

**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**

**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year: C**

**Week Commencing: September 8<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Psalter Week: 3.

CTS Sunday Missal: p.1052.

Preface V (Sunday) p.571.

Eucharistic Prayer : III p.611. Mystery of Faith : III.

Response to the Psalm:

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Gospel Acclamation:

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything  
I have learned from my Father.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

**T. St. Egwin, Th. The Holy Name of Mary. F. St. John Chrysostom,  
S. The Exaltation of the Cross.**

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

**St Ambrose's**

Mon: 7.30 a.m.

Chrystyna Family Intention.

Tues: 8.30 a.m.

John Stubbins RIP.

Wed: 9.15 a.m.

(whole School) Intentions of John Nangle.

Thurs: 11.30 a.m.

Josie Lynch RIP.

7.30 p.m.

Adoration until Compline 8.35 p.m.

Fri: 9.30 a.m.

Adoration until 10.15 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

(Mass) Sidney Whatmore/Alan Whatmore (Anniversary).

Sat: 9.00 a.m.

Anthony MacManmon RIP followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions.

Sun: 11.00 a.m.

Joan Battye RIP.

6.00 p.m.

The People of the Parish.

**Sacred Heart**

Sun: 9.00 a.m.

James and Sarah Greene 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: M. Conway and O. Conway.

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: A. McDermott, M. Martin, M. Kantorek, P. Hunt and A. Hunt.

Readers: A. Lockley and M. Roy.

Sun 6.00 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Whatley and T. Alexander.

Readers: M. Weaver and M. Bowdler.

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Coates and J. Moore.

Readers: S. Stanley.

Church Cleaners: Team: D.

Offertory Counters: Group: 6. Tea/Coffees: C.M.S.

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, Nora Collins, Matteo Butera, Rosemarie Smith, Emilia Gissyng, Revd. Fr. Edward Sopala, Richard Bolton, Julie White, Fr. Graham Wilkinson, Laura Reynolds, Fr. Bruce Dutson, Lilia Beecroft, Tom Hopkins, Thomas Roy, Bernard Casken, Esther Sharp and Delia Nepi.

**REST IN PEACE :** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Aldina Fernandes Dos Santos**, who died in Portugal recently. She was the mother of Manuel Costa, who lives in our Parish. Also for the repose of the soul of **Derek Cooper**, who died suddenly on Thursday and **Ray Cunliffe**, father of Greg Cunliffe, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**BAPTISM :** Today the Revd. Adam Nicholls will baptise **Phoenix Sebastian Thompson**. Please pray for the Thompson family on this Special day.

**SUNDAY (today)** has been designated as Education Sunday. Many of our School Staff are joining us for Mass at 11.00 a.m. during which they will renew their Commitment as members of our Catholic School Community. We welcome them, and they will be invited to stay for a buffet lunch afterwards in the Adams Lounge.

**U.C.M. CAKE SALE** : There will be a cake sale in the Borromeo Hall after 11.00 a.m. Mass **today** in aid of the U.C.M. project – these being the Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in Uganda and St. Ambrose's School.

**SERVICE OF ANIMAL BLESSING** : By the kind invitation of Mrs Brocklesby, there will be a Service of **Animal and Pet Blessing** in the School Yard on the Feast of St. Francie of Assisi, Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2.45 p.m. All parishioners and pets of every kind are very welcome to attend.

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS and SUPPER** : Our Harvest Thanksgiving Mass and Supper will be in the Sacred Heart Church in Tenbury on **Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>**. The Preacher will be Monsignor Canon John Moran, Parish Priest of St Mary's, Harvington. As usual we hope that many of our Kidderminster parishioners will be able to attend. Harvest produce and small donations of food for the supper will be much appreciated.

**CONFIRMATION 2019** : The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> during Mass at 6.00 p.m. Parents wishing their children to receive the Sacrament on this occasion are requested to arrange a meeting with the Parish Priest, in the Rectory to discuss with him the ways in which they will encourage their children in their Faith before and after this Sacrament has been received. Parents who wish their children to be prepared may contact the Parish Priest by seeing him after Sunday Mass or by telephone (01562 822839). All requests should be made by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MONTINI GROUP 2019 – 2020** : In order to improve our sense of community still further – our **Montini Group** will embark on a study of the **Rule of St. Benedict**. Our study will begin on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 p.m. in the Montini Room, and will meet every Tuesday until Shrove Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> (with the exception of October 15<sup>th</sup> when there will not be a meeting). Texts will be provided as appropriate.

