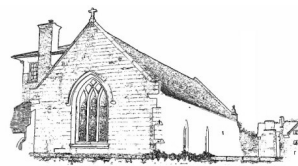


ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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Following recent instructions from HM Government and their Medical Advisers regarding the serious and increasingly rapid spread of the Covid virus, the decision has been taken to close St Mary's for public Masses temporarily from 12th January until further notice.

Fr John will celebrate Mass privately each day and will honour Mass intentions attached to these Masses. Please continue to request Mass intentions by email, phone call or post. Donations may be sent later.

Fr John's Sunday homily will be sent to parishioners on our database by email and it may also be found by clicking the appropriate tab on our website.

Mass Readings may be found online:

- <https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/daily-mass-readings/>
- <http://universalis.com/mass.htm>



Live-streaming of Masses from some churches in our Diocese are available from this website:

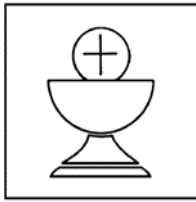
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands>



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



(YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 17 January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peace Day

Mass intention for: Annie Mulroy R.I.P.

Monday 18 January

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Tuesday 19 January

Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop

Mass intention for: Stan Robson R.I.P.

Wednesday 20 January

Memorial of St Fabian, Pope, Martyr

Memorial of St Sebastian, Martyr

Mass intention for: The People of The Parish

Thursday 21 January

Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

Mass intention for: Dr Peter Riley R.I.P.

Friday 22 January

Memorial of St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Saturday 23 January

Memorial of St Nicholas Owen

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Sunday 24 January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: The People of The Parish



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THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is difficult to conduct in these times of 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.

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 4th - 10th January 2021

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| Gift Aid Direct Debits | £316.00 |
| Gift Aid Envelopes | £110.00 |
| Loose cash | £136.50 |

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



Sunday 17th January is Peace Day. We would normally take a Second Collection at Mass this weekend for this cause. As we are currently closed, and if you wish to make a donation please refer to the Pax Christi website for information about their work and ways to donate. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021>

Whilst there are many calls on your charity currently the following have close attachments to our parish and/or have particular need at the moment:



FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2DH : www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/



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**



COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

Mulroy Hague Window, St Mary's Harvington



ST NICHOLAS OWEN was born in 1562 in Oxford into a devout recusant family and trained as a carpenter and joiner. As a Jesuit lay brother, he became the servant of Henry Garnet SJ, the Superior of the English mission, in 1588 - a time when the penalty for Catholic priests discovered in England was torture and death. His carpentry skills were used in building priest holes or hiding places in the houses of Catholics all over the country. Known as "Little John", (few of his clients knew his real name) Owen was of very short stature and suffered ill health, including a hernia. Nevertheless, he spent eighteen years doing strenuous physical labour in cramped spaces, always alone and at night to avoid discovery. He is credited with the construction of hides in Harvington Hall.

At St Mary's, St Nicholas Owen is memorialised in the stained-glass window in the vestibule, porch area. The window, given to the church in 2005, is dedicated to the deceased members of the Mulroy and Hague families and includes the figure of St Nicholas Owen against a background of Harvington Hall.

In the nave of the church there are two sculptures by the artist and long-time parishioner of St Marys, Gabrielle Mercer one of which depicts St Nicholas Owen dressed in the artisan costume of the day, with his cloak and his bag of carpentry tools nearby. The horse is a reminder of his many journeys across the country creating hides in other Catholic houses. High on the right-hand side of the statue, amid the branches of a tree, is the facade of the original Hindlip Hall, where he was eventually captured with two others, Blessed Edward Oldcorne and Father. Henry Garnet. The four small figures to the left of St Nicholas Owen show the three future martyrs being taken by a token soldier to the Tower of London, the facade of which is above that of Hindlip Hall. Rodin's Burghers of Calais inspired these figures. On the extreme left-hand side of the statue, in relief, is St Nicholas on the rack of torture, where he died on March 2nd, 1606, a martyr to his beliefs and faith. He was canonized in 1970 and his Memorial Day in Worcestershire is 23rd January.

<https://www.jesuit.org.uk/profile/nicholas-owen-sj>

St Mary's Harvington, A Visitor's Guide by John & Margaret Bradley