

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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year: B

Week Commencing: August 5th 2018.

Psalter Week: 2. CTS Sunday Missal: p. 892. Preface: **

Eucharistic Prayer: **

Mystery of Faith: **

** at the discretion of the Celebrant.

Response to the Psalm: *The Lord gave them bread from Heaven.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

Feast Days this Week: **M.** The Transfiguration, **W.** St. Dominic, **T.** St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, **F.** St. Lawrence, **S.** St. Clare.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 9 am. Intentions of Clare Conway

Tues: 9 am. Intentions of Mary & John Nangle

Wed: 9 am. Intentions of Ken & Maureen Pearce

Thurs: 9 am. Intentions of Charlie Villa. 7:30 pm Adoration until 9 pm (Compline 8:45pm)

Fri: Adoration 9.30 am. -10.15 am. followed by Mass at 10.30 am.: Tony Farley RIP.

Sat: 9 am. Intentions of Anne Colclough followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the s

Sun: 11 am. Catherine Carroll RIP. 6.00 pm Kay Kelly RIP.

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9 am. Agnes McGroogan RIP.

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday: **No Confessions**; by request.

Sacred Heart: by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: N/A

St Ambrose's: Sun 11.00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Harris, M. Holmes, T. Hart, D. Holdstock, P. Hunt.

Readers: M. Darbyshire & A. Flavin.

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Gavan & M. Harper.

Readers: P. Young & T. Alexander.

Sacred Heart: Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Speers & A. Stanley

Readers: J. Hughes.

Church Cleaners Team: C.

Offertory Counters Group: 5.

Tea/Coffee: Mr. G. & M. Cunliffe.

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially:

Norman Pathe, Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly and Jackie Sands.

Rita Mackay RIP: As is now widely known, Rita Mackay died in the Shrubbery Nursing Home on July 27th. She was 81 years of age and had been in poor health for a very long time. She was the Housekeeper in the Rectory from 1996 until her retirement in 2016. She was, in fact, much more than a housekeeper and fulfilled many difficult roles over the years. She kept a tight rein on many aspects of Parish life, and contributed much in enabling the community to function successfully. She will be particularly remembered for her devotion to our dogs – Maisie (her special favourite) and Molly. Her body will be brought to the Church at 4:30 pm. on Wednesday, August 29th, and her Funeral Mass will be at 1:30 pm. on Thursday, August 30th prior to burial in Kidderminster cemetery. May she rest in peace.

UBI CARITAS: The Archbishop has notified us of the award of the Diocesan Medal 'UBI CARITAS' to Leo & Sylvia Kealey. Their faithful service to the Church goes back to the Parish of Our Lady & St. Patrick, in Birchen Coppice, and they have been unflinching in their support to our own Parish. We congratulate them. The awards will be made by Bishop Robert Byrne during the Parish Visitation on November 18th.

Gold Medal: Parishioners will be delighted to know that Philip Standing is to receive the Gold Medal of the Guild of St. Stephen for Altar Servers. He has been a member of 50 years and has served faithfully in several parishes. He has been an outstanding mentor and example to our younger servers and we hope that some, at least, will seek to emulate him. Philip will receive his gold medal during the Visitation week-end.

Safeguarding: Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).

Rotas: It is understood that holiday arrangements will cause some disruption to our published rotas. We ask Readers and Additional Ministers of Holy Communion to substitute where necessary, and to ensure that the appropriate ministries are available at each Mass.

Church Cleaning: The new rota (starting mid-August) is now available at the back of church. Many thanks to all our hard-working volunteers who keep the church clean each week. We would welcome some new volunteers, especially in case of illness or absence; if anyone else would like to join the rota please contact the co-ordinator Chris Vass on K. 630949 or chris.vass@blueyonder.co.uk.

Line Dancing: for beginners raising funds for Adam's Lounge carpet: Wednesdays 15th & 29th August at 7:30 pm. in the Borrromeo Hall. Raffle prizes would be appreciated.

Harvington Pilgrimage: The Annual Pilgrimage in honour of the English Martyrs takes place on Sunday September 2nd. Mass will be at 3.00pm. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Robert Byrne, and the preacher will be the Rector of Oscott. Free timed tours of the Hall can be booked on arrival. Pilgrims are asked to bring their own chairs as they cannot be provided at Harvington.

Car Boot Sale: A Car Boot/Table Top Sale has been arranged to take place in the School Yard on Sunday September 9th. Exact time to be notified. There will be many bargains, and we hope to serve refreshments and have a BBQ in the Rectory Gardens. Please book tables/car space via Joseph Moran, c/o The Rectory(K. 822839/stambrosekidderminster@btinternet.com). Car Boots/Tables £5 each. (All proceeds to the Carpet Fund.)

Confirmation 2018: His Grace the Archbishop will visit the Parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, December 4th, at 7 pm. If there are candidates who do not attend St Ambrose's School, they are asked to notify Joseph Moran c/o The Rectory, giving details of **Name, Address, Date of Birth** and **Contact Number** (or email).

Charity Concert: to be held on Saturday, September 22nd in the Borrromeo Hall. 7:30 pm. – 11 pm. The Concert is being held to raise funds to provide stem cell treatment for two autistic twin girls aged 4 years – Summer & Meadow Lockey, daughters of John & Jade (né Maffei) Lockey. Jade is the daughter of the late Nino & Dora Maffei, formerly of Chester Road, Kidderminster. Stem Cell treatment is not available from the NHS, so the twins will have to travel overseas for the treatment at a cost of £16,000 per child plus all travel expenses. The cost of admission to the concert is £10 per person and the bar will be open until 11 pm. Tickets are available from Charlie Villa. Tel. No. 01562 754482 (mobile: 077-5962-9938) or Sinead Maffei. Tel. No. 01562 630534 (mobile 079-8084-6301). The full story can be read at: www.meadowandsummer.com

Finances:

i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £746.65 (Plate: £372.40, Envelope Scheme: £374.25).

Mass Intentions: During my holiday absence I shall be offering the following Mass Intentions from this Parish:

Norman Taylor RIP	Joan Battye RIP
Stephan Chrystynn RIP	Intentions of Clare Conway
The Cook Family	John Irvine RIP
Diana Grovenor RIP	Intentions of Dave Vass
Jim Lay RIP	

There will also be **four** Masses for the People of the Parish.

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.