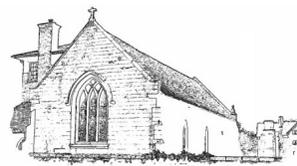


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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 24th JANUARY 2021



Update

Following recent instructions from HM Government and guidance from 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.



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.***

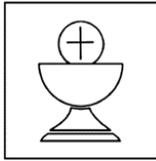
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori



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: 01562 777319.



(YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 24 January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Mass intention for: The People of The Parish</i>
Monday 25 January	Feast of the Conversion of St Paul <i>Mass intention for: Michael Millard R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday 26 January	Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops <i>Mass intention for: Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 27 January	Memorial of Blessed Edward Oldcorne, Priest, Martyr <i>Mass intention for: Doreen Millard R.I.P.</i>
Thursday 28 January	Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church <i>Mass intention for: Stan Robson R.I.P.</i>
Friday 29 January	Feria in ordinary Time <i>Mass intention for: Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 30 January	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
Sunday 31 January	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Mass intention for: The People of The Parish</i>

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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)

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



THANK YOU!

Your offerings are gratefully received and enable Fr John to maintain our parish and to minister to our community.

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory received 11th - 17th January 2021

Gift Aid Direct Debits £316.00

As you can see, our weekly income is substantially lower whilst we are closed but at the same time our expenditure has only partly reduced. 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

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"I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus"
(1 Corinthians 1:4).

CHARITIES WITH A SPECIAL CONNECTION TO OUR PARISH:



Our local **FOOD BANK** appreciate monetary gifts to buy supplies on behalf of the service users. www.kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk. If you wish to make a donation by sending supermarket gifts cards and/or a cheque made payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank' and post it to:

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



FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND, need your help to support Christians living in the Holy Land. To find out more visit:

www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk To make a contribution please send it to FHL, Farmer Ward Rd, Kenilworth, Warks CV8 2DH



WHILE WE ARE AT HOME

- **MASS** can be viewed streamed from churches in our Diocese and further afield via: www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/west-midlands
- **UNIVERSALIS** is a useful Liturgy resource. Some of the content is free on the web and for a one-off fee an app is available for appropriate devices: www.universalis.com/
- The **WEDNESDAY WORD** website provide commentary and reflections on the Readings each week. There are section for Parents, Schools and Parishes: www.wednesdayword.org/
- **BIBLE ALIVE** booklets provide daily reflections written in an accessible and warm style inviting the reader to penetrate and plumb the depths of the scripture reading of the day. The lead features cover a wide array of subjects, topics, profiles and interviews on matters relating to living the Christian faith today. The essays and teaching are drawn from the rich teaching of Vatican II, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the teachings of Pope John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict and Pope Francis; our profile and features explore in depth and detail the life witness of either a beati, a canonized saint or a hero of faith. The booklets are available on subscription from: www.alivepublishing.co.uk/publications/bible-alive
- **ST MARY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP** meet every Sunday morning at 10.30 via Zoom. Fr John joins them too. The children have great fun learning about the Word of God. For more details about the Group please email the parish office.
- The monthly meetings of the **BOOK GROUP** continue via email conversations. Currently the Group are reading *The Glassblower of Murano* by Marina Fiorato and will share their thoughts on the text during the course of Monday 15th February. Next on the schedule is *Waiting for Sunrise* by William Boyd and will be discussed on a date TBC in March. Please contact the parish office if you would like to join the group discussion.



COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK



EDWARD OLDCORNE SJ

Edward Oldcorne was born in York in 1561. Among his school friends were John and Christopher Wright and Guy Fawkes.

He attended the English College at Reims.

After ordination in Rome in 1587, he became a

Jesuit in 1588. He returned to England with John Gerrard, and carried out clandestine ministry in the West Midlands for 17 years. He often stayed at Hindlip Hall which was adapted by Nicholas Owen to include a number of priest holes.

In 1601 Oldcorne made a pilgrimage to St Winefride's Well in north Wales to cure his throat cancer. The cancer cleared up and in 1605 he returned to give thanks for his recovery. Amongst his companions were Jesuits Ralph Ashley, Henry Garnet, Nicholas Owen and John Gerard as well as the Gunpowder plotter Everard Digby. The government investigation into the Plot used this trip as evidence to implicate innocent participants. When the Gunpowder Plot was discovered, Oldcorne, Owen, Garnet and Ashley were at Hindlip Hall. Their hiding places were not discovered but they were starved out. Oldcorne was tortured at the Tower of London but no evidence was found to connect him to the Plot. Nevertheless he was executed in April 1606 at Worcester, alongside John Wintour, Humphrey Littleton (who were plotters) and Ralph Ashley. He was beatified in 1929. The relic of his eye is preserved at Stonyhurst College.