

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year: B

Week Commencing: September 30th 2018

Psalter Week: 2 CTS Sunday Missal: p.924 Preface of Sundays VII p.573 Eucharistic Prayer : III p.611 Mystery of Faith : III
Response to the Psalm: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation: Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Feast Days this Week: M. St. Therese of the Child Jesus. T. The Guardian Angels. W. Bl. Columba Marmion. Th. St. Francis of Assisi.
S. St. Bruno.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 a.m. John and Martin Weaver RIP
Tues: 8.30 a.m. Catherine Carroll RIP
Wed: 9.30 a.m. School Harvest Thanksgiving Mass : (Peggy Baynton RIP)
Thurs: 11.30 a.m. Jim Lay RIP 2.40 p.m. Animal Blessing
7.30 p.m. **Holy Hour of Reparation.** Compline 8.35 p.m.
Fri: Adoration 9.30 – 10.15 a.m.
Mass 10.30 a.m. Deceased of Nangle Family.
Sat: 9.00 a.m. Intention of Pat Hopkins followed by Rosary & Novena prayers for the sick.
Sun: 11.00 a.m. Michele and Michela Salsano (Anniversary)
3.00 p.m. (Old Rite) In Thanksgiving (Janine)
6.00 p.m. Deceased of Egan Family. 7.30 p.m. Candlelight Rosary Procession.

Sacred Heart

Fri. 7.00 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Mass, followed by supper. (Norman Pathe RIP)
Sun: 9.00 a.m. The People of the Parish.

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's : Saturday **No midday**; by request. Sacred Heart : by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: L Collins and A O'Reilly.

St Ambrose's: Sun 11.00 a.m.:
Eucharistic Ministers: R Barber, M Bradley, A Colclough, S. Elcock.
Readers: A Flavin, G Hodgekinson.

Sun 6.00 p.m.:
Eucharistic Ministers: T Alexander and P Bowdler.
Readers: P & T Collins.

Sacred Heart: Sun 9.00 a.m.:
Eucharistic Ministers: E O'Neill and M Peyton.
Readers: A Stanley.

Church Cleaners: Team: C Offertory Counters: Group: 1 Tea/Coffees: G & M Cunliffe.

Please pray for our parishioners, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially : Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly, Jackie Sands and Jim Thomas.

Necrology : Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of Canon James McCave (d. 1899), priest here 1870-1877 & Rev. Fr. John Danaher (d. 2008), founder of the church at Tenbury Wells 1971-1976.

Thanks : I am very grateful indeed to all those parishioners who have expressed understanding and support following last week's homily.

Book of the Gospels : Last Monday I bought a handsome case for our Book of the Gospels. For some time I have been seeking a suitable way to honour the memory of Dom. Bede Lynch OSB. a monk of Glenstal Abbey, who has been the single greatest inspiration in my life. It is a gift to the Parish, which will be blessed and dedicated in Fr. Bede's memory during Mass at 11 am. today.

Purchases : As well as the case for the Book of the Gospels, last Monday, I purchased a new set of crystal cruets for use during Mass on special occasions. These have been donated by a parishioner, in memory of her family members who have died. I also purchased a set of Gold Mass Vestments, in the Roman style, which will be suitable for the major Feasts of the year. They are displayed in the Lady Chapel today. If any parishioner would like to be associated with this purchase, please speak to Fr. Lamb.

Baptism : We pray today for ALFIE JOSEPH SHUKER who is to be baptised. We welcome him and his family.

Lately Dead : PEGGY NEIGHBOURS of Ismere Way died in Redditch hospital last Sunday morning. She had been in failing health for some time, but was able to receive the Last Sacraments at home before going to hospital.

Craft Club will meet this Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall at 7.30 p.m. New members very welcome.

The Montini Group : We begin our careful study of the Roman Canon in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7:45 pm. with a consideration of the first stanzas of the prayer: directed to the Father through Christ, the only mediator between God and Man. In these days of theological uncertainty, catechesis is becoming increasingly important and I commend the Montini Group to our parishioners.

Union of Catholic Mothers meets on Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Borromeo Hall. All ladies most welcome.

Church Cleaning : Some of the church cleaning groups are somewhat depleted in numbers and we are in need of more volunteers. It only involves an hour or so once a month. The times are as follows: Group A: Wednesday afternoons (3.30 p.m.). Group B: Friday afternoons. Group C: Wednesday mornings after Mass. Group D: Friday mornings after Mass. (See newsletter for which group each week). If you are able to help please contact the church cleaning co-ordinator Chris Vass on K.630949 or chris.vass@blueyonder.co.uk. Many thanks to those who continue to give up their time and anyone who volunteers to join us.

Baby and Toddler Group is on Wednesday 9-11 in the parish hall. Suitable for babies to pre-schoolers. Please feel free to come and join us.

Bible Study : We meet on Wednesday 3rd October 2 pm. for 2:30 pm. start at 34 Aggborough Crescent (off Hoo Road.) Refreshments provided. All most welcome (contact T. Alexander 01562 741794) we will be looking at the Readings for next Sunday's Mass.