The Rule of St. Benedict offers a very practical spirituality for those living together, not just in monasteries and convents but in homes, schools, places of work and, in our case, a Parish Community. This will be a different kind of approach from former years, with perhaps less emphasis on matters of doctrine but greater consideration of 'faith and perseverance in good works, under the guidance of the Gospel that we may pursue our way on His paths, and so we may deserve to see Him who has called us to His Kingdom.' (**Prologue, Para. 21**).

**SVP** will meet next on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.15 p.m. in the Adams Lounge/Wheatley Room. New members welcome.

**MEADOW and SUMMER CHARITY BALL** : Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September at the Harriers Social Club, Kidderminster, 7.00 p.m. until late. The Ball is being held to raise funds to provide treatment overseas for autistic twin girls aged 5 years, Meadow and Summer Lockey, daughters of John and Jade (nee Maffei) Lockey. Jade is the daughter of the late Nino and Dora Maffei formerly of Chester Road, Kidderminster, Entertainment, food, disco and raffle are all included in the admission price. Adults £25, children 12 and under £10. The bar will be open from 7.00 p.m. till late. Tickets from Charlie Villa (K.754482 or 07759 629938) and Sinead Maffei (K.630534 or 07980 846301).

**THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** have arranged with M&Co. for an Autumn Fashion Show at their premises at Lombard Street, Stourport, on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 3.00 p.m. M&Co. will provide the outfits to be to be modelled by local volunteers (children and adults). Tickets are £5 each and will be available from Joan Knowles or Maureen Brewer – 01562 754322.

**NEWMAN ASSOCIATION, WORCESTER CIRCLE TALK** : 'A Journey to Sainthood'. Speaker, The Revd. Douglas Lamb. Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at St George's Parish Hall, Worcester WR1 1UG.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** : Come and hear Fr. Philomeno share his testimony : 'From my own daughter being aborted, to becoming a Fransiscan priest.' Meet some of the mums/dads and babies who have been helped by 40 Days for Life. Join us at our Kick-off event on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.00 p.m. Upper Cloister Room, The Oratory, 142 Hagley Road, Birmingham B16 8UE. All welcome. For more info, contact Isabel : 07773501721.

**BIBLE STUDY** : Our informal discussion of the Holy Scriptures begins again on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00 p.m. for 2.30 p.m. start. Refreshments provided. Venue 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster (off Hoo Road) (K.741794). New members welcome.

**PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH** : Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the Parish Hall after 11.00 a.m. Mass. Please sign lists at the back of the Church. £5 per head. Proceeds for the Maintenance Fund.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** : This year the Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in the Borromeo Hall from 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Please make a note in your diary and support this very worthwhile cause.

**PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE** : For those preparing for Marriage there will be an Engaged Encounter Weekend 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October. The Dormer Conference Centre, Leamington Spa.

<https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/engaged-encounter-weekend-leamington-spa/>

For Marriage Enrichment there will be a Marriage Enrichment Weekend : 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November. Ibis Hotel, Rugby. <https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/residential-marriage-encounter-weekend-rugby-3/>

For more information about Marriage Encounter visit their website <https://wwme.org.uk/> or email [bookings@wwme.org.uk](mailto:bookings@wwme.org.uk)

#### **FINANCES :**

- i. Thank you for the Offertory last week of £819.70. (Loose Plate £521.20. Envelope Scheme £298.50).
- ii. Fr. Jim Fleming of the Society of St. Columban thanks us for our contribution of £649.32.

#### **Adams Lounge and Borromeo Hall Facilities**

Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions, etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or at [bookings.stambrose@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.stambrose@gmail.com)

Bingo : Weekly on Tuesdays at 8.00 p.m.

Whist : Weekly on Wednesdays at 2.00 p.m. Learners most welcome.