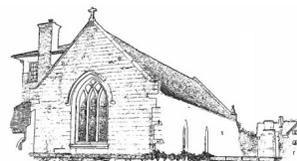


ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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Attendance at all Masses must be booked in advance either by email at any time or by phone, on Friday mornings 10.00 - 12.00.

Times of Holy Mass and Intentions

(YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 10 January

Feast of the Baptism of The Lord

8.30am

Mass intention for: People of the Parish

10.30am

Mass intention for: Peter Purvy R.I.P.

Monday 11 January

Feria in Ordinary Time

No public Mass

Mass intention for: Darren Jay

Tuesday 12 January

Memorial of St Aelred of Rievaulx

No public Mass

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Wednesday 13 January

Memorial of St Hilary, Bishop, Dr of the Church

No public Mass

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Thursday 14 January

Feria in Ordinary Time

11.00am

Mass intention for: Eileen Cassidy R.I.P.

Friday 15 January

Feria in Ordinary Time

No public Mass

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Saturday 16 January

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

No public Mass

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Sunday 17 January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

On 17 Jan, there will be a Second Collection for Pax Christi.

8.30am

Mass intention for: People of the Parish

10.30am

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Anniversaries in January: Rev John Morgan (1718), Thomas Mewburn Crook (1949), Charles Keeffe (1977), Margaret Steele (1978), Ronald Fry (1978), Leofric Howell (1995), Sir Robert Grant Ferris (1997), Juliet Bradley (2001), Eve Mary Smith (2001), Anne Mulroy (2004), Elizabeth Bashford (2005), Bernadette Pinfield (2007), William Eardley 2009, Thaddeus Keane 2010, Pam Taft (2011), Denis Thomas Kimberlin (2014), Ellie Tansey (2019), Ray Fogg (2019), Noel Clark (2019)

In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of
Greg Kelly, Christopher Morrissey and Robert Mottram
who have all died recently
May they Rest In Peace

In your prayers please remember parishioners and friends who are sick:
Kathleen Clark, Peter Handley, Lucinda Robinson, Lionel Cornish, Bob Grant

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory received between 22 Dec 2020 –3 Jan 2021

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£316 (per week)
Gift Aid Envelopes	£331.50
Loose cash	£593.71

Whilst not attending church in person, parishioners who normally use Gift Aid envelopes may wish to:

- save donations in cash until they can be handed in at church
- **or** write a cheque and deliver/post your donation to St Mary's
- **or** set up a standing order using the form on the Diocesan website. Download, print, complete and sign by hand then send it for the attention of Amalia Costanzo, Parish Secretary (Finance) St Mary's RC Church, Harvington Hall Lane, Harvington Worcs. DY10 4LR

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=90f11d7d-ebb4-4d07-b64e-9f38e324225b>

CHARITABLE GIVING



An update of thanks from the FHL: Since the previous newsletter a further £30,000 has been added to the total amount raised resulting in a magnificent £110,00 raised through the wonderful generosity of the FHL's supporters, many from the Wyre Forest area. We offer our heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed in these incredibly difficult times.

The funds will be spent on the most needy in the Holy Land.

Friends of the Holy Land, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2DH or through the website: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/christmas.



KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK

<https://kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk/> Donations of money are always welcomed by this local charity. Cheques made payable to 'Kidderminster

Food Bank' may be sent to:

**Mrs Denise Carson, Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer,
20 Whitehill Rd, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY11 6JJ**



During this third national lockdown in England we are all asked to remain at home whenever possible and only to leave with a 'reasonable excuse' including being able 'to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship'. This permission is a blessing for all of us but must be tempered alongside our duty to keep ourselves and each other safe from the infection,

especially in the context of the rapidly mutating strain of the Covid virus. The pattern of Masses at St Mary's will therefore reduce from five to three each week. For the time being, public Masses will be celebrated on Thursdays at 11.00am and on Sundays at 8.30am and 10.30am.

A REQUEST TO ATTEND A MASS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE.

This may be done by email at any time: stmarysrc.harvington@gmail.com
or by phone: **01562 777319** on **Friday mornings 10.00 - 12.00.**

The **Live-streaming** of Masses from churches in the Diocese (not St Mary's) is available from this website:
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands>

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The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation remains suspended.
All the faithful are asked to make an **Act of Spiritual Communion:**



***My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.***

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

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THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is difficult to conduct in these times of more strict personal distancing. We have always known that an act of contrition with the intention of attending Confession as soon as possible is sufficient for receiving God's forgiveness. Absolution may not be given remotely but if you wish to talk about these circumstances to Fr John in person please telephone him, 01562 777319.



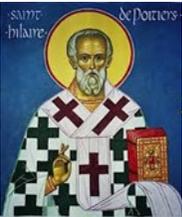
COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK



St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot (1109-1167)

Born in 1110, St Aelred died at Rievaulx (Yorkshire) on this day in 1167. The son of a priest, he was educated at Durham and in the household of King David of Scotland. In 1134 he visited the newly-founded Cistercian abbey of Rievaulx, and was so attracted to the place and its life that he chose to become a monk there, and was eventually elected abbot. He is remembered for his gift for friendship, for his sensitive and gentle rule, and for his enduringly popular spiritual writings, especially that on friendship.

<https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/National/England2.shtml>



Saint Hilary of Poitiers (c. 315 – c. 368)

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labelled a “disturber of the peace.” In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France. Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said “The world groaned and marvelled to find that it was Arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the “Athanasius of the West.” While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.

<https://stswithuns.org.uk/sod-0113/saint-hilary-of-poitiers>