

ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH, KIDDERMINSTER & SACRED HEART CHURCH, TENBURY WELLS



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Sunday, August 10th 2025.



Parish Priest: Canon Douglas Lamb.

Deacons: Revd. Adam Nicholls. & Revd. Charles Duncombe.

Secretary to Canon D. Lamb: Mr Joseph Moran.

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The Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (C)



ONE BODY,

ONE SPIRIT,

IN CHRIST.

Psalter Week III.

The Preface of Sundays, Eucharistic Prayer & Acclamation are at the discretion of the visiting Celebrant

TIMES of HOLY MASS, FEAST DAYS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY August 11 th	Mem. of St. Clare, early disciple of St. Francis Assisi & Foundress of the Poor Clares. 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion followed by <i>Pro-Life Rosary</i> .
TUESDAY August 12 th	Dedication of St Jane Frances de Chantal, Foundress of the Order of the Visitation under the spiritual direction of St. Frances de Sales. 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY August 13 th	Local Com. of Blessed William Freeman; English Martyr, died in 1595. 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion
THURSDAY August 14 th	Mem. of St. Maximillian Kolbe, devoted to Our Lady, preached in Europe & Japan. Martyred at Auschwitz in 1941. 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion 7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with the Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.
FRIDAY August 15 th	Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady. 9:30 am. Alane Harvey (Anniv.) 11:30 am. (Tenbury Wells) Celebrant's Int. NO EVENING MASS
SATURDAY August 16 th	Feria. 9 am. Office of Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Holy Communion followed by <i>Rosary & Novena Devotions</i> .
SUNDAY NEXT August 17 th	is the Twentieth Sunday of the Year (C). 9 am. (Tenbury Wells) Celebrant's Int. 11 am. <i>Joyce Berry RIP</i> NO EVENING MASS

CONFESSIONS *No Confessions in August on Saturdays. By request when a visiting priest is available.*

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am. Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: CMS & Alberto Maffei

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. E. Darbyshire 6 pm. A. Nicholls

READERS: 11 am. C. Ahu 6 pm. M. Hackett

CLEANING TEAM: A (Wednesday morning)

TENBURY: Additional minister: M. Harper Reader: A. Stanley

REST IN PEACE: ANTHONY DAVIES RIP of Larches Road, died recently. His Funeral Mass will be on August 29th at 12 Noon prior to burial in Kidderminster. His Funeral Mass will be on August 29th at 12 Noon, prior to burial in Kidderminster Cemetery. DAVE BORKOWSKI rip died just a week after his daughter's marriage in our church. Despite the severity of his illness he was able to bring her down the aisle for the ceremony. We continue to pray for RICHARD THOMAS RIP, LAWRENCE SPEERS RIP, ROBERT CORBO RIP, ROBERT ROUSE RIP, FR. TONY ROHAN RIP and all who have died recently. The Funeral of PATRICK STEWART RIP will be in the Wyre Forest Crematorium on August 29th at 3:30 pm. Pray also for the repose of GEORGE HACKETT RIP who died on Friday, August 8th. Funeral details to follow.

ADDITIONAL MINISTER of HOLY COMMUNION: It is good that JOSH KURUVILLA has agreed to be commissioned as an Additional Minister of Holy Communion. There will be a Commissioning Service towards the end of September.

ABSENT: I will be absent from the Parish after morning Mass on Wednesday until the evening of Thursday, August 28th. The Vincention Fathers will give a Mission on August 10th and the Masses will be as usual. Fr. JUSTIN KARAKADU, from Oscott College, will offer the Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption (on August 15th) at 9:30 am. in St. Ambrose's and 11:30 am. at Sacred Heart, **there will not be an evening Mass.** Fr. ANDREW ROBINSON, also of Oscott College, will offer the morning Masses on Sunday, August 17th. **There will not be an evening Mass on those two Sundays (the 10th or 17th).** On week-days there will be Services of the Word with the Office of Morning Prayer & Holy Communion, and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be as usual on Thursdays from 7:30 pm. Funeral Services can be arranged with Revd. Charles Duncombe; Funeral Masses will resume from August 29th onwards, arranged with consultation via Rev. Charles Duncombe and / or Joseph Moran. E-mails & answerphone messages will be collected regularly. In case of serious emergency please contact: Fr. Richard Sharples (St. Wulstan's, Stourport on Severn) 01299 822633 or Our Lady & All Saints, Stourbridge, 01384 395308.

