

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year: C Week Commencing: September 29th 2019

Psalter Week: 2. CTS Sunday Missal: p.1065. Preface I of Sundays p.567. Eucharistic Prayer I p.591. Mystery of Faith: II

Response to the Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Jesus Christ was rich, but He became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of His poverty.

Feast Days this Week: M. St. Jerome. T. St. Therese of the Child Jesus. W. Guardian Angels.
Th. Bl. Columba Marmion. F. St. Francis of Assisi.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 6.30 p.m. (with Vespers) David, John & Martin Weaver RIP
Tues: 8.30 a.m. Lesley Thresh (Anniversary)
Wed: 9.30 a.m. Whole School Harvest Mass: John Stubbins RIP
Thurs: 7.30 a.m. Intentions of Sr. Maureen Fay
10:30 a.m. **Funeral : Olena Barchuk RIP** (Ukrainian Rite)
7.30 p.m. Adoration until Compline at 8.35 p.m.
Fri: 9.30 a.m. Adoration until 10.15 a.m.
10.30 a.m. (Mass) Stella O' Regan RIP
2:45 p.m. Service of Animal Blessing in the School Yard.
Sat: 9.00 a.m. Stella Robinson RIP followed by Rosary and Novena Devotions
Sun: 11.00 a.m. Intentions of Clare Conway
3.00 p.m. (Old Rite) In Thanksgiving (Janina)
6.00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 a.m. Frank Neil RIP

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 11.45 am to 12.45 pm and by request
Sacred Heart: By request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: S. Tombak & E. Martin
St Ambrose's: Sun 11.00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Bradley, E. Buncl, A. Colclough, S. Colclough & E. Darbyshire
Readers: J. Walker & C. Villa
Sun 6.00 p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Alexander & P. Bowdler
Readers: P. Young & M. Weaver

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Coates & J. Moore
Reader: T. Pellow

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

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, Nora Collins, Matteo Butera, Rosemarie Smith, Emilia Gissnyng, 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, Delia Nepi, and Helena Collins.

ANNIVERSARIES : Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of Revd. Fr. John Danaher (died 2008), builder of Tenbury, whose anniversary is on Thursday and Canon James McCave (died 1888), priest here 1870 – 1877, whose anniversary is on Monday. May they rest in peace.

LATELY DEAD : **Olena Barchuk**, one of the last of the Ukrainian Catholic Community who worshipped in our Church, died in Hospital last Sunday afternoon after a very long illness. Her Funeral, in the Ukrainian Rite, is on Thursday at 10.30 a.m. **Mary Staples**, until very recently the Secretary of the Wolverhampton Section of the Union of Catholic Mothers (to which our ladies belong) died last weekend. She, too had been struggling with illness for a long time. Her Funeral is in St Peter's, Bloxwich on Monday at 9.15 a.m. In order that I may attend the Funeral, our Parish Mass on Monday will be at 6.30p.m. (with Vespers). **John Middleton**, brother in law of Sue Quinn (one of our Rectory neighbours) has also died recently. He will be remembered by many for his membership of the old St Ambrose's Club. **Madeleine Isaew** died peacefully in Hospital on Tuesday evening at 11.30p.m. She was 89 years

U.C.M. At a recent meeting of the Wolverhampton Section of the Union of Catholic Mothers, **Christine Vass** was nominated as the Section Secretary. Congratulations.

BAPTISM PREPARATION : At a meeting with our Baptism Catechists and our two Deacons it was agreed to revise the content of our Baptism preparation meetings. Also; it was decided that there should be **four** meetings in the year viz. March, May, July and October. In future parents and god parents will be invited to attend a preparation meeting before **every** Baptism, not just the first one celebrated in a family. Our Deacons reported a lack of dignity and occasional disreputable conduct in Church during the Celebration of the Sacrament. I will be meeting with them to discuss issues around dress code, numbers of those attending, and the legitimate expectations we, as a Catholic Parish Community, have of those requesting Baptism.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD : Those who lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass at 11.00 a.m. have advised that it should now run on the first Sunday of each month, for a trial period until Christmas, when we shall look again at its provision.

