

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**The Rectory, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, DY10 2BY. (01562 822839)****SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells****Parish Clergy: Revd. Fr. Douglas Lamb, Revd. Adam Nicholls, Revd. Charles Duncombe.****In Retirement: Revd. Dr. Peter Mason.****Parish Administrator: Mr. Joseph Moran. Office Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 9 am. - 2 pm. Thursdays 1:30 pm. - 6:30 pm.****Parish E-mail: stambrosekidderminster@btinternet.com****Parish Website: www.stambrosekidderminster.org.uk****Safeguarding Representatives: Jo Walker 01562 910446****Peter Harler 01562 746563**

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

Third Sunday in Advent

Year: B

Week Commencing: December 17th 2017

Psalter Week: 3 CTS Sunday Missal p. 53 Preface: II of Advent Eucharistic Prayer: III pg. 611 Mystery of Faith: II

Response to the Psalm: *My soul rejoices in my God*Gospel Acclamation: *The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.*

Feast Days this Week: Th. St. Peter Canisius

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**St Ambrose's**

Mon: 8:30 am. Gill Pardoe RIP 7:30 pm. PARISH CAROL SERVICE

Tues: 9:30 am. Celine McIntyre RIP (whole school) 7:30 pm. PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Wed: 7:30 am. Tom & Babs Massey RIP

Thurs: 8:30 am. Eilidh MacLeoD RIP 7:30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8:45pm)

Fri: Adoration 9:30 am - 10:15 am. Mass 10:30 am. Private intention (Mary Fiely)

Sat: 9 am. Deceased Bostock & Donigan families followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Elin Young (Anniv) 5:45 pm Michela Butera RIP. Midnight: deceased of Harris & Connolly families.

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am The People of the Parish 7:30 pm. CAROLS. 8pm: First Mass of Christmas (Elizabeth Lamb)

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: M. Conway & M. Conway

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Martin, H. Scott, M. Bradley, E. Darbyshire

Readers: C. Villa & J. Walker

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Taylor & L. Farmer

Readers: P. Collins & D. Duncombe

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Speers & A. Stanley

Readers: T. Pellow

Church Cleaners Team: B

Offertory Counters Group: 3

Tea/Coffee: Gregg & Miriam Cunliffe

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 Grave, 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 Sireshuk, 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS times are as follows:

Sunday, December 24th 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.
11.30 pm (St Ambrose's) Carols followed by Midnight Mass.
Monday, December 25th 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

RETIRING COLLECTION: There will be a retiring collection today for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

UNION of CATHOLIC MOTHERS: We welcome members of the Union of Catholic Mothers to at 11 am. Mass, and we pray for MARIAN HARPER & JACQUI STANLEY who are to be enrolled as members.

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. This will be followed by mulled wine & mince pies the Parish Centre. The **Christmas Draw**

SERVICE OF PENANCE: Will be held in St. Ambrose's on Tuesday at 7:30 pm. with visiting priests available to hear individual Confessions.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING: Will take place after Mass on Thursday morning.

AMBROSIAN GROUP: The Group will meet for their monthly shared lunch on Thursday, 21st December in St. Parish Hall at noon. Everyone welcome including new arrivals in the parish.

CHURCHES TOGETHER in KIDDERMINSTER: Will host a Carol Service outside the Town Hall at 12:30 pm on Thursday, December 21st.

HOLY HOUR: There will be a Holy Hour on Thursday, December 28th, the Feast of the Holy Innocents. This is the day set aside to pray for all those in any way affected by abortion. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act, and the Holy Hour will reflect on all the issues concerning the Protection of Unborn Children. Please make a special effort to attend.

NOTICE: Each year we invite parishioners to place poinsettias near the Crib, often in memory of family members or to commemorate some even 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.

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.

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.

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

THANKS: Joy Farmer wishes to express her profound gratitude to all who helped in any way with the Parish Bazaar. A large sum of money was raised and everyone's hard work was greatly appreciated.

FINANCES:

i. Thank you for last weeks Offertory £373.18 (Plate: £231.18, Envelope: £142.00)

ii. £5.85 was donated a CAFOD.

iii. The retiring collection raised £40.70

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.