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First Sunday of Advent Year A Psalter Week 1 CTS Sunday Missal p. 27 Week ending: November 30th/December 1st 2013

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: **Tues:** St Francis Xavier **Wed.** St John Damascene **Thurs:** St Birinius **Fri:** St Nicholas
Sat: THE SOLEMNITY OF ST AMBROSE

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Ambrose's

Mon: 7.30 am Giuseppe di Paola (Anniv)

Tues: 8.30 am Austin O'Shaughnessy (Anniv)

Wed: 8.30 am Peter Conway RIP

Thurs: 11.30 am Sheila Freeman RIP 7.30 pm Adoration until 10 pm (Compline 9.45 pm)

Fri: 2.00 pm Intentions of Gordon & Jeanne Connolly 7.10 pm Rosary 7.30 pm Holy Communion

Sat: 9.00 am (Old Rite) Elizabeth Lamb RIP 12.00 noon CONFIRMATION (Patrick Nestor, Anniv)

5.45 pm Bernard Grovenor & Mary Davis RIP

Sun: 9.30 am The People of the Parish

Our Lady's

Mon: 10.00 am Holy Communion (Prayer Group)

Fri: 9.00 – 9.45 am Adoration 10.00 am Peter Mullard RIP

Sun: 5.00 pm Michael O'Shaughnessy RIP

Sacred Heart

Sun: 11.30 am Richard Hinds RIP

CONFESSIONS: *St Ambrose's:* Thursday: 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm ; Friday: 7 pm – 8 pm Saturday: 6.30 – 7.00 pm and by request

Sacred Heart: By request

MINISTRIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Altar Servers for morning Mass: Robert Darbyshire, Sam Downs

Eucharistic Ministers

St Ambrose's **Sat.** 5.45 pm N Doherty, B Galvin, B McFarland
Sun. 9.30 am G Bennett, D David, T Hart, P Hunt, C Vass

Our Lady's **Sun.** 5.00 pm M Hesketh, B Taylor, R Tovey

Sacred Heart **Sun.** 11.30 am M Harper, M Peyton

Readers

T Alexander

C Villa

B Gavan, O Da Costa

Trina Cole

Church Cleaners (St Ambrose's): Team A **Offertory Counters:** Group 5

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Pope Benedict XVI, Dorothy Atwell, Albert and Elsie Barr, Peggy Baynton, Christina Bickley, Frank Bourke, Linda Button, Jackie Caine, 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, Fernanda and Michael Maffei, Marjorie Male, Lynne Marshall, Lee Maund, Sheila Mikulicz, Jean Mulligan, Noreen Murphy, Kitty Murray, John Nangle, Andrew Neale, Delia Nepi, Margaret Norris, Pat Norris, Beatrice 'Myrtle' O'Mahoney, Mareen 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, Eric Whittaker, Edith Wilkes and Rene Yates.

Entrance Antiphon: To you I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Response to the Psalm: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'.

Gospel acclamation: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

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Mystery of Faith I

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Baptisms: We welcome Rebecca and Charlotte Richards who are being baptised during the Family Mass today.

Rest in Peace: Julia Bernadette Monger, of St Peter's Close, died on November 21st in a Nursing Home in Kinlet. Her Funeral Service will be in the Wyre Forest Crematorium on Thursday. May she rest in peace.

Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers are asked to collect December rotas from the Sacristy at St Ambrose's, or the narthex at Our Lady's after Mass today. Appointments have been made for the Christmas Masses but there may need to be alterations.

Missa Cantata: This afternoon in St Ambrose's at 3 pm there will be a Sung Mass in the Old Rite for the First Sunday of Advent.

Teas and Coffees: will be provided in the Borromeo Hall after 9.30 am Mass today by the UCM (as part of the bazaar) and next Sunday by the Ambrosians. Thanks to the Bowls Club for agreeing to join forces with the CMS on the rota.

Advent Evening Prayer: On the first three Sundays in Advent we shall celebrate the Evening Prayer of the Church at 6.30 pm in St Ambrose's with Advent Music and Meditation. On the fourth Sunday, December 22nd, there will be a Service of Readings and Carols in Church at 6.30 pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Adams Lounge for the Grand Christmas Draw.

