

ST. AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER

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This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: registered Charity no. 234216.

Epiphany Sunday

Year: A

Week Commencing: January 5th 2020.

Psalter Week: 2

CTS Sunday Missal p.123

Preface: of the Epiphany p.555

Eucharistic Prayer: I pg. 591

Mystery of Faith: III

Response to the Psalm: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *We saw His star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.*

Feast Days this Week: T. St. Raymond of Penyafort. NEXT SUNDAY is THE FEAST of the BAPTISM of OUR LORD.

****The Angelus will be said at the end of all Masses in our Parish****

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7.30 a.m.

Mike Knowles RIP

Tues: 8.30 a.m.

Holy Souls (Thanksgiving)

Wed: 9.30 a.m.

(whole School to attend) Deceased of the Nangle family

Thurs: 11.30 a.m.

James and Bridget Burke RIP

7.30 p.m. Adoration until 8.35 p.m. Compline.

Fri: 7.30 a.m.

Deceased of the Egan family **followed by Adoration until 9.15 a.m.**

Sat: 9.00 a.m.

Joe, Doreen and David Salt followed by Rosary & Novena Devotions

Sun: 11.00 a.m.

Naomi Dawn Scarano RIP

6.00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sacred Heart

Sun: 9.00 a.m.

Intentions of the Regan family

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:

G. Broscritti, O. Griffin

St Ambrose's

Sun. 11.00 a.m.

Eucharist Ministers:

M. Kanterek, M. Martin, A. McDermott, M. Roy, C. Vass.

Readers:

M. Holmes, G. Hodgkinson

Sun. 6.00 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers:

J. Gavan and B. Gavan

Readers:

T. Collins, M. Bowdler

Sacred Heart

Sun. 9.00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Readers:

C. Stanley

Church Cleaners Team: C

Offertory Counters Group: 6

Teas/Coffees: J. Goodman, N. Wright

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, Fr. Richard Sharples and Peter Bowdler.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for FRANK FURLONG, of Roden Avenue, who died peacefully at home on New Year's Eve. Fr. Lamb will be responsible for three Funerals in Stourport during the coming week : DAVID MULREADY of Birchen Coppice on Tuesday; and on Wednesday that of JOAN BARKER at 11.15 a.m., and VALERIE DAVIS at 2.15 p.m.

Please note the arrangements for Mass and Adoration on Friday – Mass at 7.30 a.m. followed by Adoration until 9.15 a.m. This is necessary because of the Funeral Mass for Fr. JOHN ELLIS which is in Our Lady and St. Dominic's Church in Stone at 12 noon.

BUNTY COOK'S Funeral has now been arranged for the Sacred Heart Church in Tenbury on Friday, January 17th at 11.00 a.m., followed by Cremation at Worcester Crematorium.

VERA TOMAN died in the early hours of Thursday morning in Brookdale Nursing Home. She was the House Keeper at St. Wulstan's in Fr. Lamb's time, and came here for a few months to help me to settle in. She was a fine charitable woman who lived to the great old age of 97 years.

Christmas Day Community Lunch at St. Ambrose's, Kidderminster, 2019: 50 Guests enjoyed the hospitality at St. Ambrose's, provided by Churches Together in Kidderminster, with twenty ecumenical volunteers uniting in a most industrious and joyful way to provide a superb meal and entertainment. From the moment of arrival, guests were warmly welcomed by Christianne's famous hugs, the beautifully decorated room and tables and an ambience to warm the coldest day. Sarah provided the live music and later had everyone singing carols with gusto. Giovanni, a celebrated chef, stole time away from all his Christmas chaos, to direct Mary and team in the finer art of culinary delight, which resulted in a first-class Christmas meal. The day ended with The Queen's Speech, transport provided where required, and again much hugging and appreciation of each other. A day of delight and unite baby Jesus with all His family, especially those who would have had little to celebrate.

The Union of Catholic Mothers: Our first meeting of the New Year is on Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Borromeo Hall. All newcomers will be made most welcome.

Maintenance Fund Meeting: Tuesday, January 7th at 6.45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Open to all interested in raising money for St. Ambrose's.

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

Toddlers will start again this Wednesday, 8th January from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome from newborn to pre-schoolers. We are also still looking for additional helpers. Please come along or speak to Elizabeth Buncle if you would like to know more.

Christian Unity Week: We have invited the members of other Christian Churches in Kidderminster to join us on THURSDAY, January 23rd at 7.30 p.m. for a celebration of the Evening Prayer of the Church (the Office of Vespers). During this Service, an address will be given by PREBENDARY STEPHEN THOMAS, a retired priest in the Church of England, and an occasional member of our Tenbury Congregation. Afterwards, we hope it will be possible for us to meet socially in the Parish Centre. Please make a note of this important celebration in the week of Prayer for the unity of Christians.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick: The World Day of Prayer for the Sick will be observed in our Parish on Saturday, February 8th with Mass at 12 noon. The homily will be given by the Revd. Christopher Blackman, a Deacon at St. George's, Worcester who is part of the Chaplaincy team at Worcester Royal Hospital. During Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated. More details will be available nearer the time.

Knock Shrine: Fr. Nigel Woollen, who has spent some years as Curate at Knock Shrine and has published two devotional books on the Apparition will visit our Parish on the weekend of March 6th/7th. He will give a talk on the Apparition and the work of Knock Shrine on the Friday evening, and will offer the Mass and lead the Knock Shrine Devotions on Saturday March 7th. Please try to publicise this opportunity.

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 to meet the financial obligations which we have, in 2019 the 200 Club contributed over £2,500 to Parish funds. 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 contact Janine Nicholls or Martin Grosvenor using the details on the application forms.

Following the 200 Club draw last Saturday evening in the Adams Lounge the lucky winners for December are:

1st £75 No.137 Mr. Bernard Crisp. 2nd £50 No.193 Mrs. Anthea Speers. 3rd £25 No.17 Mr. Gregg Cuncliffe.

Finances :

- i. Thank you for last week's Collection of £730.60. (Envelopes £276.00. Loose Plate £454.60).
- ii. We acknowledge with gratitude a donation of £115 from the Ambrosians.
- iii. £10.00 has been donated to the Maintenance Fund.
- iv. £3.25 has been donated to the Mite Scheme.
- v. St. Ambrose's Red Mission Boxes totalled £2,933 for 2019. Thank you and may you all have a Happy and Peaceful 2020.
- vi. Kemp Hospice say "thank you" to the Tuesday Bingo for the donations totalling £600 in 2019.

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.