

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.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Year: B

Week Commencing: December 24th 2017

CTS Sunday Missal p.57

Preface: II of Advent

Eucharistic Prayer: I (p591)

Mystery of Faith: III

Response to the Psalm: *I will sing forever of your love, O Lord*

Gospel Acclamation: *I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me*

Feast Days this Week: Mon: The Nativity of the Lord Tues: St Stephen Wed: St John, Apostle Thurs: Holy Innocents

Fri: St Thomas of Canterbury Next Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 9.00 am (Old Rite) The People of the Parish 10.30 am Intentions of Mercy Ballard

Tues: 12 noon Joe Farmer (Anniversary)

Wed: 12 noon Brian and Joshua Martin RIP

Thurs: 9.00 am Gill Pardoe RIP 11.00 am Funeral Maria Romao RIP 7:30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8:45pm)

Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Mass 10.30 am Joseph Baylie RIP

Sat: 9.00 am Joseph Metcalf RIP followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick

Sun: 11.00 am Padraig Kealey RIP 6.00 pm Michael Malone 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:

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: C Vass, R Tovey, D Gillett, S Elcock, E Buncle

Readers:

G Hodgkinson, M Moran

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: N Doherty, M Harper

Readers:

T Collins, P Collins

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: tbc

Readers: tbc

Church Cleaners Team: C

Offertory Counters Group: 4

Tea/Coffee:

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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, Mateo 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 Lunch, Joe McLaughlin, Marjorie Male, Francesca Marcianti, 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 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.

Christmas Mass Times:

Sunday, December 24th: 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

Anniversary: Tuesday is the anniversary of the death of Fr Colum McCabe, who served in this Parish during the years of the Second World War. He ministered for many years in The Potteries, and died in 2002. May he rest in peace.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Romao, of Highley. Her body will be brought to the Church on Wednesday at 6.00 pm and she will be buried in Kidderminster Cemetery on Thursday after her Funeral Mass.

Thanks: It is a special pleasure to thank all who have helped to prepare for our Christmas celebration. Several parishioners came together to clean the Church on Thursday (reaching places where others can't) and as always, flowers, music, serving and reading is of the highest standard. Joy Farmer, together with Mrs Brocklesby and a group of schoolchildren prepared and dressed the tree, and Jean Bullock worked quietly and unobtrusively in preparing the Crib and ensuring that everything was ready for all our services. It is an appropriate time to thank Eileen Villa, Jan Richards and Peter Young for their faithful accounting and book-keeping every Monday; Leo Kealey and Peter Strangward who do our banking; our various teams of counters and collectors; and Leo Kealey, Charlie Villa, Michael Bradley, Albert Barr and Gary Mancrief for their devoted and reverent serving at our Funeral Masses. So many people do so much else to ensure the successful and efficient manning of the Parish. My own personal thanks to Marian Harper and Jane Bishop, who see that our house is kept extremely well, and that we are given good food. I receive much support and help from our two Deacons, Charles Duncombe and Adam Nicholls, and I am very grateful to Joseph Moran, my personal assistant. May God bless and reward everyone who is part of this excellent community, here and in Tenbury.

Red Boxes: Thanks to all St Ambrose's Red Box holders who left their box to be emptied. The Total for 2017 is £2,917.00. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2018. God Bless.

Bingo: Congratulations to Tuesday night Bingo, who have donated £1,000 to Kemp Hospice. Many thanks to Joan and Donnie for all their hard work.

Minister of Holy Communion: On Tuesday during Mass at 12 noon one of our longest serving Altar Servers, Anthony Saich, will be commissioned as an additional Minister of Holy Communion. Please pray for him and his family as he takes on this new and important ministry.

Altar Servers: We congratulate Thomas Barnbrook Luca Barry, Milosz Kantorek, Aidan O'Reilly and Thomas Wright, who are to receive the Bronze Medal of the Guild of St Stephen during Mass on Tuesday. They have all been serving Mass faithfully and well during this past year.

Carol Service: Last Monday we had a memorable candlelit Carol Service with a selection of well chosen readings and familiar and less familiar carols, in a Church that looked stunningly beautiful with just candlelight. Our thanks and congratulations to Matthew Johnson and all who worked with him to prepare and present such an outstanding Evening Service for us. It was an ideal preparation for Christmas.

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.

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.

Rosary: There will be a public recitation of the Rosary at Tenbury Wells on Friday, January 5th.

SVP The next meeting will be on Monday, January 15th at 7.15 pm.

Finances:

- i Thank you for last week's Offertory of £790.65 (Loose 401.85, Envelope Scheme £388.80)
- ii A retiring collection for poor parishes was held, which raised £188.48

Borrromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas, on 07513 295817 or 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 8.00 pm – late.