

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



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Sunday, July 27th 2025.



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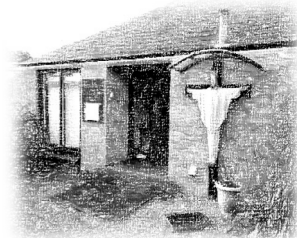
The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (C)



ONE BODY,

ONE SPIRIT,

IN CHRIST.



Psalter Week I.

Preface of Sundays VIII.

Eucharistic Prayer I.

Acclamation III.

TIMES of HOLY MASS, FEAST DAYS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY

Feria.

July 28th

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. *Cherry Bryan* RIP followed by *Pro-Life Rosary*.

TUESDAY

Mem. of Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus; friends of Our Lord.

July 29th

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. *Teresa Friar* (neè Kelly) RIP

WEDNESDAY

Mem. of St. Peter Chrysologus; 5th century Bishop & Doctor of the Church.

July 30th

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Int. of *Paul, Jacqueline & Thomas Weaver*

THURSDAY

Mem. of St. Ignatius of Loyola; 16th century priest; Founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

July 31st

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. Int. of *Nicola Avery*

1:30 pm. Funeral Mass for *Frances Tovey* RIP

4:30 pm. Reception of the late *Brian Lynch* RIP

7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with the Office of Compline at 8:30 pm.

FRIDAY

Mem. of St. Alphonsus Ligouri; 18th century Bishop & Doctor of the Church, Founder of the Redemptorists

August 1st

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. *Josephine Hession* (Anniv.)

10:15 am. Funeral Mass of *Brian Lynch* RIP

SATURDAY

Memorial of St. Peter Julian Eymard; 19th century priest & Apostle of the Eucharist

August 2nd

8:45 am. Office of Morning Prayer

9 am. *Joyce Berry* RIP followed by *Rosary & Novena Devotions*.

SUNDAY NEXT is the **Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (C)**

August 3rd

9 am. (Tenbury Wells) *Peter Bowdler* (Anniv.)

11 am. *Angelo & Assunta Vaccaro* RIP (the Baptism, Confirmation & Reception of *Bethan Buckley*)

6 pm. The People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS are heard on Saturday 11:45 am. - 12:45 pm. and at any other time by request.

TEAS & COFFEES after 11 am. Mass in the Adams Lounge next Sunday: M. Cunliffe, B. Martin & C. Vass.

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS: 11 am. E. Bunclie 6 pm. N/A

READERS: 11 am. T. Alexander 6 pm. N/A

CLEANING TEAM: C

TENBURY: Additional minister: B. Peissel. Reader: M. Wolloshin

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for Richard THOMAS RIP, husband of Ethel. He died in Worcester Hospital on Sunday evening after a distressing few weeks of illness. Fr. Tony ROHAN RIP, Parish Priest of Our Lady & Mt. Carmel, Redditch, died last Sunday after a long illness. He was an outstanding priest and a very good friend to so many of us. The following Funerals are arranged:

FRANCES TOVEY RIP: Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 1:30 pm. followed by cremation.

BRIAN LYNCH RIP: Reception on Wednesday at 4:30 pm with Funeral Mass on Thursday 10:15 am. followed by cremation.

LAWRENCE SPEERS RIP: Funeral Service & Burial at St. Peter's Church, Eastham, Tenbury Wells. August 14th at 12 Noon.

ROBERT ROUSE RIP, died recently, please pray for the repose of his soul.

SPUC: Please support to-day's retiring Collection as generously as possible, to help in challenging current legislation on issues of human life.

ONCE AGAIN: I am grateful for the many words of support and encouragement that I have received following last week's homily.

ABSENT: I will be absent from the Parish after morning Mass on August 6th until the evening of Thursday, August 28th. The Vincentian 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.

CHOIR & MUSIC GROUP: will resume in September.

NEXT SUNDAY: Please pray during the coming week for BETHAN BUCKLEY, who has been preparing for several months to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. She will be Baptised, Confirmed and will receive Holy Communion for the first time during Mass at 11 am. next Sunday.

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

MASS INTENTIONS: We make every effort to offer Masses on specific dates, when requested, but sometimes it is not possible to do so. A priest will normally not offer more than one Mass on any day where there has been a stipend (Mass offering) donated. On Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, a Parish Priest is bound by Canon Law to offer one Mass for the people of the Parish. Sometimes Masses are requested far in advance, and it is often not possible to re-arrange previous requests. We do hope that that parishioners understand when it is not possible to arrange a Mass on a specific day, though we shall continue to do our best to honour requests as they are received.

ADDITIONAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: We ask ALL our Ministers to make available the names of those to whom they minister Holy Communion at home. It will be helpful if these names were made known before the end of the week. I am grateful to KIT SY, who has agreed to be commissioned as an Additional Minister of Holy Communion in the early Autumn. Please pray also for ANNE NICHOLS, who will be commissioned during Mass at 11 am. to-day.

PAINTING & DECORATING: The painting & decorating team is asking for volunteers to assist in sugar soaping and poly-filling the choir loft walls, this will include some ladder work. The ceiling and windows will be cleaned and repaired by those using a tower. Painting will then commence. It is planned that the choir loft will be open daily, except on Sundays, from 10 am, to close during the Summer recess starting on July 21st to September 6th 2025, but will close earlier if the work is completed or for liturgical reasons. If you are interested please advise Deacon Charles Duncombe or Mark Farmer.

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.

PILGRIMAGE to the BULL & BLADDER: Thanks to all who came along and contributed to a most enjoyable evening in what the *Daily Telegraph* described as 'the best boozer in the country'.

PILGRIMS of HOPE: During this Jubilee Year we are asked to think of ourselves as 'Pilgrims of Hope' (Pope Francis). During these summer weeks Elizabeth Fox has suggested that some of our parishioners should share some thoughts with us: *Pilgrim's Progress? We have been asked to share our experiences on Pilgrimage and this is my story. My husband and I were greatly disappointed that we had been unable to have children during our thirteen years of marriage. IVF had become available but I refused and prayed always for the grace to accept God's will. In 1980 we were meandering through Brittany in our VW campervan and came across a place of pilgrimage in Callac. It is practically unknown and, indeed, on the occasions we have returned there, we have not met anyone else and enjoyed a private audience with Our Lord and his Blessed Mother. It is a hill with the Stations of the Cross and on descending, there is a Grotto with Our Lady's Statue. Without even conferring, my husband and I prayed desperately for the family we longed for. Our prayers were heard and our daughter was born 10 months later and our son the following year. Our miracle children know this is our special place and we have returned several times as a family to thank God and we have a plaque at the Grotto denoting our answered prayer. When I shared this with my son he immediately said, "Let's go again soon." - Madeleine Roy.*

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 Dutton, Ren Edward Evans, Madonna Endeley, Mary Fieldsend, Emilia Gissnyng, 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.

WEEK-END MASS TIMES IN SURROUNDING PARISHES:

Ludlow: Sat 6 pm./Sun 11 am.

Sun 8:30 am. & 11 am.

Sat 6 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./

Bromsgrove:

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.