

ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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First Sunday in Advent Year A
2019

Week Commencing: December 1st

Psalter Week: 1 CTS Sunday Missal: p. 27 Preface: of Advent I p.549 Eucharistic Prayer: I p.591 Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's House'.

Gospel Acclamation: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Feast Days this week: Tues: St Francis Xavier Wed. St John Damascene Thurs: St Birinus Fri: St Nicholas
Sat: THE SOLEMNITY OF ST AMBROSE

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 8.30 am Eleanor Ford RIP

Tues: 7.30 am Frank Collins RIP

Wed: 8.30 am Mike Knowles RIP

Thurs: 7.30am Rose Murphy RIP

Fri: 9.30 am Adoration until 10.15 am Mass 10.30 am (SCHOOL HALL) John Stubbins RIP

Sat: 12.15 pm Michael Burke RIP

Sun: 11.00 am Sisto Lucarelli RIP 6.00 pm The People of the Parish

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 am Walter Kozicki RIP

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: Saturday: 11.30am – 12 noon and by request ; Sacred Heart by request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: M Conway, O Conway

St Ambrose's: Sun. 11.00 am
Eucharistic Ministers: M Day, S Elcock, E Fox, B Galvin, D Gillett
Readers: SCHOOL Confirmation Class

Sun. 6.00 pm
Eucharistic Ministers: V Page, P Robinson
Readers: M Weaver, F Robinson

Sacred Heart: Sun. 9.00 am
Eucharistic Ministers: S Coates, J Moore
Reader: J Hughes

Church Cleaners: Team D Offertory Counters: Group 1 Teas and Coffees: J Walker, B Power, A Colclough

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and 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, Frank Furlong, Fr Richard Sharples and Peter Bowdler.

n.b. Please fulfil the ministries as listed above. New rotas will be available on Joseph's return. Thank you.

The Season of Advent and the new Liturgical Year: Today, the First Sunday of Advent, marks the beginning of a new Church year – our Sunday readings are from YEAR A and during the ordinary time the weekday readings are from YEAR 2 The Bishops of England and Wales have designated it as a YEAR OF THE WORD inviting us to be particularly attentive to the Scriptures as we hear them read during our Masses. A limited number of St Matthew's Gospel are available in our Churches. I would encourage parishioners to try to attend daily Mass during Advent to follow the Church's preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas. During Advent we reflect on the First Coming of Our Lord, and look forward to His Final Coming in glory and these themes are presented in the daily Mass readings. Also there are many beautiful Feast Days during Advent; among them St Francis Xavier (Dec 3rd) St AMBROSE (Dec 7th) THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Dec 9th) St Lucy (Dec 13th) St John of the Cross (Dec 14th). Our own Scripture Study Group meets regularly and this may be a good year to consider joining. Please see the newsletter when meetings are advertised.

The Angelus: In March 2020, England is going to be re-consecrated as the DOWRY OF MARY and the Rector of Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham has asked if, in preparation, the Angelus can be prayed during or after our Parish Masses. From this Sunday (today) we shall take up this beautiful prayer. Please say it at home at the traditional times (6 am! 12 noon 6 pm).

Rest in Peace: Please pray for **Muriel Bertha Domone** of Bewdley who died last week. Fr Lamb will offer her Funeral Mass at Holy Family Church in Bewdley on Friday December 13th at 12.30 pm. This week, and nearer Christmas, we have the funerals of **Maureen Hickman** (Tuesday 9.30 am at the Crematorium); **John Singleton** (Thursday 12.30 pm at St Peter's Harborne), **Ann Webb** (Wednesday December 11th at 10.30 am) and **James Bryant** (on Tuesday December 17th at 11 am). Please remember **Dr Jo May**, (Maths Mistress at Winterfold School) who died last week after a long illness – her family live in Redditch.

Union of Catholic Mothers: meets on Monday in the Borromeo Hall for a **prompt start at 7.30 pm** for a Crib Service followed by a shared supper.

Tom Healey: Thanks to the generosity of a number of parishioners, we have been able to refurbish the headstone over his grave in Kidderminster Cemetery adding his name and the details of his death. I propose to bless the restored headstone, and pray for Tom and his wife Joyce on TUESDAY at 10.30 am. Any parishioners able to attend will be very welcome to join in praying for Tom who was a lifelong member of this Parish and a devoted contributor to its life.

Montini Group: We conclude our study of Chapter IV, THE TOOLS OF THE SPIRITUAL CRAFT, on Tuesday at 7.45 pm in the Montini room. It is not too late to join this enthusiastic and good humoured group.

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

Choir Concert: The Combined Choirs of KIDDERMINSTER VALENTINES, WINTERFOLD SCHOOL and HOLY TRINITY will present a Concert in St Ambrose's on Thursday at 7.30 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

St Ambrose's Day: The Mass next Friday will be the School's celebration of our Patron Saint, and Mass at 10.30 am will be in the School Hall. 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 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.

Confirmation: Bishop William Kenney will visit the Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass at 6 pm on Wednesday December 11th. This is a Parish Celebration and it is hoped that many parishioners will be able to attend to support and pray for our Candidates. Next Sunday the children will introduce themselves and their Confirmation Saints to the Parish.

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 822839.

2021: A small but surprisingly representative meeting was held last Saturday to begin planning for the 190th Anniversary of our Parish in 2021. It was agreed that the year should culminate with a Solemn Mass on St Ambrose's Day, December 7th. We are hoping to commission an updated history of our Parish and shall invite the School to prepare a Pageant based on that history. Other suggestions were a Garden Party, a Flower Festival, an Ecumenical Service of Christian Celebration, a Civic Mass, an Open House, a Picnic Day, an afternoon tea party for elderly parishioners, and a distinctive Parish Pilgrimage. A Suggestion Box is to be placed in our Churches to invite comments on these ideas and to receive further suggestions.

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 Bunclie if you think you might be able to help.

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.

CAFOD: School volunteers needed! Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD and helping children and young people learn about global poverty and motivate them to take action? We are looking for school volunteers to visit Catholic Schools and parish groups in the Diocese. For further information please contact Sylvester Mutsigwa at CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722944 or email birmingham@cafod.org.uk.

Finances:

- i. 200Club: Following the draw last Sunday at Tenbury, the lucky winners are: 1st £75 no 169 Mr Sean Kealey; 2nd £50 no 40 Mrs Paula Gillett; 3rd £25 No 90 Mrs Sandra Dovey
- ii. Thank you for last week's Collection of £755.61 (Envelope Scheme £267 Loose Plate £488.61)
- iii. The Collection for the Youth Service (so far) is £67.10

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 (bookings.stambrose@gmail.com)

Bingo: Every Tuesday 8.00 pm.

Whist: Every Wednesday 2.00 pm. Please come along and support the Parish Centre.