St. Ambrose's Companions : A group for widows, widowers and those who live alone. Meet on Thursday, October 4th in the Adams Lounge at 12 o' clock. Please bring packed lunch. Tea and Coffee provided.

Tenbury Rosary : Friday, October 5th 10:30 am. and preparation for Harvest food and offerings for the auction.

Greenhill PACT : The next meeting of the Greenhill residents will be on Monday, October 1st at 7 pm. in the Adams Lounge, and will discuss matters of concern for all there in this neighbourhood. Representatives of the local police team, and local Councillors are present to hear the issues that affect this area.

Harvest Celebrations : The whole school will attend the Harvest Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, October 3rd at 9:30 am; and our Mass & Supper will be in the Sacred Heart Church, Tenbury Wells, on Friday, October 5th at 7 pm. The preacher will be Rev. Fr. Anthony Rohan, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Redditch. I hope that, as usual, many of our Kidderminster parishioners will support our Tenbury community and enjoy one of the most enjoyable occasions in our parish calendar. Items of harvest produce, and for the supper, will be welcome.

Service of Animal Blessing : In association with the School, we will have a service of animal blessing in the School Yard at 2.40 pm. on Thursday, October 4th, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Parents will be invited to bring pets from home when they come to collect their children, and Mesdames Brocklesby and Stewart offer a warm invitation to any parishioners who may wish to bring pets along for the short service, which should last about 20 – 25 minutes. Please let us try to support the School in this initiative.

Big Quiz Night : Friday, October 5th 2018 in aid of the Mayor's charity, half of all proceeds will be donated to the Maffei twins.

Holy Hour of Reparation : There will be a Holy Hour on Thursday, October 4th at 7:30 pm. to pray for the victims of all those who have suffered abuse in the life of the Catholic Church, and particularly at the hands of those who have grievously abused positions of trust within our church communities.

Candlelight Rosary Procession : Sunday October 7th is the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, and there will be a candlelight Rosary procession beginning in the church at 7.30 pm.

Confirmation : His Grace the Archbishop, will be celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish on Tuesday, December 4th during Mass at 7 pm. Candidates who do not attend our school are asked to give their names, addresses and contact details to the Rectory (addressed to Joseph Moran). The important dates are as follows:

17/10/18. First meeting (Parents only), 7th November, 13th November, 28th November.

Canonisation of Bl. Pope Paul VI : Blessed Pope Paul VI (reigning 1963 – 1978) is to be canonised on Sunday October 14th. As Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini, he was Archbishop of Milan, and thus, like St Charles Borromeo, a successor to St Ambrose. After 11 am Mass on that day, I would invite everyone to gather in the Borromeo Hall/Montini Room where there is a fine picture of Pope Paul. We will then say the Midday Prayer of the Church (copies of the Psalms will be provided) and then have a shared lunch together. I have asked the ladies of the UCM to co-ordinate the lunch arrangements. They will publish lists at the back of the church with suggestions of the sort of food that might be appropriate, or for parishioners to make their own offers. I hope that everyone will accept this notice as an invitation to share prayer and food together and celebrate an additional Patron of our Parish.

Congratulations : Parishioners will, I'm sure, be delighted to know that our Head Mistress, Emma Brocklesby, gave birth to a daughter (7 lbs) on Thursday morning.

Apology : I am sorry that there are no Confessions next Saturday. Joseph and I have the privilege of joining the pilgrimage of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom to the shrine of St. Edward the Confessor, in Westminster Abbey. I have been invited to concelebrate the Pilgrimage Mass at 4:30 pm.

Poppies for Armistice Day : To commemorate the centenary of ending of World War 1, we would like to arrange a cascade of knitted poppies near the War Memorial in St Ambrose's Church. We will need lots of poppies, so we'd be grateful if as many people as possible could knit some for us. If you need a simple pattern, please contact Elaine Yates 01562 66201 or Betty Martin. Or perhaps you would like to donate some red wool instead. Please can any knitted poppies or donations of wool be handed in at the Rectory. Thank you.

Music & Trivia Quiz : Sunday 28th October 2018, 8 pm for 8:30 pm, in the Borromeo Hall of the Parish Centre. 8 rounds of 10 questions, including a picture round, courtesy of visiting quiz master Tony Simmons. £1.50 per person entry, payable on the night; play individually or as a team. Bar open. Proceeds split between the Air Ambulance charity and the Centre's carpet fund; prizes to the winning teams. Queries to Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or through bookings.stambrose@gmail.com.

Finances : i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £600.97. (Plate: £338.21, Envelopes: £262.76).

ii. £37.78 was raised for the Fr. Hudson's Society.

iii. £2,449.30 has been raised on behalf of the Lockett & Maffei families at the Charity Concert. We warmly congratulate all concerned.

iv. £50 has been kindly donated by the Baby & Toddler Group. It is gratefully received.

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc.

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Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm.

Whist: Every Wednesday, 2.00 pm. Learners welcome.