

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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year: C

Week Commencing: December 23rd, 2018.

Psalter Week: 4 CTS Sunday Missal: p. 73 Preface: Advent II p. 551 Eucharistic Prayer III: p. 611 Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.

Feast Days this Week: **T. The Solemnity of the Nativity, W.** St. Stephen, **Th.** St. John , Apostle, **F.** The Holy Innocents,
S. St. Thomas of Canterbury.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 9.00 am	Elin Young (Anniv)	5.45 pm. Michela Butera RIP	Midnight: The People of the Parish
Tues: 9.00 am (Old Rite)	Deceased Bostock & Donigan	10.30 am Jim Lay RIP	
Wed: 12 noon	Joe Farmer (Anniv)		
Thurs: 12 noon	Deceased Harris & Connolly	7.30 pm Adoration until Compline 8.35 pm	
Fri: 9.30 am	Adoration until 10.15 am	Mass: 10.30 am Jose Ferreira Gomes RIP	
Sat: 9.00 am	Joseph Baylie (Anniv)	followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions.	
Sun: 11.00 am	Rita Mackay RIP		
Sun: 6.00 pm	The People of the Parish		

Sacred Heart

Mon: 7.30 pm	Carol Service	8.00 pm First Mass of Christmas (Norman Taylor RIP)
Sun: 9.00 am	Ruth Widdows RIP	

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 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: C. Vass, R. Tovey, M. Roy, P. Hunt, A. Hunt.

Readers: J. Walker, C. Villa.

Sun 6.00 pm:
Eucharistic Ministers: V. Page, T. Rock.

Readers: L. Farmer, D. Duncombe.

Sacred Heart: Sun 9.00 am:
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Peyton, A. Speers.
Readers: J. Moore.

Church Cleaners Team: N/A.

Offertory Counters Group: 1

Tea/Coffee: T. O'Sullivan, A. Maffei, E. Herrero

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

Anniversaries: Christmas Day marks the anniversary of the death in 2002 of Rev. Colum McCabe, priest here 1939-1945.

Requiescant: Kathleen Brown, sister of Joe Boland, died on December 4th, a couple of weeks after Joe. Her funeral was in her home parish - St. Peter's Ludlow.

In Peace: Please pray for **Gertie Gray**, sister of a parishioner. She died in Ireland earlier this week.

St. Stephen's Day: We congratulate five of our Altar Servers who will receive the Bronze Medal of the Guild of St. Stephen for Altar Servers during Mass on Wednesday at 12 noon. They are **Max Conway, Edward Martin, Findlay Robinson, James Vessey** and **Luke Vessey**.

Christmas Mass Times:

Sunday, December 23 rd	Normal Mass Times	9.00 am (Tenbury)	11.00 am	&	6.00 pm
Monday, December 24 th	5.45 pm	8.00 pm (Tenbury)	Midnight Mass (St. Ambrose's)		
Tuesday, December 25 th	9.00 am (Old Rite - Latin)	10.30 am			

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

Confessions before Christmas: The remaining opportunity for Confession before Christmas at St. Ambrose's is:

Sunday December 23rd 5.00 pm - 5.45 pm (before Mass)

200 Club: 2019 subscriptions/renewals are now due. For 2019 we have decided to increase the monthly prize fund, the three prizes will now be £75, £50 and £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 in to the Rectory. Any queries should be directed to Janine Nicholls and 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.

Food Bank: A bumper Christmas contribution of 72.62 kilograms. Thank you.

Church Cleaning: Many thanks to those who came to clean the church on Friday. The new rota for the New Year is now available at the back of the church.

APF Boxes: Total for 2018 was £2,917. Thanks to all box holders. May you have a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Bingo restarts January 8th. **Whist** on January 9th. Learners welcome.

FINANCES:

i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £786.79 (Plate: £531.19. Envelope: £255.60)

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

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm.

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