

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.

The Fifth Sunday in: Ordinary Time Year: B Week Commencing: February 4th 2018

Psalter Week: I CTS Sunday Missal p. 845 Preface: III of Sunday p. 569 Eucharistic Prayer: I p. 591 Mystery of Faith: I.

Response to the Psalm: *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

Gospel Acclamation: *He took our sicknesses away, and carried our diseases for us.*

Feast Days this Week: M. St. Agatha. T. St. Paul Miki. W. St. Scholastica.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8:30 am. Edith Wilkes RIP.

Tues: 10:45 am. Funeral: JAMES KELLY RIP.

Wed: 9:15 am. Angeline Doherty RIP.

Thurs: 11:30 am. Kitty Heffernan. (Anniv.) 7:30 pm. HOLY HOUR followed by Compline at 8:35 pm.

Fri: Adoration 9:30 am – 10:15 am. Mass 10:30 am. Funeral: MARGARET METCALF RIP.

Sat: 9 am. Kathy Byrne RIP. followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick.

Sun: 11.00 am. The People of the Parish. 6.00 pm. Teresa & George Walton RIP.

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am. Joan & Joseph Lomax RIP.

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.

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Barber, D. Gillett, A. McDermott, M. Roy, C. Ellwood

Readers: M. Holmes, A. Martin

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Webb, R. Fox

Readers: C & D Lendon-Montrose

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Speers & A. Stanley

Readers: J. Moore

Church Cleaners Team:

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Offertory Counters Group: 4

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, 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, Anne Holcroft, 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, 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, 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, Rosemary Smith, Helen Stewart, Peter Strangward, Coleen Stride, Edward Sutton, Nicky Suzman, Tony Taylor, Jim Thomas, Vera Toman, Frances Tovey, James Vessey, Charlie Villa, Ernest Vincent, George Watkins, Keith Weaver, Lyndon Whatley, Fr Graham Wilkinson, Deana Wright and Anne Youde.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the souls of those in the Parish who have died recently, and for their bereaved families. Funeral arrangements are as follows:

JAMES KELLY RIP.	Reception: Thursday at 4:30 pm.	Funeral: Tuesday, February 6th	10:45 am.	Cremation at 12 noon.
MARGARET METCALF RIP.	Reception: Thursday at 5 o' clock.	Funeral: Friday, February 9th	10:30 am.	Cremation at 12 noon.
GIOVANNA DEL VECCHIO RIP.	Reception: 15 th February at 6 pm.	Funeral: 16 th February	10:45 am.	Burial at 12 noon.

(Please note the change of date for the Requiem Mass of Margaret Metcalf – postponed from January 24th.)

Anniversary: Wednesday is the anniversary of the death in 1940 for Fr. Ambrose Wheatley, Parish Priest 1885-1908. May he rest in peace & rise in glory.

Retiring Collection: There will be a retiring collection today for LIFE – a charity which provides practical and emotional support for women considering abortion.

Palms: Please bring palms from home by next Sunday so that they may be burned on Shrove Tuesday to provide the ashes for imposition on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. They may be brought at any time and placed in the receptacle by the Sacristy door. Thank you.

Church Heating: We apologise for the continuation of freezing conditions in the church. Estimates have been received for replacing the boiler but as the cost will exceed what is allowed at parish level, Diocesan approval has to be obtained. We are doing what we can to hasten things along.

Quinquennial Building Survey: We have been asked by the Diocese to undertake a thorough inspection of all our Parish property – in Kidderminster & in Tenbury. I am grateful to the Finance Committee for their help in arranging for this to be done.

UCM: The AGM of the Union of Catholic Mothers will be held on Monday at 7:30 pm. in the Borromeo Hall to be followed by a shared supper. It's hoped that UCM members will endeavour to attend. All interested are welcome.

Montini Group: Appropriately, as we prepare for the season of Lent our theme on Tuesday in the Rectory at 7:45 pm. will be 'Sin & Forgiveness'. All welcome.

