

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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SACRED HEART & OUR LADY Berrington Road Tenbury Wells

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216

Second Sunday in Advent Year C  
2018

Week Commencing: December 9<sup>th</sup>

Psalter Week: 2 CTS Sunday Missal p. 65 Preface: of Advent I p. 549 Eucharistic Prayer: III p.611 Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Feast Days this week: Thurs: St Lucy Fri: St John of the Cross

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**St Ambrose's**

Mon: 8.30 am Jim Lay RIP  
Tues: 8.30 am Margaret & John Bohan RIP  
Wed: 8.30 am Emily & Joseph Kinsella RIP  
Thurs: 8.30 am Joseph Donigan RIP 7.30 pm Adoration until Compline at 8.35 pm  
Fri: 9.15 am Adoration until 9.55 am Funeral Mass 10.15 am TERESA MOULE RIP  
Sat: 9.00 am Nadine Farmer RIP (followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions)  
Sun: 11.00 am Angelo & Assunta Vaccaro RIP  
6.00 pm The People of the Parish

**Sacred Heart**

Sun: 9.00 am Rita Mackay 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: T Barnbrook, L Barry

St Ambrose's: Sun. 11.00 am UCM

Eucharistic Ministers: UCM

Readers

Sun. 6.00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers T Webb, L Whatley

Readers B Taylor T Harris

Sacred Heart: Sun. 9.00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: A Stanley, S Coates

Readers: J Hughes

Church Cleaners: Team A Offertory Counters: Group 5 Teas and Coffees: CMS

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Revd Dr Peter Mason, Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley6, Maureen Connolly, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jim Thomas, Olena Barchuk

**Anniversaries:** Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of the death in 2005 of Fr. Vincent Lucas, Priest here 1937-1939 & Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of the death in 1916 of Mother Augustine Mooney, Headmistress of St Ambrose's School 1888 – 1910. May they rest in peace.

**Funerals:** The Funeral Mass for Teresa Moule is on Friday at 10:15 am prior to cremation at Wyre Forest Crematorium at 11:30 am. Please note the amended times for Adoration next Friday morning. The Funeral Mass for Anna Ostrowska has been arranged for Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. after which her body will be buried in Kidderminster Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

**Notice to Ministers & Lectors:** the **11 am**. Mass next Sunday (December 16<sup>th</sup>) is offered under the auspices of the Union of Catholic Mothers. Therefore, ALL Ministers & Lectors for this Mass will be UCM members. **This overrides the published rota-list**, and we ask all Ministers & Readers listed for next Sunday's **11 am. Mass** to please **stand down** on this occasion. The 6 pm. Mass Ministers & Lectors for this day are as listed.

**Christmas Mass times:**

Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>: Normal Mass times 9 am. (Tenbury) 11 am. & 6 pm.

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 9 am. 5:45 pm. 8 pm. (Tenbury) MIDNIGHT MASS (St. Ambrose's)

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: 9 am. (Old Rite) 10:30 am.

There is no Mass in Tenbury on Christmas Day, and no evening Mass at St. Ambrose's.

**Confessions before Christmas:** in conjunction with our neighbouring parishes, it has been decided that there will **not** be any communal Services of Penance during Advent. We have agreed to provide more opportunities in our own parishes, and to publish additional times for Confessions so that people may avail of the Sacraments in any of the local churches. A full list will be provided next weekend but the times for St. Ambrose's are as follows:

Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> 11:45 am. – 12:45 pm

Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> 5 pm. – 5:45 pm.

Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm. – 7:30 pm.

Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm. – 7:30 pm.

Saturday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:45 am. – 12:45 pm.

Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 5 pm. – 5:45 pm.

Monday December 24<sup>th</sup> At call, until 3 pm.

**Thanks:** to all who helped set up and run the Christmas Bazaar this year which raised over £1000. Special thanks go to everyone to helped lay-up on the Saturday evening, and to Joy Farmer and Betty Martin for all their tireless organising.

**Bazaar Chocolates:** there will be a sale of chocolates etc. left over from the Christmas Bazaar in the Parish Hall after Mass this morning.

**Kidderminster Deanery:** The clergy of the Kidderminster Deanery will meet on Tuesday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Redditch. We are to be briefed on possible funding options for building and refurbishment projects in our Parishes.

**Montini Group:** Our final meeting before Christmas is in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7:45 pm. Our theme will be integrity of our offerings in the Mass, and the rôle of the Holy Spirit in the making worthy of our gifts. As is now traditional, sherry (tea/coffee) and mince pies will be enjoyed at the conclusion of the meeting.

**Absent:** Fr. Lamb will be attending an ON-GOING FORMATION DAY at Maryvale on Wednesday and so is absent from the Parish.

**Confirmation:** The Archbishop expressed his gratitude for the 'beautiful, prayerful Liturgy' for our Confirmation last Tuesday evening. He commented on how well everyone joined in, and as always, was very impressed with our wonderful Altar Servers. The Parish is grateful to Helen Stewart, Alice Crumpler and Leigh-Ann Holtom (from our school); and to Charles & Danuta Duncombe & Joel Douglas for their careful preparation of our children. It was a very blessed occasion.

**200 Club:** 2019 subscriptions/renewals are now due. For 2019 we have decided to increase the monthly prize fund, the 3 prizes will now be £75, £50, £25. As a Parish community it is so important that we support this endeavour. It allows vital funds to be available to our Parish in order to meet the financial obligations which we have. For those who subscribe to the 200 Club there is the opportunity to win monthly cash prizes along with bigger cash prizes at Christmas. Cost is £24 per annum per number, payable monthly, quarterly, half yearly or annually in January. We would love to welcome many more new members. If you wish to join the 200 Club please fill in the form at the back of the church and put it on the collection plate/hand it to the Rectory. Any queries should be directed to Janine Nicholls & Martin Grovenor using the details provided on the forms.

**Personal Details (200 Club):** We would like to thank all existing members for the continued support. Could all existing members who are renewing their memberships please fill in an application form to confirm their contact details (address, phone, mobile, e-mail) as we would like to update our contacts database. Many thanks.

**SVP:** Meet on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.15 pm in the Wheatley Room.

**Craft Club:** meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall at 7:30 pm. This will be our last meeting until we recommence on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last year.

**Parish Carol Service:** is to be held on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Details forthcoming.

**Church Cleaning:** We will be having a 'big clean' on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCES:**

i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £725.20 (Plate: £449.30, Envelope: £275.90)

ii. £55 was raised in Tenbury for local charity 'Shoot for the Stars'

**Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge:** Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 ([bookings.stambrose@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.stambrose@gmail.com))

**Bingo:** Every Tuesday 8.00 pm.

**Whist:** Every Wednesday 2.00 pm. Please come along and support the Parish Centre.