

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

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year: C

Week Commencing: November 17th 2019

Psalter Week: 1 CTS Sunday Missal p. 1091

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer: IV p. 621

Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness

Gospel Acclamation:

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man

Feast Days this Week:

Mon: Dedication of the Basilica of SS Peter and Paul Thurs: Presentation of our Lady

Fri: St Cecilia Sat: St Clement I

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7.30 am Frank Collins RIP
Tues: 8.30 am Dermot Keogh (Anniversary)
Wed: 9.15 am Mike Knowles RIP 7.30 pm Deceased CMS Brothers
Thurs: 11.30 am John Stubbins RIP 7:30 pm. Adoration until 8:35 pm. Compline.
Fri: 9.30 am Adoration until 10:15 am Mass 10:30 am Intentions of the Powell family
Sat: 9.00 am John Bayliss RIP followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions
11.30 am Marriage: Oliver Sheridan and Kathleen Gammell
Sun: 11.00 am Holy Souls of the Ostrowski family
3.00 pm Holy Hour
6.00 pm Teresa Moule (Anniversary)

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday 11:45 am – 12:45 pm, and by request. Sacred Heart by request.

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Altar Servers for morning Mass: L Vessy, J Vessey

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: M Kantorek, M Martin, A McDermott, M Roy, C Vass

Readers: C Villa, G Hodgkinson

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: J & B Gavan

Readers: T Collins, M Bowdler

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: E O'Neill, M Peyton

Readers: T Pellow

Church Cleaners Team: B

Offertory Counters Group: 5

Tea/Coffee: T & M O'Sullivan, A Maffei

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, 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 Gissyng, Revd Fr Edward Sopala, Richard Bolton, Julie White, Laura Reynolds, Fr Bruce Dutson, Tom Hopkins, Thomas Roy, Bernard Casken, Esther Sharp, Delia Nepi, Helena Collins, Margaret Tillott, Ken Dalby and Frank Furlong.

Anniversaries: Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Revd Fr Bernard Boulton, Priest here 1945-50, who died in 1997. May he rest in peace.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for ANN WEBB, who died peacefully in Worcester Hospital early on Tuesday morning. She had been in failing health for several months. The Funeral Mass for OLIVER DONAGHY has been arranged for Friday, November 29th at 12 noon. Please pray, also, for KENNETH FROST of St John's Avenue. He died on All Souls Day, and his Funeral at the Crematorium is on November 26th at 11.30 am. JOHN SINGLETON, the father of two children at Winterfold, died earlier this week. May his soul, and the souls of all the Faithful, rest in peace.

Congratulations: At the meeting of the Wolverhampton Section of the Union of Catholic Mothers on Wednesday evening, BETTY MARTIN was elected as President. Betty enters this with her usual generosity of spirit, and will have the support of our own Parish Foundation. We wish her well.

Kidderminster Catenian Circle: We welcome members of the Kidderminster Catenians who are attending Mass here at 11.00 am today, to pray for deceased Catenians.

Montini Group: At our meeting on Tuesday we shall begin three weeks studying the Chapters in the Rule of St Benedict that deal with THE TOOLS OF GOOD WORKS – a marvellous resumé of Christian moral life as gleaned from the pages of the Gospels. The meeting begins at 7.45 pm.

Craft Club: Will meet on Tuesday in the Borromeo Hall at 7.30 pm. New members are always very welcome.

Confirmation: The Candidates for Confirmation will meet again on Wednesday at 3.15 pm in the School to continue their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to be celebrated in this Parish by Bishop William Kenney on Wednesday, December 11th during Mass at 6.00 pm.

Bible Study: Wednesday, 20 November at 2.00 pm for a 2.30 pm start, at 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster (K741794). This will be our final meeting in 2019. We will resume on January 15th 2020.

Mass for Deceased Brothers of the CMS: will be offered at St Ambrose's on Wednesday, November 20th at 7.30 pm

Ambrosian Group: Meet for their shared lunch on Thursday from midday. New parishioners and friends of parishioners are most welcome.

Christ the King: Next Sunday there is a HOLY HOUR at 3.00 pm in St Ambrose's, promoted by the Catholic Men's Society. Everyone is very welcome.

Marriage: Next Saturday will see the Marriage of Oliver Sheridan and Kathleen Gammell. Please pray that they will have many years of married happiness.

