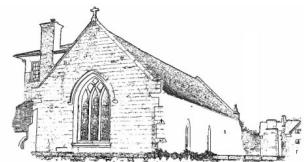


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Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 23 February

8.30 am - **Day for the unemployed**
10.30 am - Jean Wilcox R.I.P.
For the People of The Parish

Monday 24 February

9.00 am - **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Captain Andrew Duncan R.I.P.

Tuesday 25 February

9.00 am **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Private Intention

Wednesday 26 February

9.00 am - Stan Robson R.I.P.
#9.30 am - Discussion Group in the stable
7.00 pm -

Thursday 27 February

11.30 am - **Thursday after Ash Wednesday**
Private Intention

Friday 28 February

11.30 am - **Friday after Ash Wednesday**
Private Intention

Saturday 29 February

10.00 am - **Saturday after Ash Wednesday**
Private Intention

Sunday 1 March

8.30 am - **First Sunday of Lent**
10.30 am - *Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*
5.00 pm - For the People of The Parish
Private Intention
Stations of The Cross

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



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

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 .

Anniversaries in February: Rev Charles Dodd (1742),
Rev James Layfield (1756), Stanhope Pedley (1938), Agnes Drinkwater (1938),
Pierce Bradley (1987), Tony Goodyear (1988), Pauline Jack (1992),
Jeffrey Nichols (2003), Gertrude Higham (2003), Gerard O'Keeffe (2003),
Rose Marie Villiers (2007), Mary Keane (2007), Gerry Costello (2012),
Edmund Osborne (2013), Mandy Natalie Bridge (2016), Alan Cox (2016),
Liam Buckley (2018), Jean Wilcox (2018), Michael Millard (2019),
Vincent Glynn (2019)

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

Readers:

Sunday 23 February

Sheila Hall

Reuben Smith

Sunday 1 March

Pat Van Zyl

The Brown Family

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 23 February

Eddie Picardo and Helen Raphael

Joan McKay and Jean Lloyd

Sunday 1 March

Stephen Fox and Bridget Robson

Steve McWalter and Carla Tucker

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Friday 28 February

June and Robert Hall

Friday 6 March

Maureen Brewer, Teresa Crane

& Anne-Marie Robinson

MONEY COUNTERS:

For the 23 Feb collection

Marie Hesketh and Julie Charuk

For the 1 March collection

John Bradley

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 16 February

Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00

Gift Aid Envelopes £185.50

Loose cash £ 167.40

Second Collection taken for the LIFE charity £234.65

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 0808 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



This month's **PARISH 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



On behalf of the Parish, Michael Jones has produced a series of 12 postcards, each featuring a photograph taken from, in and around our beautiful church; complete with a short narrative on the other side. Selling for 40p each, all profits will go towards the church's funds. Available for sale in the Stable today

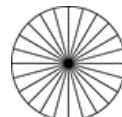
PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, Ireland, 20th April 2020. Please see poster on the porch notice board for details.

HMP HEWELL seeks a RC Chaplain, which may be a lay person. Please use the following link for the advertised post: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-15/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/32278-32278-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Deacon-Religious-Brother-or-Sister-Lay-Person/en-GB>



If you haven't already done so please collect from the porch today **AN INVITATION** from Fr John to the **Afternoon Tea Party** being held to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Fr John's ordination to the priesthood on **SUNDAY 15TH MARCH**.

There are still a few spaces to fill on the 'wheel' representing the **50 HOURS OF PRAYER** the Parish are collectively offering to Fr John in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood.



- The chart is on a table in the porch
- Each spoke of the wheel represents 60 minutes, divided in to two parts so you may choose either 30 minutes or a full 60 minutes
- When, how, where you choose to pray is entirely up to you ... no one will be checking up!
- You may choose to build the time you are promising with five or ten minutes here or there, whenever and wherever you prefer
- You don't have to write your name on the spoke if you don't want to but please write something in the space eg 'Anon' or a message for Fr John.



If you wish to offer a cash/cheque gift to Fr John that can be presented as a collective gift from the Parish on the 15th March you may use the envelope attached to the explanatory letter (copies still available in the porch). You are welcome to make contributions and/or sign a gift card enclosed in the envelope **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.



ASH WEDNESDAY is the day on which Christians receive a cross of ashes, made from burnt palm leaves, to visually communicate the start of Lent, a 40 day period when more time is dedicated to spiritual growth in preparation for the commemoration of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ and the celebration of his resurrection at Easter. This six-week season mirrors the amount of time that Jesus spent in the desert to fast and pray.

Ashes have been used for centuries by people of faith to express sorrow and grief for their sins and faults. Such a practice is referenced in the Bible on a number of occasions. In the Christian tradition, the wearing of ashes is an external sign of repentance and communicates a desire to follow God's way of love and forgiveness, more closely. They also remind those who receive them, rather poignantly, that they come from ashes, and to ashes they will return.

In addition to receipt of the ashes, Ash Wednesday is observed by fasting and abstinence from meat. At a very simple level, Lent provides an opportunity for people to re-direct their lives according to God's plan.

The palm leaves used to make the ashes on Ash Wednesday are used on the previous year's Palm Sunday; on this Sunday Christians celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, ahead of his suffering, death and resurrection.

www.cbcew.org.uk/why-do-over-a-billion-people-worldwide-receive-ashes-on-ash-wednesday/

PRAYER: A SPECIAL LENTEN FAST

Give up harsh words: use generous ones.

Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.

Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.

Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.

Give up worrying: take up trust in God.

Give up complaining: value what you have.

Give up stress: take up prayer.

Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.

Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.

Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.

Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.

Give up words: fill yourself with silence and listen to others.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/A-special-Lenten-fast>