Tess Grantham RIP

1.00 pm

MARRIAGE: Patrick Gammell and Nora Sheridan

Sat: 9.00 am

Intentions of John & Christine Stubbins followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

1.00 pm

MARRIAGE: James Sheridan & Eileen Gammell

Sun: 11.00 am

Michael Downs & Samuel Evans RIP

3.00 pm

HOLY HOUR

6.00 pm

Don McLaughlin RIP

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am

The People of the Parish

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: A O'Reilly, T Wright

			Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
St Ambrose's	Sun.	11.00 am	T Hart, D Holdstock, P Hunt, A Mc Dermott M Martin	J Bishop, R Tovey
	Sun.	6.00 pm	B Gavan, J Gavan	D Duncombe, M Weaver
Sacred Heart	Sun.	9.00 am	E O'Neill, M Peyton	C Stanley

Church Cleaners : Team B (Friday Afternoon) **Offertory Counters:** Group 5

Teas & Coffees: A Harris, L Ingrassci, C Vass

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Aylott, Olena Barchuk, Albert Barr, Keith and Marion Birch, Catherine Blount, Jennifer Bush, Matteo Butera, Linda Button, Martin Cahill, Rupert Caple, Fr Paul Chavasse, Luke Coates, Nigel Collier, Helena Collins, Nora Collins, Maureen Connolly, Bunty Cook, Julie Cook, Derek Cooper, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Eamonn Dalton, Sarah Dalziel, Revd Patrick Duffy, Sr Maureen Fay, Lina Finella, Victoria Fleming, Catherine Freemantle, Martha Graham, Frances Graves, Fr Christopher Greaney, Janet Greenwood, Diane Grovenor, Shirley Hale, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Sonia Higgins, Cindy Jones, Georgina Jones-White, John Joyce, John Kean, Kay Kelly, Wendy Kowalewicz, Arwen Lockley, Alice Loge, Josie Lynch, Joe McLaughlin, Marjorie Male, Francesca Marciante, Anthea Matthew, Robert Matthews, Margaret Metcalf, Sheila Mikulicz, Jeannie Morrison, Pat Motteram, Teresa Moule, Sr Breda Murphy, 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, Meghann O'Sullivan, Tara O'Sullivan, Ken Peers, Doreen Reynolds, Janet Richards, Harold Salter, Joseph Samways, Pauline Samways, Jackie Sands, Louise Sireshek, Tracey Smale, Peter Strangward, Helen Stewart, Edward Sutton, Nicky Suzman, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Lyndon Whatley, Fr Graham Wilkinson, Deana Wright and Anne Youde.

Lately Dead: Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Sealey, former mistress at St Ambrose's Infant School, who died on Wednesday.

Anniversary: Next Saturday is the anniversary of the death in 1950 of Fr MAURUS RUDMAN, Parish Priest 1944 –1950. A gifted musician, and cricket coach, he was on the staff of Cotton College for many years and, to date, he is the only Parish Priest to have died in office.

Memorial Mass: There will be a Memorial Mass for Fr PATRICK O'SULLIVAN (Parish Priest of Bewdley 1979 – 1981) next Friday at 7pm in St Mary's Wednesbury. Fr Lamb will attend and will have three car seats available for any parishioners who may wish to attend also.

Holy Hour: The Holy Hour for November will be next Sunday, the SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING, at 3 pm. It is promoted by the Catholic Men's Society but all our Ministers, Readers, Servers and parishioners are encouraged to be present.

Marriages: Please pray for the Gammell and Sheridan families. PATRICK GAMMELL and NORA SHERIDAN are to be married in our Church on Friday; and the following day is the wedding of JAMES SHERIDAN and EILEEN GAMMELL.

Important notice for all readers: A letter is available at the back of the church for all readers within the Parish. It gives important information that you need to act upon.

Advice: Some far reaching plans were discussed at the Deanery Meeting on Tuesday - to try to reduce the workload for some parishes where the priest is currently in poor health, and where a priest is being withdrawn and not replaced. One suggestion is that, in one of our Wyre Forest Parishes, there should be a Mass on Saturdays at 12.30 pm or thereabouts, which would fulfil the Sunday obligation. This could possibly reduce the burden on Sundays and could lead to greater flexibility of Mass times and free someone to help elsewhere if necessary. I would be pleased to hear the views of parishioners. This arrangement works well in some city parishes (e.g. Birmingham, Solihull) but we are not sure what support there would be in an area like the Wyre Forest.

2018: There are three major events taking place in 2018. In the Universal Church there is a WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES to take place in Ireland August 21st – 26th, at the special request of Pope Francis. In this country there will be ADOREMUS: Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool (September 7th – 9th). In our own Parish it will be the 160th anniversary of the building of our beautiful Parish Church. To prepare for the first two events, there will be a EUCHARIST and THE FAMILY DAY at St George's Worcester on January 20th 10 am – 3.30 pm. Details are on the notice board. I would like us to be represented so that some ideas can be brought back for the benefit of the Parish. Anyone interested is asked to notify Fr Lamb as soon as possible.

The Union of Catholic Mothers: meets on Monday at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall.

The Montini Group: will meet on Tuesday evening in Church at 7.45 pm and the place and significance of the ALTAR in the life and worship of the Church will be our theme. Everyone very welcome.

Carpet Cleaning: The Church will be closed after Mass on Tuesday 21st November so that all the interior carpets can be professionally cleaned.

Bingo: After Year 4 Mass on Wednesday 22nd November, St Ambrose's School SVP in the School Hall – all welcome.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Kidderminster will host a regional Preparation Day at the Salvation Army on Friday 1st December from 10 am. We hope you will join our active ecumenical group which now attracts interest from across the West Midlands. Please see notice board for details or contact Madeleine Roy on (01562) 822189.

Cards for Good Causes: Operates from Baxter Church selling Christmas Cards and goods for nearly 300 charities. If you would like to help and can spare three hours, for up to eight weeks, you would be warmly welcomed. No experience is necessary and simple training will be given. The shop is open now until Friday, 8 December so please come and choose your cards. We hope to give 80p in the pound to the charities involved. Telephone Madeleine Roy for more information on (01562) 822189.

Don't dine alone: High Habberley Care Centre will be offering a hot meal to anyone who is elderly and living alone this winter. For more information call 01562 514811 and ask to speak to Lesley or Tara who will book your place.

Christmas Picture Quiz: From Sunday 19th November a picture quiz is available for parishioners to enter – cost £1 (proceeds to go towards Parish Funds). Final entries need to be submitted by 11 am on the day of the Christmas Bazaar, Sunday 3rd December.

Christmas Bazaar: Will be held on 3rd December in the Parish Centre. All donations welcome, especially bottles, tombola prizes, chocolates and gift sets. This year there will be two competitions: 1) Design a Christmas Card. All children are encouraged to take part. Forms can be found at the back of the Church. When completed please return to the Rectory with the £1 entry fee. The winning design will be printed and on sale at the Bazaar. 2) Christmas Cake Competition. For all ages. Make and decorate a cake of your choice, to be judged by the Parish Priest. Winner to get tea and cake for two at La Petite Gare. Volunteers are requested for the morning of the Bazaar, to bring up items from the cellar and general tidying duties. Please see Joy Farmer or Betty Martin for further details.

Thanks: to Joan and Donna. Tuesday's Bingo sale of work made £100 for KEMP HOSPICE. Thanks also to those who supported it. They are hoping to have another before Christmas. Good luck and well done.

Finances: i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £668.14 (Plate £401.92 Envelope £266.22)
ii. Last week's retiring collection raised £124.12 for the care of retired/infirm clergy.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817.

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.