



**Sea Sunday:** Today we are asked to pray for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, which seeks to promote the welfare of seafarers, and those who work at ports and docks. There is a retiring collection for this Charity.

**Marriage:** Please pray for **Lucy Soares-Cull** and **Nathan Wyre**. They are to be married next Saturday in the presence of the Revd. Adam Nicholls. We pray that this newly married couple will have many happy years together.

**School Leavers:** Mass on Wednesday will be in the School Courtyard at 6.15 pm and parishioners are warmly invited to attend. The whole School will attend Mass on Friday at 10.30 am – the last day of the current School year. Please note that there will not be Mass here on Wednesday morning because I have to offer the end of year Mass at St. Peter's, Bromsgrove.

**Churches Together in Kidderminster:** The next meeting is on Wednesday in the Borromeo Hall.

**Choir:** The Choir will have an end of year party in the Adams Lounge on Thursday after Vespers which will be sung at 7.30 pm and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The usual Adoration will not take place on Thursday. We thank the Choir and musicians for their distinguished contribution to our Liturgies during the course of the year. The last sung Masses will be on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> and will resume in September.

**Ordinations:** Fr. Lamb will be attending the Priesthood Ordinations at St. Chad's Cathedral next Saturday at 12 noon.

**Pastoral & Secretarial Assistant:** Please note that Joseph Moran will be **totally absent** from the Parish between Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> on annual leave. Please direct all messages, requests or queries, for which he would otherwise be responsible, to the Rectory telephone number during that time.

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** After 15 years, Jo Walker has decided to retire as one of our Parish Safeguarding Representatives. We thank her for her very conscientious service, especially in the early days when the whole system had to be put into place, and there was a heavy burden of obtaining CRB checks, etc. It is a very important role in the life of the Parish, and we have been very well served by Jo, and by Peter Harler who remains in post. He is to be joined by **Niall Doherty**, whose details will appear on the newsletter each week, and on the noticeboard at the back of the Church. We must be grateful to Niall for his willingness to accept this responsibility.

**St. Ambrose's School – Year 4:** I spent much of last Monday morning with Year 4, and their Mistress, Mrs. Neri, answering questions and talking about priestly life and parish life. I have rarely been so impressed by the penetrating and mature questions that emerged and I found the whole experience most uplifting and helpful. I have congratulated Mrs. Brocklesby, and Mrs. Neri and her Class.

**Children's Liturgy:** will finish on 14<sup>th</sup> July for the summer holidays.

**SVP:** Meet on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre at 7:15 pm.

**Craft Club:** will meet on Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> in the Borromeo Hall at 7.30 pm. This will be our last meeting until we recommence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September after the summer break.

**Bible Study:** You are most welcome to join us on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the Mass readings of the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C. 2 pm for 2.30 pm start at 34 Aggborough Crescent off Hoo Road, Kidderminster. Contact No: Teresa Alexander 01562 741794.

**Ambrosian Group:** Members of the Group meet on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> for their shared lunch. New parishioners and friends especially welcome.

**Friends of the Holy Land (FHL):** invite you to join in what we hope will be a wonderful afternoon tea in the tranquil setting of Father John's Garden at Harvington on **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July**. The tea will be a classic English Tea of sandwiches and cakes with a pot of tea. Cost of the tickets is £15.00. Please apply to Gail and Stephen Brown (01562 753422 [gailstephen@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gailstephen@blueyonder.co.uk)) or Anne and Jim Quinn (01299 851021 [j.quinn789@btinternet.com](mailto:j.quinn789@btinternet.com))

**Entertainment – Parish Hall:** Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 2.00-4.00pm. Pay £6.00 at the door to include raffle ticket, half-time refreshments supplied by our UCM and Music supplied by JDR. All proceeds for St. Ambrose's Maintenance Fund.

**Garden Services:** Domestic garden work, lawns mowed, hedges trimmed. Reasonable rates. Tel: 07840 287942.

**Dates for your Diary:** Forthcoming Events to Boost the Maintenance Fund:

<b>August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Crème Tea – Celebrating St. Pius X.</b>
<b>September 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Harvest Lunch</b>
<b>October 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Halloween Party</b>
<b>November 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Soup Supper, with Dessert</b>
<b>December 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parish Party with Quiz</b>

**Finances:**

- Thank you for last week's Offertory of £768.03 (Plate: £458.03, Envelope: £310.00).
- Tuesday Bingo raised £100 for Kemp Hospice.
- £1 was donated to the Priest's Training Fund.

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**Bingo:** Weekly on Tuesdays at 8.00 pm.

**Whist:** Weekly on Wednesdays at 2.00 pm. Learners most welcome.