The Union Of Catholic Mothers: will meet on Monday 2nd December at 7.30 pm in the Borromeo Hall. The meeting will be followed by an Advent Meditation.

Craft Club: The Craft Club will meet in the Borromeo Hall on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. New members will be made most welcome.

Christ and His Church: The final meeting before Christmas will take place in the Montini Room on Tuesday at 7.45 pm when we shall discuss the Parables of Jesus. Participants are asked to bring a copy of the New Testament to this meeting. There will be mince pies and seasonal drinks after the meeting.

Living Embers: Ecumenical women's group will meet on Wednesday 4th December at 10 for 10.30 am at Trinity Methodist Church. Please come as part of your Advent preparations.

Staff Advent Holy Hour: The Staff and Governors of our School are invited to an Advent Holy Hour in the Church on Wednesday at 3.30 pm.

Bible Study: Wednesday 4th December at 2 pm at 34 Aggborough Crescent, Kidderminster (741794). We will then be having a winter break and meet again on the first Wednesday in February.

Confirmation Preparation: The final meeting of preparation will take place in the School Hall on Wednesday December 4th at 6.30 pm. It will include a practice in Church for the Candidates and a meeting with the Parish Priest for the parents.

School Mass: The School Mass to celebrate the Patronal Feast Day of St Ambrose will be offered in Church on FRIDAY at 2 pm.

Solemnity of St Ambrose: The Patronal Feast of our Parish is on Saturday, December 7th. There will be Mass in the Old Rite on that day at 9.00 am and at 12.00 noon, His Grace, the Archbishop will confirm our children during the principal Mass. The Mass is for all parishioners to join together to support our Confirmandi and to ask for our Saint's intercession for the whole Parish. There will be refreshments afterwards (a buffet supplied by Aidan Tagg) and the Adams Lounge will also be open. In the evening, in the Adams Lounge, there will be a **Saints and Sinners Quiz Night**, hosted by the Parish Priest for teams of 3 – 5 people. Please let all of us make this a memorable day for everyone.

Christmas Tree Cards: Why send individual cards when from this weekend at both Kidderminster Churches you can write one card with a message to all parishioners and make a donation to Mary's Meals, a charity that feeds starving children. Cards will be displayed on a tree at the back of Church.

Holy Innocents Church: in Stourport Road, is hosting a Cribfest on Saturday 7th December 10 am – 12 noon. The diverse display of Nativity Cribs is well worth a visit and there will be refreshments and a warm welcome.

Advent Penitential Services: The Services of Penance, with individual Confessions, have been arranged in our Deanery as follows:

Monday December 16 th :	St Wulstans, Stourport on Severn	Tuesday December 17 th :	Sacred Heart, Droitwich
Wednesday December 18 th :	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redditch	Thursday December 19 th :	St Ambrose's, Kidderminster
Friday December 20 th :	St Peter's Bromsgrove.		

All Services will begin at 7.30 pm.

CAFOD Thanks: Thank you for donating to our Typhoon Haiyan appeal for which **£1,982.80** has been received. The super typhoon has been described as the most powerful storm ever to make landfall causing catastrophic destruction throughout the Philippines. Thousands are feared dead and millions of people forced from their homes, and the crisis is far from over. We are working with local parishes to provide food, emergency shelter & essential good for people who have lost everything and in the longer term will help them rebuild homes and start earning a living again. Thank you for caring about our ongoing emergency work. Please continue to pray for all affected. For more information go to cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

Skittles Evening: In aid of Kemp Hospice. A big thank you to all who supported the event and a special thank you to the men who set up the alley and worked hard all evening. A total of £220 was raised. Thank you.

Finances:

- i. Thank you for last week's Offertory of £879.11 (Envelope Scheme £308; loose £570.11)
- ii. So far, the total for the Catholic Youth Service is £131.06
- iii. Thanks to our Whist players who have given a further donation of £100 to parish funds
- iv. We acknowledge with gratitude a donation of £66.00 given in memory of Mrs Marjorie Johnston. May she rest in peace.

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.

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