

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

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This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered Charity no. 234216.

Second Sunday of Advent

Year: B

Week Commencing: December 10th 2017

Psalter Week: 2 CTS Sunday Missal: p. 48 Preface: of Advent I p. 549 Eucharistic Prayer: I p.591 Mystery of Faith: II

Response to the Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your serving help.

Gospel Acclamation: Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Feast Days this Week: M. Pope St Damasus. T. Our Lady of Guadalupe, W. St Lucy. Th. St John of the Cross.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am David, John and Martin Weaver RIP

Tues: 8.30 am James and Bridget Burke RIP

Wed: 9.15 am Joan, Doreen and David Salt RIP

6.00 pm KS2 Carol Service in Church

Thurs: 8.30 am Joseph Donigan (Anniv)

7.30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8.45 pm)

Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Mass: 10.30 am Private Intention (Peggy Burke)

Sat: 9.00 am Gill Pardoe RIP

followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Angelo and Assunta Vaccaro RIP

6.00 pm Wiktoria Rzedzicka 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: F, Robinson, T, Barnbrook.

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Colclough, D. Duncombe, B. Galvin, A. Harris, J. Stanley

Readers: C Vass, C Flavin.

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Webb, R Fox.

Readers: C. & D. Lenden-Montrose.

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: E. O'Neill, M. Peyton.

Readers: S. Coates.

Church Cleaners Team: A

Offertory Counters Group: 2

Tea/Coffee: 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 Barr, John Blount, 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, Alane Harvey, 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'Keefe, 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 Sireschuk, Tracey Smale, Helen Stewart, Peter Strangward, Colette Stride, 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.

KIDDERMINSTER DEANERY: The Clergy of the Deanery will meet on Tuesday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Redditch. Further discussion on pastoral arrangement for the Deanery will be included, as well as planning for the next year's WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES.

THE MONTINI GROUP: The last meeting before Christmas is on Tuesday at 7.45 pm and will be in the Lady Chapel, to reflect on the place of MARY, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. After the meeting members are invited to the Rectory for mince pies and mulled wine.

CONFIRMATION: We thank everyone who took part in the preparation and ceremony of Confirmation which took place last Thursday, and pay tribute to the dedicated efforts of all teachers, catechists, parents, candidates, servers and musicians who contributed to this special occasion in the Churches year.

THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS will meet on Monday, 11th December at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall for a Crib Service and Shared Supper.

S.V.P: The next meeting will be on Monday, 15th January at 7.15 pm.

CRAFT CLUB meets in the Hall on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome. After the break our next meeting will be on the 9th January.

SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS:

Wednesday	9.00 am.	Pre-School Nativity
	2.00 pm.	KS1 Nativity Play in the School Hall
	6.00 pm.	KS2 Carol Service in the Church
Thursday	1.30 pm.	KS2 Carol Service

HAGLEY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE will take place on Thursday, December 14th at 7.00 pm lasting approximately 45 minutes. After the service refreshments will be available at our Christmas Fayre. All welcome.

KIDDERMINSTER EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Christmas Social Night, 16th December in the Parish Centre. Begins at 8.00 pm. £10 per person. You're welcome to bring your own food.

TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO: We are hoping to do another sale of work on Tuesday, December 19th, 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm. All proceeds to go to Kemp Hospice.

CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE: The carol service will take place on Monday, 18th December at 7:30 pm. Choir practices for this will be on Saturday 9th December (10.15am), and Monday 11th December (7.15 pm). The Choir wishes to extend a warm invitation to anyone who wishes to join them for the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS DRAW: Please take as many books as possible and sell in aid of our Christmas draw. This will take place after the Carol Service on Monday December 18th, as will the Christmas 200 Club draw. There will be mince pies and mulled wine on what is always a happy evening.

200 CLUB: At every Mass this weekend, there will be a presentation on behalf of the 200 Club. As a Parish Community it is so important that we support this endeavour. It allows vital funds to be available to our Parish in order to meet the financial obligations which we have. There is also a monthly and yearly opportunity for those who subscribe to the 200 Club to win a cash prize.

If you wish to join, please give your name and contact details to either Janine Nicholls or Martin Grosvenor or the Rectory.

NOTICE: Each year we invite parishioners to place poinsettias near the Crib, often in memory of family members or to commemorate some event or other in the family. An invitation for prayer can be attached so that those of us who visit the Crib during the Christmas season can pray for those being remembered. These plants can be brought to Church after next weekend, and at any time before Christmas. The Crib and tree will be installed soon after next week-end. On a personal note the Parish Priest will be placing one in thanksgiving for the years he had his beloved companion, Molly. He is grateful for all the kind messages and understanding he has received since she died. He remains broken-hearted.

CHRISTMAS MASS times are as follows:

Sunday, December 24 th	9.00 am	(Tenbury)
	11.00 am	(St Ambrose's)
	5.45 pm	(St Ambrose's) Vigil Mass for Christmas.
	7.30 pm	(Tenbury) Carols followed by the First Mass of Christmas.
Monday, December 25 th	11.30 pm	(St Ambrose's) Carols followed by Midnight Mass.
	9.00 am	(St Ambrose's) Second Mass of Christmas – DAWN (Old Rite)
	10.30 am	(St Ambrose's) Third Mass of Christmas - DAY
		NO EVENING MASS

CATHOLIC TEACHER TRAINING 2018/19: If you feel you'd like to consider a career in Catholic Education go to www.ucas.com or contact Elaine Pattison at teachingschool@sandwell.sch.uk for more information on the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Teaching School Alliance.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: St. Ambrose's Parish Centre. Tickets £3.50 per adult and £1.50 per child. Tickets can be purchased from the bar. Includes disco. You're welcome to bring your own food. 7.00 pm – late. All welcome.

FINANCES:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £796.56. (Plate: £490.56, Envelope: £306.00).
- ii. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Bazaar and the splendid total raised by your efforts.
- iii. Sacred Heart Tenbury raised £54.20 for 'Shoot for the Stars'.
- iv. Habberley Mission boxes raised £1,073.62 in 2017. Thanks to all boxholders and contributors.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc.

Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817, email bookings.stambrose@gmail.com

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, 8.00pm-late.