TOMBOLA DONATIONS: Call for Prizes - please donate prizes for the Tombola, especially bottles, but anything suitable and good quality will be gratefully received. You can drop off donations at the Rectory or contact JOY FARMER on 0751 7294 175.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Saturday, September 6th in London. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. A coach leaves from Our Lady & All Saints church in Stourbridge, DY8 1PQ at 6:30 am. Seats are £25, payable in advance. Contact Alice: 0784-5706-362.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE to EVESHAM: has been arranged by the Deanery to the Church of OUR LADY and ST. EGWIN, Evesham on Saturday September 13th, with Mass at 12 noon. The Dean is anxious that all parishes in the Deanery are represented. Cris CRASSUS has kindly agreed to facilitate this, and a list of intending pilgrims will be drawn up. Many will be able to travel by car but we are happy to arrange a coach if this is necessary. Please express your intention to attend by signing the list at the back of the church, indicating travel preference.

PILGRIMS PROGRESS (3): Over 20 years ago I was invited to go on a pilgrimage to Madjugorje in Bosnia, where Our Lady is reported to appear everyday since 1981. (The Church has not made any decisions on the authenticity of the apparitions and investigations are still on-going). I had no desire to go whatsoever but as the trip had been paid for by someone else I thought I better had show willing. I was undecided about the whole concept of apparitions and shrines and pilgrimages - but I was impressed by see queues of hundreds waiting for Confession and several thousands of people kneeling outdoors for Adoration in total silence. 'By their fruits you shall know them.' The basic message we heard there was that there are 'five tools' to grow in holiness. These are: Prayer, the Eucharist, Fasting, Scripture and Confession. I didn't have any particular experiences whilst I was there, in many ways I didn't really enjoy the visit at all, however what was noticeable AFTER I returned home was the growing and persistent desire to live the message. All these years later I still pray the rosary daily - despite it often feeling like a chore - I read the Bible readings for that day when I remember, attend Mass and Adoration as often as I can, try (and usually fail!) to Fast on Fridays, and go to Confession monthly. It certainly isn't in my own nature to desire discipline and routine, so I am certain the grace to want to do these things was obtained on that first pilgrimage. Regardless of what we think of Medjugorje there is no controversy over those five good practices of our Faith and so I urge you to give them a try - but maybe a pilgrimage is needed to kick start your efforts? - Anonymous.

OFFERTORY TOTAL: £278.10

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and all who have need of our prayers, especially: Ann Allsopp, Trina Cole, Clare Conway, Olive Cooke, Alan Cunningham, Charlotte Doohan, Michael Dunne, Fr. Bruce Dutson, Ren Edward Evans, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Emilia Gissying, Margaret Grimley, Lola Hartland, Kathleen Hegarty, Annie Holcroft, Margaret Holmes, Christine Hopkins, Boban Joseph, Shirley Keogh, Joan Kinsella, Pam Lay, Francesca Lloyd, Arwen Lockley, Catherine Malcolmson-Priest, James McCarthy, Barry McManmon, Sheila Mikulicz, John Nangle, Brigid Nestor, William Nixon, Fran Oborski, Ian Page, Bridget Power, Veronica Pugh, Amanda Rattigan, Sarah Rejman-Greene, Jan Richards, Jackie Sands, Thomas Smith, Anthea Speers, Liz Steadman, Ray Stride, Ethel Thomas, Jim Thomas, Margaret Tillott, Jill Tombs, Christopher Tovey, Lynn Tovey, Lyndon Whatley, Michael Williams, Nuala O' Toole, Keith Weaver.

WEEK-END MASS TIMES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:

Ludlow: Sat 6 pm./Sun 11 am.
8:30 am. & 11 am.
pm. / Sun. 8:30 am & 10:30 am.

Cleobury Mortimer: Sun 9 am.
Harvington: Sun 8:30 am. & 10:30 am.

Stourport: Sat 5:30 pm. & Sun 10 am.
Droitwich Spa: Sun 8:30 am. 10:30 am & 6 pm.

Stourbridge: Sat 5 pm./ Sun
Bromsgrove: Sat 6

This Parish operates in accordance with 'Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures' at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Peter Harler, Niall Doherty & Maggie Wolloshin (Tenbury Wells). They can be contacted at: sg.stambrose.kidderminster@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the 'Diocesan Safeguarding team' can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns. The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216.