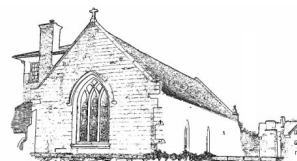


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Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 1 March

8.30 am -
10.30 am -

There will be a second collection on Sunday 1 March for Cathedral Maintenance

First Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments
For the People of The Parish
Private Intention

Monday 2 March

9.00 am -

Feast of St Chad, Bishop

Patron of the Archdiocese
Special Intention

Tuesday 3 March

9.00 am

Lent Feria

Stan Robson R.I.P.

Wednesday 4 March

9.00 am -
#9.30 am -

Lent Feria

Michael Bird's Intention
Discussion Group in the stable

Thursday 5 March

11.30 am -

Lent Feria

Vera Keenan R.I.P.

Friday 6 March

11.30 am -

Lent Feria

First Friday. Lent Fast Day. World Day of Prayer
Mr & Mrs Woodward R.I.P.

Saturday 7 March

10.00 am -

Lent Feria

Commemoration of Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Sunday 8 March

8.30 am -
10.30 am -
5.00 pm -

Second Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments
Stan Robson R.I.P.
For the People of The Parish
Stations of The Cross

There will be a second collection on Sunday 8 March for the CAFOD Lent Fast

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The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets Copies are usually available from the table in the porch and also may be downloaded from:
www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm

The leaflets are used as a basis for conversation in the Discussion Group meeting held at St Mary's each Wednesday. They are in any event useful for us all to read in anticipation of the readings for the coming Sunday .

"Where two or three
come together in my
name, there I am
with them."
Matt 18:20

Anniversaries in March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013) Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018), Vincent Glynn (2019), Michael Bianco (2019)

Prayers for the sick: Michael Bird, Kathleen Clark, Denis Conway, Peter Handley, Jeannie Morrison, Lucinda Robinson.

Readers:

Sunday 1 March

Pat Van Zyl
The Brown Family

Sunday 8 March

Geoff Summers
Tony Blackman

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 1 March

Stephen Fox and Bridget Robson
Steve McWalter and Carla Tucker

Sunday 8 March

Michael Jones and Paul Walmsley
Mary Meese and Annick Harvey

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Friday 6 March

Maureen Brewer, Teresa Crane
& Anne-Marie Robinson

Friday 13 March

Annick Harvey and Sheila Fernihough

MONEY COUNTERS:

For the 1 March collection

John Bradley

For the 8 March collection

Biddy Goodyear and Mary Walmsley

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 23 February

Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00

Gift Aid Envelopes £251.50

Loose cash £192.46

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SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs J Lloyd - 01562 754448

Call 0121 230 6240 to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work. To speak to someone independent of the Church contact the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Peter Boszko

EMERGENCY EXIT: Via sacristy and through the house



Please note St Mary's has a **NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS.**

www.stmarysharvington.org.uk



Everyone is invited to take part in a **PARISH WALK** lead by Audrey Myerscough. This month's walk on **Tuesday 3rd March** follows paths around the Stoke Prior area starting at the Queen's Head, Stoke Pound at **10.30am** and finishes a couple of hours later for lunch. Further details on the clip board in the porch.



The **ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** service this year will be held at Blakedown Church on **Friday March 6th at 11.00am**. June Waterhouse will answer any queries either after 10.30 Mass or on 01562 700639



THE HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP are meeting on Tuesday 3rd March in the stable at 7.00 pm - everyone is welcome to join the group. The current project is the making of cushions for the pews in church.



CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day on Friday 6 March is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia, a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe, continue their vital work.



The Lent edition of the Diocesan publication *The Sower* is available to take from the table in the porch. There is no charge. It is also available online at:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>.



Any young person who is over 11 years of age and has made their First Holy Communion and is a parishioner here is eligible to be prepared for **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** to take place at St Mary's in September. Please complete a form available from the porch table and either hand it to Fr John or post it through the letter box of the Priest's House. Please do not leave this private information on view.



FR JOHN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Thank you to everyone who has returned acceptance cards for the celebratory Afternoon Tea Party to be held on Sunday 15th March at The Oaks Community Hall, Harvington.

As noted on the invitations, *'The Oaks' capacity is 120 so places must be allocated in order of receipt.*

We have now achieved that number and tickets confirming your place are in named envelopes in the porch today. If you are unable to use your allocated ticket please return it to Amalia Costanzo or Maggie Skinner as acceptances received today and in subsequent days will be placed on a waiting list.



The **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** or the **Way of the Cross**, also known as the **Way of Sorrows** or the **Via Crucis**, refers to a series of 14 images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion. The stations grew out of imitations of Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem which is believed to be the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary.

The Stations of the Cross are often found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images and are most commonly prayed during Lent and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of Jesus's the last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are often used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

The Stations may be of stone, wood, or metal, sculptured or carved, or they may be merely paintings or engravings. They are usually ranged at intervals around the walls of a church, though sometimes they are to be found in the open air, especially on roads leading to a church or shrine. The erection and use of the Stations did not become at all general before the end of the seventeenth century, but they are now to be found in almost every church. Formerly their number varied considerably in different places but fourteen are now prescribed by authority. They are as follows:

- I. Christ condemned to death ;
- II. the cross is laid upon him;
- III. His first fall;
- IV. He meets His Blessed Mother;
- V. Simon of Cyrene is made to bear the cross;
- VI. Christ's face is wiped by Veronica;
- VII. His second fall;
- VIII. He meets the women of Jerusalem ;
- IX. His third fall;
- X. He is stripped of His garments;
- XI. His crucifixion;
- XII. His death on the cross;
- XIII. His body is taken down from the cross; and
- XIV. laid in the tomb.

The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, and this has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions. It is carried out by passing from Station to Station, with certain prayers at each and devout meditation on the various incidents in turn. It is very usual, when the devotion is performed publicly, to sing a stanza of the "Stabat Mater" while passing from one Station to the next.