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Epiphany Sunday Year A Psalter Week 2 CTS Sunday Missal p. 118 Week ending: January 4th/5th 2014

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Tues: St Raymond of Penafort

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7.30 am Peter Conway RIP
Tues: 8.30 am Kitty Cooper RIP 10.30 am Funeral: JUNE REYNOLDS RIP
Wed: 9.30 am Funeral: KATHLEEN McKENNA RIP
Thurs: 8.30 am Michael O'Shaughnessy RIP 7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)
Fri: 11.15 am Funeral: ERIC WHITTAKER RIP 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm Holy Communion
Sat: 9.00 am (Old Rite) Charles & Marie Evans RIP 5.45 pm Pat Quinn RIP
Sun: 9.30 am Anthony O'Dowd RIP

Our Lady's

Mon: 10.00 am Holy Communion (Prayer Group)
Fri: 9.00 – 9.45 am Adoration 10.00 am Jim Toomey RIP
Sun: 5.00 pm Phil Denver RIP

Sacred Heart

Sun: 11.30 am The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS

St Ambrose's: Saturday: 11.45 am – 12.45 pm; 6.30 – 7.00 pm and by request
Sacred Heart: By request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Jay-Jay Bishop, Robert Darbyshire

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's **Sat.** 5.45 pm G Bennett, B Galvin, A McDermott
Sun. 9.30 am M Bradley, C Duncombe, E Fox, D Holdstock, C Vass
Our Lady's **Sun.** 5.00 pm M Harper, N Taylor
Sacred Heart **Sun.** 11.30 am M Hesketh, B Taylor, R Tovey

Readers

T Alexander
D Duncombe
J Walker, A Wright
To be appointed

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team A **Offertory Counters:** Group 3

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Margaret Blizard, Alan Bullock, Pope Benedict XVI, Dorothy Atwell, Albert and Elsie Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Linda Button, Jackie Caine, Catherine Carroll, Nigel Collier, Nora Collins, David Connolly, Rob Conway, Elsie Corti, Rob Cotgrave, Jane Cox, Pam Cunningham, Eamonn Dalton, Dorothy Donigan, Joni Dunlea, Sr Maureen Fay, Victoria Fleming, Corinne Fox, Anthony Georgieff, Frances Graves, Shirley Hale, May Hampsey, Margaret Harley, Mary Harris, Christine & Tom Hopkins, Vicki Houghton, Keeley John, Jan Joyce, John Joyce, Ben Kelly, Marie Lane, Lynda Law, Felicity Librie, Audrey Little, Eleanor Lloyd, Bridget Locke, Arwen Lockley, Peter McQuillan, Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Lee Maund, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Noreen Murphy, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Maureen O'Neill, Daniel Oxenham, Joyce Parker, Gordon Peyton, Chris Price, Janet Richards, Nancy Ruffinato, Harold Salter, Rita Simmonds, Jonathan Slater, Cecil Smith, Margaret Smith, Marie Stokes, Edward Sutton, Carmen Thomas, Jim Thomas, Frances Tovey, Peter Towers, Patricia Virr, George Watkins, Edith Wilkes and Rene Yates.

Entrance Antiphon: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

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

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Preface: of Epiphany p.554

Eucharistic Prayer: I p. 591

Mystery of Faith: III

Communion Antiphon: The brightness of God illumined the holy city, Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

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

Christmas Offerings: Thank you for the very generous Christmas Offerings, and the further raft of good wishes and greetings. I do hope that I shall prove worthy of such kindness. Thank you.

Mass Cards: A new selection of Mass cards ('For your intentions' and 'For the Dead') is now in the shop in St Ambrose's. We apologise for the delay in obtaining them.

Recently Deceased: The following arrangements have now been made for the Funeral Masses of:

JUNE REYNOLDS: Tuesday January 7th 10.30 am Funeral Mass, followed by burial at Wyre Forest Cemetery

KATHLEEN McKENNA: Reception Tuesday January 7th 4.30 pm; Funeral Mass: Wednesday January 8th 9.30 am; Burial at St John's Wolverley

ERIC WHITTAKER: Reception Thursday January 9th 4.30 pm; Funeral Mass: Friday January 10th 11.15 am; Burial in Cheltenham.

Anniversary: Today is the anniversary of the death in 2008 of Fr PHILIP GARRETT who served our Church in Tenbury 2002-2006. He is buried at Belmont Abbey.