Craft Club: Meets on Tuesday at 7: 30 pm. in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

First Holy Communion: The first meeting of parents and children preparing for Holy Communion will be in the School Hall on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Bible Study: Held on Wednesday, February 7th at 34, Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster. (01562 741794). All welcome.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick: This year, February 11th (the world Day of Prayer for the Sick) falls on a Sunday. Accordingly, those who wish to be anointed are invited to any one of our three Parish Masses, during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated. The homily during Mass will be brief, and the Prayer of the Faithful is included in the Sacrament, so that the Mass should not be unduly prolonged. Please try to see that anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament is enabled to do so, by offering lifts and possibly arranging transport. This will give the whole parish community an opportunity to share in our Ministry to the sick. We will try to facilitate everyone on that day. Registration (purely to give an idea of numbers) has and will continue to take place over the coming days. Further details will be given nearer the day.

Folk Club: is on Friday, February 9th at 8 pm. with visiting singers and musicians. Interested in learning the ukulele? Now's your chance. Free entry.

Choir Practices: are to be held on Saturday, Feb. 10th (10:15 am.) & Mon. Feb. 19th (7:15 pm.)

SVP: The next meeting will be on Monday, February 19th at 7:15 pm. in the Wheatley Room of the Parish Centre.

200 Club: Winners for the January draw are as follows:

1st: No. 83. £75. Mrs P. Bowdler
2nd No. 11. £30. Mrs. A. Stanley
3rd No. 140. £30. Mrs. N. O' Reilly

A big thank you to those members who have renewed their 2018 subscriptions and to all the new members who have joined. For those who have not yet renewed/joined please consider subscribing. The 200 Club allows vital funds to be available to our Parish in order to meet the financial obligation we have. For those who subscribe to the 200 Club there is an opportunity to win cash prizes. Total cost is £24 per annum, per number payable monthly, quarterly, half yearly or annually in January. Application forms and envelopes are at the back of the church. For further details please see Janine Michols or Martin Grovenor.

Desert Island Lent: Lent is a time that calls Christians to spend some time in the desert or wilderness, in prayer and reflection. If you were to spend Lent on a desert island, what would you take with you for comfort, inspiration and enjoyment? On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will be asking five local Faith Leaders what they would take to make their time as Castaways more spiritual and fruitful. Please do come along to find out about their choices and the stories behind them. Dates, venues and Castaways are:

Wednesday 21st February	Franché Baptist Church	Fr. Douglas Lamb
Wednesday 28th February	Baxter Church	Revd. Nick Collison
Wednesday 7th March	St Oswald's Church	Revd. Canon Rose Lawley
Wednesday 14th March	Holy Trinity Methodist Church	Lt. Louisa Hollingsworth
Wednesday 21st March	St. Ambrose Parish Hall	Revd. Andrew Mann-Ray

All evenings are 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Please do support Lent with *Churches Together in Kidderminster*.

Defibrillator: this was installed on 5th January, and, as of the 19th, it is now fully registered with West Midlands Ambulance Service so that it may be used as the community resource that it was always intended to be. It did not take long to raise the money, and the parishioners and other well-wishers that contributed to the fund are to be thanked for their considerable generosity. Also, we are grateful to Cllr Fran Oborski, who donated a significant amount from her Council allocation to the project. Of course, it is hoped that no one ever needs to use the apparatus, but it is reassuring to know that it is available if needed.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Will be held on Friday, March 2nd at 10:30 am. at the Salvation Army centre, Jerusalem Walk, Kidderminster.

Everyone is welcome to attend this interdenominational & international service and male support is especially welcome.

For further information contact M. Roy on 01562 822189.

Line Dancing: Raised £65 for the Food Bank. Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed the evening as well as all who donated.

The next Line Dance event will be held on Wednesday, February 14th (St. Valentine's Day!) at 7:30 pm. in the Borromeo Hall.

Entry is £4 with a raffle in aid of the new church boiler!

FINANCES:

i. We are grateful for last week's Offertory of £838.30 (Plate: £481.53. Envelope: £356.77.

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.