

**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.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Year: C

Week Commencing: December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019.

Psalter Week: 4 CTS Sunday Missal p.40 Preface: II of Advent p.551 Eucharistic Prayer: III pg. 611 Mystery of Faith: I

Response to the Psalm: *Let the Lord enter! He is the King of glory.*

Gospel Acclamation: *The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son and they will call Him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'.*

Feast Days this Week: W. SOLEMNITY of the NATIVITY of OUR LORD. Th. St. Stephen. F. St. John the Evangelist. S. The Holy Innocents.

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

**St Ambrose's**

Mon: 9.00 a.m. Richard Tovey (Anniv.)

Tues: 9.00 a.m. Elin Young (Anniv.) 5.45 p.m. (Vigil) Michael Butera RIP MIDNIGHT The People of the Parish

Wed: 9.00 a.m. (Old Rite) Rita Mackay RIP 10.30 a.m. Alane Harvey RIP

Thurs: 12 noon Joe Farmer (Anniv.)

Fri: 9.30 a.m. Adoration until 10.15 a.m. Mass 10.30 a.m. Deceased of Harris and Connolly families

Sat: 9.00 a.m. Mike Knowles RIP followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions.

Sun: 11.00 a.m. Fr. John Ellis RIP 6.00 p.m. The People of the Parish

**Sacred Heart**

Tues. 7.30 p.m. Carols, followed by the First Mass of Christmas – Norman Taylor RIP/Norman Pathe RIP

Sun: 9.00 a.m. Intentions of Gerald Regan

CONFESSIONS: St Ambrose's: MONDAY after morning Mass, 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

Altar Servers for morning Mass:

St Ambrose's:

Sun 11.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Day, S. Elcock, E. Fox, B. Galvin, D. Gillett.

Readers: C. Vass, A. Martin.

Sun 6.00 pm:

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Bowdler, N. Doherty.

Readers: F. Robinson, I. Farmer.

Sacred Heart:

Sun 9.00 am:

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Coates, J. Moore.

Readers: W. Moore.

Church Cleaners Team: N/A

Offertory Counters Group: 4.

Tea/Coffee: G. M. & I. Cunliffe.

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 Dutton, Tom Hopkins, Thomas Roy, Bernard Casken, Esther Sharp, Delia Nepi, Helena Collins, Margaret Tillott, Ken Dalby, Frank Furlong, Fr. Richard Sharples and Peter Bowdler.

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Revd. Fr. Colum McCabe, who died on Wednesday in 2002. Priest here 1939 – 1945).

**Recently Deceased:** The Tenbury Community mourns the death of BUNTY COOK, who died peacefully in Worcester Hospital on Tuesday afternoon. She was a colourful, and much loved parishioner, and for many years she co-operated with Bernard Casken in preparing our Christmas Carol Service, and other similar celebrations. May she rest in peace.

**Ann Webb:** Trevor Webb wishes to thank friends and parishioners for their kindness in thoughts, prayers and sympathy during the final days of Ann's illness and at the time of her death.

**Altar Servers:** During Mass on Thursday, St. Stephen's Day, it is our custom to award the Guild of St. Stephen Medals to those who have served Mass faithfully for at least twelve months. This year, the Bronze award will be given to FINLEY DOHERTY, JOSH KURUVILLA, ASTON MOL-FARMER and OLIVER THOMPSON. The same award will be made in Tenbury to DAVID SOBEJKO. We congratulate and thank these servers, and hope that they will continue their good service. We shall be joined at Mass on Thursday by two adult servers from St. Elizabeth's, Cleobury Mortimer; and by JOHN WARR, a new parishioner at Tenbury who was a server in his previous Parish, St. Thomas More's in Coventry.

**The Year of the World:** A selection of CTS books and pamphlets will be available in St. Ambrose's, the titles very appropriate for this important year. Commentary on the Gospels for this year of St. Matthew's Gospel, Lectio Divina, especially the important Letter VERBUM DOMINI, issued by Pope Benedict. Please do consult the bookstand for possible choices.

**Christmas Gathering:** All those who work so hard for us are invited to join the Parish Priest for a small gathering in the Adams Lounge during the evening of Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Food and wine will be offered and it will be a good opportunity for gratitude to be expressed on behalf of the Parish for the wonderful support we are given during the year.

**Poinsettias for the Crib:** In recent years it has been our tradition to place Poinsettias around the Christmas Crib, and to do so in memory of those who have died among our family members, relatives and benefactors. It is hoped that the crib will be placed in time for the fourth Sunday of Advent (December 22<sup>nd</sup>). That would be a good time to bring them, perhaps indicating the prayer intention associated with each one.

**St. Ambrose's Catholic Primary School** are taking part in The Sun's 'Books for Schools' campaign, which gives primary schools the chance to get their hands on more than 100 books for FREE – but we need your help. Please help us to collect 3,500 tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday newspapers between Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 and Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We very much appreciate your continued support.

**200 Club:** 2020 Subscriptions/renewals are now due. There is a total prize fund of £2,500 equating to monthly prizes of £75, £50 and £25 along with the **Big Christmas Draw** with prizes of £400, £200 and £100. As a Parish Community it is so important that we support this endeavour. It allows vital funds to be available to our Parish in order to meet the financial obligations which we have. In 2019 the 200 Club contributed over £2,500 to Parish funds. The cost is £24 per annum per number, payable monthly, quarterly, half yearly or annually in January. We would love to welcome many more new members. If you wish to join the 200 club please fill in the form at the back of church and put on the collection plate or hand in to the Rectory. Any queries please contact Janine Nicholls or Martin Grosvenor using the details on the application forms. December's monthly draw will be held on the weekend of December 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Finances :**

- i. Thank you for the Offertory last week of £779.44. (Plate: £549.39; envelope scheme £230.05).
- ii. The Mite Scheme : Happy Christmas to all the kind parishioners who save their 5p pieces for this tiny charity. You have donated £116 this year. Thank you so much. All donations welcome however small, even 15p will save the life of a little child.
- iii. £97.95 was donated to poor parishes.

Adams Lounge and Borromeo Hall Facilities  
Available for meetings, seminars, parties and functions of all kinds.  
Please contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or bookings.stambrose@gmail.com  
Bingo : Weekly on Tuesdays at 8.00 p.m.