

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.

First Sunday in Advent

Year: C

Week Commencing: December 2nd 2018

Psalter Week: 1

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Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Feast Days this Week: **Mon:** St Francis Xavier **Tues:** St John Damascene **Wed:** St Birinius **Thurs:** St Nicholas

Fri: Solemnity of St Ambrose Sat: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am Jean Mulligan RIP

Tues: 7.00 pm (Confirmation) Rita MacKay RIP

Wed 8.30 am Deceased of the Brett Family

Thurs 11.30 am Gordon and Jean Connolly (Diamond Wedding) 7:30 pm Adoration until Compline 8:35pm

Fri: 9.30 am (School Hall) Jerry O'Dwyer RIP. 7.30 pm (Anniversary) In Thanksgiving

Sat: 9.00 am Margaret and Joseph Metcalf RIP followed by Rosary & Novena Devotion

Sun: 11.00 am Elsie Barr RIP 6.00 pm Michael Burke (Anniversary)

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:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: J and L Vessey

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: E Fox, B Galvin, D Gillett, A Harris, T Hart

Readers: M Darbyshire, J Walker

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: A Saich, J Stanley

Readers: P Young, M Weaver

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: M Peyton, A Speers

Readers: J Hughes

Church Cleaners Team: D

Offertory Counters Group: 4

Tea/Coffee:

G and M Cunliffe

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Revd Dr Peter Mason, Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jim Thomas and Olena Barchuk.

Anniversary: November 25th marked the anniversary of the death in 1950 of Fr Rudman, Parish Priest here 1944-1950.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for Anna Ostrowska, one of the oldest members of the Polish Community, who died at home last Tuesday evening. Arrangements for her funeral have yet to be made. Teresa Moule, of Kendlewood Road, died at home on November 21st after a long illness. Her funeral has been arranged for December 14th at 10.15 am, prior to cremation. May they rest in peace.

Warning: We must again stress that no personal property should ever be left unattended in the Church at any time. Last Sunday a bag containing house keys, car keys, bank cards and money was stolen in the Church an hour before the Mass at 11.00 am. This led, inevitably, to much anxiety and inconvenience. If anyone is seen lurking in or around the Church and there is any reason to believe they may not be coming to pray, please alert the Rectory or the Sacristy.

200 Club: Following the Draw last Monday the lucky winners for November are:

1 st	£75	No 31	Mrs S Horsman
2 nd	£30	No 67	Mrs P Soley
3 rd	£30	No 152	Mrs C Vass

Many thanks to the pupils of St Ambrose's School for pulling the winning numbers out of the bag during their Morning Assembly.

Christmas Bazaar: Today at 12 noon.

UCM: Meets on Monday at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall for a Crib Service followed by a shared supper.

Baby and Toddler Group: Wednesday 9 – 11 am in the Parish Hall. Suitable for babies to pre-schoolers. Please feel free to come and join us.

St Ambrose's Companions: Meet on Thursday, December 6th in the Borromeo Hall at 12 noon for a shared Christmas lunch. Teas and coffees available..

Tenbury Rosary: 10.30 on Friday, 7th December in the Church.

World Day of Prayer: The ecumenical preparation for this service will take place at Holy Innocents, Stourport Road, Kidderminster, on Friday, December 7th from 10.00 am to 2.30 pm. Please see the noticeboard for further information.

St Ambrose's Day: This year on St Ambrose's Feast Day, December 7th, we shall celebrate the 160th anniversary of the building of our Church in 1858, while Fr Ambrose Courtney was Parish Priest. There will be a Mass at 7.30 pm at which the preacher will be the eminent Catholic historian and former Diocesan Archivist Fr John Sharp (Parish Priest of St Francis of Assisi, Baddesley Clinton). Afterwards there will be a Fish and Chip Supper in the Borromeo Hall of the Parish Centre. Once again we shall call on the services of the best Chip Shop in the world – Broadwaters Chippy. Lists are at the back of the Church. Please make a note of the date so that it can be a real celebration of our wonderful Parish and its distinguished history.

SVP: Meet on Tuesday, December 11th at 7.15 pm in the Wheatley Room.

Church Cleaning: We will be having a 'big clean' on Friday, 21st December after morning Mass (around 11.15 am) and welcome as many volunteers as possible, not just the regular Church cleaners. Please note there will be no Church cleaning during Christmas week. The cleaning rota will resume with the B Team on Friday, January 4th.

APF: If you have an APF Red Box at home please return it to Church for emptying by Christmas so that we can do the annual returns. There are plenty of spare empty boxes at the back of Church. Please take one. Thank you and a Happy Christmas to all box holders.

Carpets: The Adams Lounge carpet has been laid and is well worth seeing (with plenty of opportunity to do so) but the Borromeo Hall will now be refitted on January 7th.

Friendship Club: Will not meet again at St Ambrose's until the last Wednesday in January 2019.

Finances:

i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £739.10 (Plate: £470, Envelope: £269.10)

ii. £91.29 was given to the Diocesan Youth Scheme.

Borromeo 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.