

**ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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**SACRED HEART & OUR LADY, Berrington Road, Tenbury Wells**

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year: C**

**Week Commencing: February 24<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Psalter Week: 3. CTS Sunday Missal: p.991.

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Response to the Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation: I give you a new commandment : Love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

**Feast Days this Week: Th. St. Oswald. F. St. David, S. St. Chad, Patron of the Diocese.**

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

**St Ambrose's**

Mon: 7.30 a.m. Joe Jennings RIP  
Tues: 8.30 a.m. Intentions of Nora Collins  
Wed: 9.15 a.m. Intentions of John and Mary Nangle  
Thurs: 12 noon **Funeral : Thomas Dalziel RIP**  
7.30 p.m. Adoration. 8.35 p.m. Compline  
Fri: 9.30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
10.30 a.m. Mass (Ann Edwards RIP)  
**N.B. Sat: 10.00 a.m.** Intentions of the Cook Family, followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions.  
Sun: 11.00 a.m. Angelo Vaccaro RIP  
3.00 p.m. (Old Rite) The People of the Parish  
6.00 p.m. Intentions of Eleanor Ford

**Sacred Heart**

Sun: 9.00 a.m. Rita Mackay RIP

**CONFESSIONS:**

St Ambrose's : Saturday 11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. and by request.

Sacred Heart : by request.

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

Altar Servers for morning Mass: T. Barnbrook and L. Barry.

St Ambrose's: Sun 11.00 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Gillett, A. Harris, T. Hart, D. Holdstock, M. Holmes.

Readers: C. Vass, M. Tavares.

Sun 6.00 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Rock, A. Saich.

Readers: M. Weaver, B. Taylor.

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: E. O'Neill, M. Peyton.

Readers: P. Storey.

Church Cleaners: Team: B Offertory Counters: Group: 4 Tea/Coffees: B. Martin, C. Thompson, P. Noble and C. Tucker.

Please pray for our parishioners, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially : Janet Richards, Arwen Lockley, Maureen Connolly, Harold Salter, Jackie Sands, Jim Thomas, Olena Barchuk, Derek Cooper, Nora Collins, Matteo Butera, Rosemarie Smith, Emilia Gissying, Josie Lynch, Joseph Kantorek, Fr. Edward Sopala and Richard Bolton.

**BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN :** Following the announcement of the impending Canonisation of Cardinal Newman, the Birmingham Oratory issued a Press Release, a copy of which is on our outside notice board : Included is this very helpful paragraph : Newman's long spiritual pilgrimage 'out of shadows and images into the truth' encourages all Christians to persevere in their quest for God above all else. His conversion to Catholicism is a clear example of how God uses all the circumstances of our lives to draw us to Himself, in His own good time, and in so many different ways.

**FORTHCOMING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS :** Many of our families have been bereaved recently, and we should pray for them, and for the repose of the souls of :

Thomas Dalziel Funeral Mass Thursday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Burial at Kidderminster Cemetery at 1.45 p.m.

Patricia Peakman Cremation at Wyre Forest Crematorium on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2.30 p.m.

John J. Whelan Funeral Mass Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 a.m. followed by burial at Kidderminster Cemetery.

Joseph McLaughlin Reception into Church on Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 p.m. Funeral Mass Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.15 p.m. Cremation at Wyre Forest Crematorium at 3.30 p.m.

**REST IN PEACE :** Nuala Campbell, landlady of the Eagle & Spur in Cookley, died suddenly during the week. She had a very close association with the village of Cookley and thanks to the courtesy of Revd. Nigel Taylor, newly appointed Team Rector of Ismere, her Funeral Mass will be in St. Peter's Anglican Church, at a time yet to be arranged.

**BAPTISM :** This afternoon the Revd. Charles Duncombe will baptise **Abel Cowdell-Jones**, and welcome him into the Catholic Church.

**OLD RITE :** There will be a **Missa Cantata** next Sunday at 3.00 p.m. in St. Ambrose's. This Mass fulfils the Sunday obligation, books are available, the liturgical music is beautiful, and tea and cakes are offered in the Rectory afterwards.

**ST. AMBROSE'S COMPANIONS :** Today, a representative of St. Ambrose's Companions will speak at our Masses in Kidderminster about the activities of this newly formed group of Petitioners.

**THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS** meet on Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Borromeo Hall for a beetle drive.

**MONTINI GROUP :** The penultimate of this years meetings will be in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7.45 p.m. **'The Supper of the Lamb'** will focus on the Rite of Holy Communion, and the link between our worship on earth with that of the Angels and Saints in Heaven.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** meets on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Joyce Gavan.

