

St. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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A Parish of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Year: **B**

Week Commencing: **Sunday, August 26th 2018.**

Psalter Week: I. CTS Sunday Missal: p.905. Preface of Sunday: VI. Eucharistic Prayer: I. Mystery of Faith: II.

Response to the Psalm: *Taste & see that the Lord is good.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Your words are spirit Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.*

Feast Days this Week: **M.** St. Monica. **T.** St. Augustine. **W.** Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist.
Th. SS. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward. **F.** St. Aidan.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 9 o'clock Kay Kelly RIP
Tues: 9 o'clock Catherine Carroll RIP
Wed: 9 o'clock Frank Neil (Anniv.)
Thurs: 11:30 am. Intentions of UCM. 1:30 pm. Funeral of Rita Mackay RIP. 7.30 pm. Adoration until 9. (Compline 8.45 pm.)
Fri: Adoration 9:30 – 10:15 am. followed by Mass at 10:30 am. Intentions of Sheila Mikulicz. 1:30 pm. Funeral: Mary Hackett RIP.
Sat: 9 o'clock John Deeley RIP. followed by Rosary & Novena for the Sick.
Sun: 11 am. Diana Grovenor RIP. 6 pm. John Irvine RIP.

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9 o'clock The People of the Parish.

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 11:45 am. – 12:45 pm.; & by request. Sacred Heart: by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: N/A.

St Ambrose's: Sunday 11 am.
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Harris, M. Holmes, T. Hart, D. Holdstock, P. Hunt.
Readers: C. Vass & C. Villa

Sunday 6 pm.
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Duncombe & L. Farmer
Readers: J. Walker & J. Higgins

Sacred Heart: Sunday 9 am.
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Speers & A. Stanley
Readers: P. Storey

Church Cleaners: Team: B. Offertory Counters: Group: 2. Tea/Coffees: T. O' Sullivan, A. Maffei, E. Herrero.

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

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

Kerala floods: an SVP appeal: As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

SVP : the next meeting will be on Monday 3rd September at 7:15pm in the Adams Lounge.

Bible Study: Next meeting at 2 pm. for 2:30 pm start on Wednesday, September 5th at 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster. (01562 741794). You're welcome to join this discussion on the Holy Scriptures in an informal setting. A Missal or Bible would be useful.

Line Dancing for beginners raising funds for the Adam's Lounge carpet: Wednesday 29th August at 7:30 pm. in the Borromeo 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 3.00 pm. 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 Garden. 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.)

Charity Concert to be held on Saturday, September 22nd in the Borromeo 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

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).

Safeguarding : Archbishop Bernard Langley 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).

Parish Ramble: If you'd like to join is for a flat 3^{1/2}mile ramble through the Wyre Forest & onto Pound Green Common you're warmly invited to join us. 4 stiles but plenty of blackberries to pick. Saturday, September 15th. Meet by the notice board at Hawkbatch (free) car park on the B4194 road out of Bewdley. 10:30 am. start. If you require a lift please contact Teresa & Iain Alexander (01562 741794).

Finances :

- I. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £715.51 (Plate: £425.73, Envelopes: £ 288.78).
- II. Congratulations to Bingo members. Total donations £1,300 to Kemp Hospice. In future all donations to go towards Stem Cells for the Maffei Twin 4 year old girls. They need to raise £32,000, so be generous to this very worthy cause. Come to join us. Thank you.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions &c.
Please contact: Mr. Joel Douglas, Bookings Secretary, on 07513 295817 or 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.