KNITTED POPPIES will be available after Sunday Mass. Donations of £1 is suggested. All proceeds will be shared between the Poppy Appeal and the Maintenance Fund.

THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS meets on Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Borromeo Hall.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is next Friday, 4th October. Envelopes are available at the back of Church. Please take one and return it next Sunday with your contribution. If you are a tax payer, please sign the gift aid form and put it into the envelope.

BIBLE STUDY : Wednesday 2nd Oct at the home of Teresa Alexander. 34 Aggborough Crescent Kidderminster. 01562 741794. All most welcome. 2.00 p.m. for 2.30 start.

ST. AMBROSE COMPANIONS meet on Thursday, 3rd October at 12 noon in the Adams Lounge. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Widows, widowers and those living alone will be made most welcome.

CRAFT CLUB will meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall at 7.30 p.m. New members always very welcome.

LIVING EMBERS meets on Wednesday, October 2nd at Jubilee International Church, speaker Rev Nigel Taylor. Coffee and teas 9.45 a.m. meeting begins at 10.15 a.m.

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 Francis of Assisi, Friday, October 4th at 2.45 p.m. All parishioners and pets of every kind are very welcome to attend.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN : There will be a Vigil of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday October 10th at 7.30 p.m. in preparation for the Canonisation, ending with Compline and Benediction. Joseph and I will be leaving for Rome on Friday October 11th to attend the Canonisation (returning on Tuesday October 15th). There will be a **Holy Hour** in thanksgiving for the Canonisation on Thursday October 17th at 7.30 p.m. Please see the notice board for other events being arranged around this area to celebrate this momentous occasion.

SVP : The next meeting takes place on Monday, October 7th at 7.15 p.m. in the Adams Lounge/Wheatley Room. New members welcome.

CONFIRMATION 2019 : The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Wednesday, December 11th 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 the 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 30th.

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL STAFF will be coming together in prayerful preparation for the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on Sunday 13th October, by saying a novena together. Parishioners are most welcome to join them in the short service each day from Friday October 4th until Friday October 12th in the school's Pax Christi prayer room at 12.15 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity for school and parish to join together and form links in a great chain of prayer which is taking place in parishes across the diocese.

40 DAYS OF LIFE : Please see the notice board for information on this important pro-life issue. If anyone is available for even one hour, or preferably every week for one hour, to accompany me to attend a prayer vigil outside the Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic in Birmingham, please contact Madeleine Roy, 07796671074 for more information.

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH : Each year Churches Together in Kidderminster provides a lunch for those who would otherwise be alone. This year, we are to host this important event in our own Borromeo Hall, though embers of other Christian Communities in the town help with preparation, transport and service. It was very encouraging that when this was first announced some weeks ago, several parishioners indicated a willingness to take part. Very soon, a meeting of CTIK will be held and, before that, we need to know just what support there will be from our Parish. **All** volunteers are asked to attend a meeting in the Parish Centre (room to be advised) on Wednesday, October 9th at 6.45 p.m. This meeting is for anyone who is prepared to help, whether or not any previous indication has been given. Those unable to attend this meeting are asked to let us know of their willingness to take part. Thank you.

FINANCES :

- i. Thank you for the Offertory last week of £714.03 (Plate: 457.77. Envelope: 256.26)
- ii. A donation of £1000 is gratefully received
- iii. £183 was donated to the Fr. Hudson's Society
- iv. £100 was donated by the Whist Club last month
- v. Many thanks to all who supported the Ploughman's Lunch and, especially to the ladies who helped with the preparation. £300 has been added to the Maintenance Fund, bringing the total so far to £4,184. Please continue to support this worthwhile cause and remember to keep popping the £1 into the pound pots.

Adams Lounge and Borromeo Hall Facilities

Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions, etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or 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.