**PALMS :** Next Sunday is the last before Ash Wednesday. We will be grateful if palms being kept at home are brought along next weekend or at any time before Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>. On that evening, at the Montini Group, they will be burned to provide ashes for the beginning of Lent.

**TENBURY MEETING :** There was a well attended and constructive meeting of Tenbury parishioners during the week. Much of the discussion was about the care and maintenance of the Church and grounds. A gardening project was introduced, with a tree planting to commemorate this year's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tenbury being established as a Mass Centre. The Commemorative booklet of 2014 is to be updated with further copies made available. The anniversary will be celebrated on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 7.00 p.m. The Principal Celebrant and preacher will be Canon David Oakley, Rector of Oscott College, from which the mission at Tenbury was founded. The Harvest Thanksgiving Mass for the whole Parish will be at Tenbury on Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to Mass at Sacred Heart, Tenbury on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m., during which we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Thanks to all who attended the meeting, and to everyone who helps to maintain our vibrant and much admired community in Tenbury Wells.

**TENBURY :** Our Tenbury parishioners are reminded of the monthly Rosary, to be said in Church on Friday at 10.30 a.m. During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday morning, also at 10.30 a.m.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** will meet on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.15 p.m. in the Adams Lounge.

**ADDITIONAL MINISTER of the EUCHARIST :** We are grateful to **Milosz Kantorek** who has agreed to be commissioned as an Additional Minister of Holy Communion.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY :** The National Executive of the Catholic Men's Society will meet at St. Ambrose's next Saturday. To facilitate those travelling from around the Country and to enable their meeting to begin with Mass, this will be at 10.00 a.m., followed as usual by Rosary and Devotions.

**SWING INTO SUMMER** with the Wyre Forest Big Band in St. Parish Centre on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7.30 p.m. All proceeds are for the Meadow and Summer charity (the Maffei twins). Entrance by ticket £6 per person and are available from Charlie Villa (07759629938) and Sinead Maffei (07980846301). A selection of rolls will be available for purchase and the usual bar facilities will be available.

**200 CLUB :** We would like to thank everyone who has either renewed their membership or has joined for the first time. Just to remind everyone, the Parish gets the full benefit of ALL money raised, it is not subject to Diocesan levy. It is not too late to renew memberships or to join the 200 Club, don't forget the increase in the monthly prize fund, the 3 prizes will now be £75, £50 and £25 along with the Big Christmas Draw with prizes of £400, £200 and £100. Please fill in the form at the back of church and put on the collection plate or hand in to the Rectory. Any queries, please contact Janine Nicholls or Martin Grosvenor using the details on the application forms. The next draw will be at Tenbury on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March (weather permitting).

**ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER :** A global prayer Service, written by the women of Slovenia, will take place at Holy Innocents Church, Stourport Road, on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, at 10.30 – 11.30 a.m. This Service has been shared annually in Kidderminster since 1947 and has surely influenced the great ecumenical work we can be proud of in our town. Please be a part of it. ALL are welcome – the theme is 'Come Everything is Ready!'

**MUSIC AND TRIVIA QUIZ :** Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 8.30 p.m. for 9.00 p.m. in the Borromeo Hall of the Parish Centre. £1.50 per person entry, payable on the night; play individually or as a team. Bar open. Proceeds to the Air Ambulance Charity; prizes to the winning teams. Queries to Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or through [bookings.st.ambrose@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.st.ambrose@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you for what should be a fun night!

**CTS :** There are a selection of excellent Lenten booklets on the CTS stand at the back of the church. Please place money in the marked wall-box by the side door.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE BIRMINGHAM KICK-OFF EVENT :** Bishop John Keenan will be speaking on 'Abortion – The Need for Public Witness' and Pastor Darnell Starks will be sharing his moving personal testimony. Join us at the 40 Days for Life Kick-off event on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.00 p.m. Upper Cloister Room, Birmingham Oratory, 141 Hagley Road, B16 8UE. All welcome. For more information contact Isabel: 07773501721.

#### **FINANCES :**

Thank you for last week's Offertory of £768.67. (Plate £469.77. Envelopes £298.90).

#### **St. Ambrose's Parish Facilities**

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](mailto:bookings.stambrose@gmail.com)

Bingo : Every Tuesday 8.00 p.m.

Whist : Every Wednesday 2.00 p.m. Please come along and support the Parish Centre. Learners most welcome.