

**ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH  
SACRED HEART CHURCH**

**KIDDERMINSTER  
TENBURY WELLS**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time    YEAR C    February 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2022**

<b>MASS TIMES &amp; INTENTIONS:</b>		
<b>MON:</b>	8:45 am. 9 am.	Morning Prayer Anthony O ' Dowd (RIP)
<b>TUE:</b>	8:45 am. 9 am.	Morning Prayer Kitty Heffernan (Anniv.)
<b>WED:</b>	8:45 am. 9 am. 2 pm.	Morning Prayer Peter Strangward (RIP) (School. Year 2) Tom Gibbons (Anniv.)
<b>THURS:</b>	8:50 am. 3 pm. 7:30 pm.	(Winterfold House School) Br. Michael O' Connor (Anniv.) (Sacred Heart, Tenbury) HOLY HOUR Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Office of Compline 8:35 pm.
<b>FRI:</b>	8:45 am. 9 am.	Morning Prayer Sheridan family intention
<b>SAT:</b>	N.B. 9:45 am. 10 am.	Morning Prayer Anthony Murrihy (RIP)
<b>SUN:</b>	9 am. 11 am. 6 pm.	(Tenbury Wells) Int. of Miss O' Brien (RIP) Int. of Sheila Mikulicz (90 <sup>th</sup> birthday) The People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 11:45 am - 12:45 pm and at any time by request

**READERS for Sunday Mass:** 11 am. Danuta Duncombe 6 pm. Peter Young

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Charles Ambrose Wheatley, who died on February 7<sup>th</sup> in 1940.

**FEAST DAYS:** Next Thursday is the Feast of St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict, commemorated in our shrine at the entrance to St. Joseph's Chapel. On This day we should remember the nuns of Oulton Abbey, which closed recently. Our small statue belonged to them, and they were established at Oulton since the middle of the nineteenth century. It was a place of prayer and warm hospitality for the priests of this Diocese, especially those in particular need. Friday is the anniversary of the first appearance of Our Lady at Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

**CMS:** The next C.M.S. meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of February in the hall, the discussion this month is My Family.

**FUNERALS:** The Funeral of Noreen Purslow of Hoo Road, who died on January 15<sup>th</sup> will be at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, prior to cremation at Wyre Forest. Michael Holmes will be cremated on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – the Funeral Service will be the Crematorium at 4:30 pm.

**DEANERY:** The first meeting of the amalgamated Worcester-Kidderminster Deanery will take place on Tuesday at St. George's Worcester at 11:30 am.

**ACCESSION DAY:** Today is the anniversary in 1952 of the death of King George VI and the accession to the throne of Her Majesty, our present Queen. We thank God for the great gift she has been to us and trees are to be planted in the grounds of both our churches to commemorate this unique moment. VIVAT REGINA!

TENBURY HOLY HOUR: A Holy Hour of Reflection before the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Thursday at 3 pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Tenbury, and will conclude with Benediction.

200 CLUB: We would like to thank everyone who has either renewed their membership or has joined for the first time. It is not too late to renew membership or to join the 200 Club, don't forget the monthly prizes are £75, £50 and £25 along with the Big Christmas Draw with prizes of £400, £200 and £100. Please fill in the form at the back of the church and put it on the collection plate or hand in to the Rectory. Any queries please contact Janine Nicholls or Martin Grovenor using the details on the application.

PARISH HISTORY: We need to gauge the number of copies so we have placed a list at the back of the churches for potential purchasers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION This evening during Mass at 6 pm Joseph and Patrick McCarthy will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Joseph Moran has given them some instruction and prepared them for their first Confession. Please pray for the McCarthy family on this special day.

SERVICE OF HEALING: This will be on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. During this service there will be an opportunity to reflect on some of the hurts that many of us have – difficulty in homes and families; in relationships, with addictions, hurts caused by the Church, its representatives, its rules and practices. This could also include family bereavement, the unexpected loss of a child or family member, the hurt of not being able to grieve or hold a Funeral Service during recent months. It will be possible to experience the compassion of Our Lord in a personal and individual way. The service is not intended to be Sacramental, during the preceding week there will opportunities for Confessions, and for the anointing of the sick. I hope that this will be helpful to all of us, that it may be an opening for people to return to religious practice and the life of our Parish community, and that we may be able to experience the joy of Our Lord's healing grace in our lives. As the weeks go on, further suggestions will be made but at the moment, we ask that this service is widely publicised, especially to those for whom it may offer hope and a chance of reconciliation with Our Lord, and our Parish.

AMBROSIAN GROUP: No meetings have taken place over the past year. Please sign the list at the back of the church to express interest in attending the shared lunch, with the idea of 3 courses being served by volunteers. Please contact Peter Young on 01562 750529 or 07866806660 for more information.

<sup>NB</sup> PLEASE NOTE: that the Mass next Saturday will be at 10 am. This is to enable members of the National Executive of the Catholic Men's Society to attend. Many will be travelling from places around the country. They are holding their quarterly meeting at St. Ambrose's on that day.

NEWSLETTERS: If any parishioner has copies of newsletters December 2021 – January 2022, please contact Joseph Moran at the Rectory.

FINANCES: At a recent meeting of the Finance Committee, much gratitude was expressed for the continued very generous support of so many parishioners, enabling us to remain relatively stable during these very difficult times. Many of our Parish groups continue to make contributions to Parish funds, most recently the Baby & Toddlers Group. Thanks to everyone for such support.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: Right to Life is lobbying to prevent any government legislation being hijacked in order to enable assisted suicide. Please support their work by visiting [www.righttolife.org.uk/action-alerts](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/action-alerts).

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick, and for all who have need of our prayers, especially: Trina Cole, Pat O 'Doherty, Peter Hesketh, Jessie Tolley, Annie Holcroft, Veronica Pugh, Sheila Mikulicz, Edward Sage, Jackie Sands, John & Audrey Choyce, Shirley Keogh, Joyce Berry, Clare Conway, Fr. Graham Wilkinson, Madonna Endeley, Christopher Tovey, Mary Kissane, David Warr, Amanda Rattigan, Neil Moule, Kathleen Hegarty, Marie Hesketh, Jim Thomas, Mary Kozicki, Clare Saich, Richard Brocklesby, Michael Holmes, Lawrence Speers, Arwen Lockley, Lyndon Whatley, Maria Cholowa, Margaret Holmes, Ray Stride.