Moveable Feasts: It is traditional to announce the moveable feasts of the current year on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. They are as follows:

ASH WEDNESDAY (The beginning of Lent)	March 5 th
GOOD FRIDAY	April 18 th
EASTER SUNDAY (The Solemnity of the Resurrection)	April 20 th
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION	June 1 st
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST	June 8 th
SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)	June 22 nd
SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS	June 27 th
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	November 23 rd
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	November 30 th

Please note other significant dates in our Parish:

LENT MISSION April 1st – April 5th

- Tuesday April 1st: 'Let us call to mind our sins' (Fr Stephen Goodman)
- Wednesday April 2nd: 'The Word of the Lord' (Revd Rose Lawley, Revd John Williams)
- Thursday April 3rd: 'This is my Body, this is my Blood' (Fr David Gnosill)
- Friday April 4th: 'Behold the Lamb of God' (Fr Gary Buckley)
- Saturday April 5th: 'Go, and announce the Gospel of the Lord' (Parish Symposium).

SACRED HEART TENBURY 75th Anniversary

Solemn Triduum preached by Fr Joseph Gavigan

- Wednesday June 25th Our Lady's Habberley
- Thursday June 26th St Ambrose's
- Friday June 27th Sacred Heart, Tenbury Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving

DIACONATE ORDINATION: Charles Duncombe

Sunday July 20th at 3 pm St Chad's Cathedral

Weekday Mass Times: Thank you to everyone who completed the recent survey. As was feared, no clear consensus was reached, the slight balance being in favour of things remaining as they are. My own schedule can sometimes make the times erratic, and for this I apologise. I will do my best to ensure that there are not too many deviations from the present pattern but I hope that many will make the New Year Resolution to attend Mass (especially on Solemnities and Feast Days, and the weekdays of Lent). Also, I would commend the Friday evening Service of the Rosary and a Service of the Word with Holy Communion (led by either our Deacon or one of the two preparing for Ordination). This Devotion was inaugurated in our earliest days (1992) by Dr Peter Mason to encourage prayer for our many sick parishioners; it has been described by one of its regular participants as 'a very special intimate gathering'.

Teas and Coffees: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass by the Parent & Toddler Group/Craft Group and next Sunday by the Children's Liturgy Group.

Missa Cantata: There is a Sung Mass in the Old Rite today at 3.00 pm in St Ambrose's.

New Life Together: will be presenting 'On Christmas Night' by Bob Chilcott in St Ambrose's Church THIS EVENING (Sunday) at 6.30 pm. All most welcome.

Christ and His Church: Our meetings resume in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7.45 pm. Our subject will be the Sufferings of Jesus. Once again, participants are asked to bring a copy of the New Testament. At this time of the year, we prepare to receive new members to Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the forthcoming Easter Vigil. Anyone wishing to enter Full Communion is asked to make themselves known, in writing, to the Parish Priest by Sunday January 19th. Thanks to those who have already made their intentions known.

Catholic Men's Society: The St Ambrose's Branch of the Catholic Men's Society will meet in the Rectory on Wednesday at 7.30 pm for their Annual General Meeting and to plan the year ahead. It would be encouraging to see numbers bolstered in the coming year.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The next SVP meeting is on Monday 13th January at 11 am in the Borromeo Hall.

Greenhill Pact: The next meeting of the Greenhill Pact will be in the Adams Lounge on Monday January 13th at 7 pm to discuss ways of improving services and life in the Greenhill area. Any parishioners with concerns about our local area are welcome to attend.

Churches Together in Kidderminster: The next meeting of the Churches Together in Kidderminster will be at St John's, Blakebrook on Wednesday January 15th at 7.30 pm.

Ambrosian Group: The members meet for their monthly shared lunch on Thursday 16th January from 12.15 pm. There is an opportunity to attend the 11.30 am Mass in St Ambrose's.

Finances:

- White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding its annual White Flower Appeal here over the weekend 11th/12th January. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of concerns. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion, embryo research and unethical fertility techniques, and in recent years it has helped fight euthanasia too. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers a number of pro-life support services including those for teachers, parents and medical professionals. SPUC needs your support more than ever to help those struggling as a result of anti-life laws and policies in their daily lives.
- Clergy Training Fund: Those parishioners who make an annual contribution to the Fund are reminded that they may put this in the collection at weekend Mass, in an envelope marked 'Clergy Training Fund'. Many thanks for your continued support. Any parishioner wishing to find out more about the Fund should contact Mary Heffernan on K.743639.
- Thank you for the Offertory last week of £832.66 (Loose plate: £550.86 Envelope Scheme: £281.80).
- The Parent & Toddler Group has donated £100 to Parish Funds for which we are very grateful

Borromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: available for functions of all kinds; parties, receptions etc. Please contact Mary Preston (07513 295817) or Margaret Blizard (07742 730680).

Every Friday: Folk music in the Adams Lounge with visiting musicians/singers and instrumentalists. Free admission 8pm-late.