

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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Registered Charity No: 234216 The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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 3 January

8.30am

10.30am

Second Sunday after The Nativity

Mass intention for: Private Intention.

Mass intention for: The People of The Parish

Monday 4 January

(No public Mass)

Christmas Feria

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Tuesday 5 January

(No public Mass)

Christmas Feria

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Wednesday 6 January

***12.00 NOON**

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass intention for: Alfonso & Giaconda Salsano

Thursday 7 January

***(No public Mass)**

Memorial of St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Mass intention for: Private Intention

****Please note these changes of day and time for public Masses this week only.**

Friday 8 January

11.00am

Christmas Feria

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Saturday 9 January

10.00am

Christmas Feria

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Sunday 10 January

8.30am

Feast of the Baptism of The Lord

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 for the two weeks ending 27th December

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£ TBC
Loose cash	£ TBC

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>

Thank You

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS to Fr John.

Fr John wishes to express his sincere thanks to everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts and offerings you have given to him. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

CHARITABLE GIVING



A Message of THANKS from the FHL:

“So far over £80,000 has been 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.friendsoftheholyland.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**



We are very pleased so many people have been attending Masses here at St Mary's during these past few months when restrictions have been in place. On some occasions the church has been full to the restricted capacity currently in place to keep everyone safe from the potential spread of the Covid-19 virus. Consequently, to avoid disappointment, places at **ALL MASSES must be booked in advance**. This may be done by email at any time:

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or by phone: **01562 777319** on **Friday mornings 10.00 - 12.00**.

Don't forget, **Mass Readings** may be found online:

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

Live-streaming of Masses is 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



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.

There are a variety of different Acts of Contrition suggested in the Rite of Penance.
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/act-of-contrition.html>

Act of Contrition (traditional)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love.

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THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.