Parish Meeting: In two years' time (2021) it will be the 190th anniversary of the founding of our Parish, and we ought to devise some ways of celebrating this significant moment in our history. Accordingly, I have invited a few parishioners to meet in the Adams Lounge on Saturday, November 23rd 10.00 am – 11.00 am in order to begin a consultation. However, this is an open meeting and all parishioners are invited to attend and contribute to the discussion. I hope we can have a range of activities (spiritual, social, literary etc) so that it will be memorable for all of us. At the same meeting I will mention some thoughts from CTIK about how the Kidderminster churches can mark Leap Year Day (February 29th 2020).

SVP: The next meeting takes place on Monday, November 25th at 7.15 pm in the Adams Lounge/Wheatley Room. New members welcome.

Catholic Men's Society: The Revd Adam Nicholls will lead an open discussion on the topic of Evangelisation on November 27th in the Adams Lounge.

Soup and Pudding Evening: In the Borromeo Hall on Friday, November 29th from 7.30 pm, though earlier entry may be possible for those who want to cook on site. The idea is that parishioners and friends are invited to prepare soup or puddings that can be enjoyed by all who attend. An entry of £3 is requested - £5 for those who come to sample. There will be a raffle with seasonal prizes and proceeds will go to the Maintenance Fund.

Tuesday Evening Bingo: Are holding a Christmas Sale on Tuesday, November 26th from 7.00 pm. All monies to go to Kemp Hospice.

St John Henry Newman: Parishioners may wish to mark the recent Canonisation by attending a performance of THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS in Kidderminster Town Hall on Saturday, November 30th. It is being presented by Kidderminster Choral Society. Please see posters at the back of the Church for further details.

Christmas Bazaar: Will be on Sunday, December 1st, after Mass. Donations are needed for all stalls. Chocolates, bottles, home produce, filled jars of sweets, jams, chutney, Christmas gifts, crafts, cakes, mince pies etc. Please leave items at the Rectory or at the back of the Church after Mass. Help is needed on Saturday, November 30th to set up, and on Sunday, December 1st to clear away. Please contact Joy or Betty. Scones will be on sale after Sunday Mass. All donations for Parish funds.

Living Embers: Wyre Forest Ecumenical Christian Ladies Group meets on Wednesday, December 4th for a Christmas Celebration from 9.45 at the Jubilee International Church, Hoo Road.

St Ambrose's Day: The Solemnity of St Ambrose is on Saturday, December 7th. We shall have Mass at 12.15 pm in Church, followed by FISH AND CHIPS, provided yet again by Britain's Best, the BROADWATERS CHIPPY. Please sign at the back of the Church so that we can place an order in good time. Donations of £7.50 are requested, and families are welcome to bring whatever drinks they wish. It will be good if we can celebrate our Patronal Feast together.

Eat with us on Christmas Day: St Ambrose's Parish Centre from 12.30 pm. Transport available (to collect and return). Contact the Rectory on K 822839.

Christmas Draw 2019: Tickets are now available at the back of our Churches. Please take and sell AS MANY AS POSSIBLE. Our need for funds is greater than ever as we have much maintenance work to undertake during the coming months. As everyone is aware, Church collections do not adequately cover our weekly outgoings, and so we rely on the organised Parish events, Christmas Draws, Bazaars and the like.

St Ambrose's Baby and Toddler Group: Wednesday mornings 9-11. Suitable for babies up to pre-schoolers. We are also looking for volunteers to help during the session. This could be for an hour a week or one or two sessions a month. Anything would be appreciated. Please see Elizabeth Buncle if you think you might be able to help.

Vacancies at Cathedral House, Birmingham: Applications are invited for a Front Desk Clerk/Receptionist and an Administrative Support Officer (Safeguarding). Both roles are permanent/full time, and based at Cathedral House. For full details please visit the Archdiocese website, www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk.

St Ambrose's School: has pupil places vacant in Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Please telephone (01562) 823568 or email office@stambrose.worcs.sch.uk for more information.

Finances:

- i Thank you for last week's Offertory of £678.38 (Plate £480.38, Envelope scheme £198.00).
- ii £30 was kindly contributed to the Maintenance Fund.

St Ambrose's Parish Centre

Available for meetings, seminars, parties and functions of all kinds.
Contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or at 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.