

**ST AMBROSE'S PARISH KIDDERMINSTER**

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**SACRED HEART & OUR LADY** Berrington Road Tenbury Wells

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

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A The PRESENTATION of the LORD Week Commencing: February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020**

Psalter Week: 4 CTS Sunday Missal: p. 1114 Preface of the Feast p.1122 Eucharistic Prayer: II p. 602 Mystery of Faith: III

Response to the Psalm: *Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *The Light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people*

**Feast Days this week:** **Mon:** St Blaise **Wed:** St Agatha **Thurs:** St Paul Miki and the Martyrs of Japan.

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

**St Ambrose's**

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| Mon:   | 8.30 am  | Ada Steward RIP   | Blessing of Throats after Mass           |
| Tues:  | 8.30 am  | Antony O'Dowd (Anniv)                                     |  |
| Wed:   | 9.15 am  | Mike Knowles RIP  |  |
| Thurs: | 11.30 am | Alane Harvey RIP  | 7.30 pm Adoration until 8.35 pm Compline |
| Fri:   | 9.30 am  | Adoration until 10.15 am                                  | Mass 10.30 am Derek Cooper RIP           |
| Sat:   | 12 noon  | Mass, with anointing of the Sick (Kitty Heffernan, Anniv) |  |
| Sun:   | 11.00 am | Michael and Martin Downs RIP                              | 6.00 pm The People of the Parish         |

**Sacred Heart**

Sun: 9.00 am Fr Philip Garrett RIP

**n.b. CONFESSIONS:** St Ambrose's: Saturday: **11.00 am – 11.30 am** and by request; Sacred Heart by request

**MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Altar Servers for morning Mass: O Griffin, K Kunivilla

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, L Farmer

Sacred Heart: Sun. 9.00 am  
Eucharistic Ministers: A Speers, A Stanley  
Reader: J Moore

Church Cleaners: Team C                      Offertory Counters: Group 4                      Teas and Coffees: Craft Club

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, Laura Reynolds, Fr Bruce Dutson, Tom Hopkins, Thomas Roy, Bernard Casken, Esther Sharp, Delia Nepi, Helena Collins, Margaret Tillott, Ken Dalby, Fr Richard Sharples, Peter Bowdler, Marion Birch and David Warr.

**Anniversaries:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Charles Ambrose Wheatley, priest here 1885 – 1908 who died on February 7<sup>th</sup> 1940. May he rest in peace.

**Funeral:** The Funeral Mass for VERA TOMAN is at St Wulstans, Stourport on Tuesday at 1.45 pm. Vera was Fr Lamb's housekeeper in Stourport and for his earliest days here. May she rest in peace.

**Blessing of Throats:** The traditional Blessing of Throats on the Feast of St Blaise will take place after Mass on Monday.

**The Union of Catholic Mothers:** meets on Monday at 7.30 pm in the Borrromeo Hall for a bingo evening.

**Adams Lounge:** A number of books which belonged to Fr Derek Edwards (RIP) and others collected over the years have now been placed in the garden end of the Adams Lounge. They constitute the basis of a Parish Lending Library, and will also provide a source of reference. A small library area will be created, and Joel Douglas has kindly agreed to classify them for ease of use. If any parishioner(s) would be prepared to oversee this project and act as librarian, the Parish Priest will be glad to hear from them.

**The Montini Group:** As we draw near the end of our Study of the Rule of St Benedict, we shall meet again on Tuesday in the Montini Room to discuss Guests and Hospitality, and what we can learn for our own homes and Parish Community. The meeting begins at 7.45 pm.

**Craft Club:** will meet on Tuesday in the Borrromeo Hall at 7.30 pm. New members always very welcome.

**CMS:** The first CMS plan meeting of 2020 will be on February 5<sup>th</sup> in the Montini Room at 7.30 pm. The topic will be a general discussion on 'Our Church/Young People'. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.

**St Ambrose Baby and Toddler Group:** is back on again this week, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 9 – 11 am. Suitable for babies up to pre-schoolers. All welcome. We would also like to invite the parish to our cake sale on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February after morning Mass.

**Bible Study:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 34 Aggborough Crescent Kidderminster (741794) 2 pm for 2.30 pm start. Refreshments provided. New members most welcome.

**St Ambrose Companions:** welcomes widows, widowers and those who live alone. Our next meeting is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 12 noon to 2 pm in the Adams Lounge. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick:** will be observed in our Parish on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 12 noon. The homily will be given by 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.

**Torn Curtain:** A newly revised musical by Roger Jones will be presented by New Life Together, with Roger Jones and his soloists, in Trinity Methodist Church at 7.30 pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets £6 are available from Sue Stinton (K. 752798) or Katy Cornwell (K.861023) or pay at the door. Please see Notice Board.

**UCM Cake Sale:** will be held in the Borrromeo Hall after 11 am Mass next Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> February). The proceeds are to go towards the cost for a student at Hagley School to make the pilgrimage to Lourdes as a helper.

**Entertainment Wednesday:** February 12<sup>th</sup> 3 -5.30pm. Solo guitarist playing 50s and 60s country music. £5 at the door to include light refreshments. Proceeds to the Maintenance Fund.

**Knock Shrine:** Fr Nigel Woollen, who has spent some years as Curate at Knock Shrine, and who has published two devotional books on the Apparition, will visit our Parish on the weekend of March 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>. Please try to publicise this opportunity.

**Knock Shrine Pilgrimage April 20<sup>th</sup> 2020:** Fully escorted, £599 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10 kg hand luggage, all transfers, four nights in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions are also included, and lunches on days out. Wheelchair-accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:** Seven nights accommodation and Airport Shuttle Service from €266 per person. Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split airports. Call Jacke for further information and book 020 3239 8662 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com) or [Jackie@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:Jackie@med-irishcentre.com). Website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com).

**200 Club:** 2020 subscriptions are now due. There is a total prize fund of £2500 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 £2500 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, please fill in a 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 Grovenor using the details on the application forms.

**Finances:** Thank you for last week's Offertory of £651.32 (Plate: £496.62; Envelope: £254.70)

**St Ambrose's Parish Centre**

Available for meetings, seminars, parties and functions of all kinds.  
Contact Joel Douglas on 07513 295817 or at [booking.stambrose@gmail.com](mailto:booking.stambrose@gmail.com)  
**Bingo:** Weekly on Tuesdays at 8.00 pm