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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 28 November 8.30am 10.30am	First Sunday of Advent <i>Mass intention for: People of the Parish</i> <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
Monday 29 November <i>No Public Mass today</i>	Advent Feria <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 30 November 7.00pm	Feast of St Andrew, Apostle <i>Mass of Induction of Fr Richard Sharples as Parish Priest of St Mary's</i>
Wednesday 1 December 10.00am	Feast of St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
Thursday 2 December 11.00am	Advent Feria <i>Mass intention for: Mottram family</i>
Friday 3 December 11.00am	Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest Migrants Day <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
Saturday 4 December 10.00am	Memorial of St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church <i>Mass intention for: Jean & Tom Wilcox R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 5 December 8.30am 10.30am	Second Sunday of Advent Today there will be a second collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i> <i>Mass intention for: People of the Parish</i>

Anniversaries in November: Isabella Ilsley (1866), Laurence Ruck (1916), John Munster (1916), Rev Philip Roskell (1930), Rev Dr Charles Eagle (1947), Cuthbert Watts (1965), Edna Mercer (1983), Denis Lovekin (1984), Ivor Mortiboy (1998), Harold Sanders, Katherine Martin (2002), Sarah Millard (2002), Marie Baylis (2003), Min Young (2003), Grace Haydon (2004), Siobhan James-Moore (2005), Gerard Fox (2007), Rev David Higham (2008), Stephen Pritchard (2008), Julian Davies (2008), James William Finney (2009), Gertrude Mary Savage (2011), James O'Brien (2012) Colin Atwell (2014), Roger Adey (2016), Veronica Mitchell (2018), Oliver Donaghey (2019)

In your prayers please remember parishioners and friends who are sick:

Deirdre Brookes, Kathleen Clark, Liz and Lionel Cornish, Bob Grant, Jane and Peter Handley, Kay Hildebrandt, Ann Parry, Clare Saich.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of:

SEAN MCDERMOTT who died on Friday 19th November. Sean's funeral will take place at St Mary's on Monday 6th December at 11.00am

ROGER EPHRAIMS who died on Tuesday 23rd November. Roger's funeral arrangements are yet to be confirmed.

May they Rest In Peace



... for all your offerings and donations. They are always gratefully received.

Contributions to the Parish: 8th-21st November

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £316.00 [x2]

Gift Aid Envelopes: £289.00

Loose cash: £255.41

National Youth Sunday: £118.90

Poppy Appeal: £57.78



OFFERTORY DONATIONS are no longer collected in the pews.

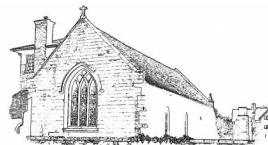
If you wish to make a donation on **SUNDAYS** please place your offering in the 'bin' on the porch table. On **other days of the week** offerings may be placed in the basket on the sanctuary step in front of the altar.

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S!

We ask everyone attending our premises to take note of the following:

- When inside church, the congregation are **strongly recommended to wear face coverings** for the mutual benefit of us all.
- If members of the congregation would like to ensure social distancing they may use a '**Please Leave Space**' sign (available in the porch) and place it on the seat beside them in their pew.
- Please spread out and don't kneel if someone is sitting on the pew in front
- 'Track and Trace': If someone attends our premises who is found to be a Covid positive case, we will inform everyone on our parish email database. If you are not on our database and you want to be alerted you may provide us with your contact details or scan the displayed NHS QR code on your phone.

FR RICHARD SHARPLES will be inducted as our Parish Priest by the Area Dean, Fr Douglas Lamb on **TUESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER** at 7.00pm here at St Mary's.



Parishioners from Fr Richard's Stourport parish will be joining us for this special event. To allow as many people as possible to attend in safety, places will be limited to 50, that is 25 places allocated to each parish. If you would like to attend please write your name on the list at the back of church this weekend or email your request at the earliest opportunity.

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Our local **FOOD BANK** www.kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk appreciate all donations. At church we can now take donations of food and other essentials and will deliver them on your behalf directly to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster. They need:

- Tinned meat, fish, veg, fruit, fruit juice, fruit squash, tinned puddings, custard, fresh fruit, jam.
- The only items **not currently needed** as it uses up so much valuable available storage space, is baked beans and pasta.
- As well as food, families always need toiletries, shampoo, household items, washing up liquid, washing tablets. Size 5 and 6 nappies are always a priority need. They have plenty of the other sizes.

Please bring your donations in bags or boxes marked 'FOOD BANK' and bring them to church for collection by SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER

If you would prefer to donate money, please make cheques payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank' or put cash in an envelope marked 'KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK' and put it in the Offertory collection or post cheques directly to: Kidderminster Foodbank, Swan Centre, 9 Blackwell Street, Kidderminster, DY10 2DP

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TOY APPEAL: Home-Start Wyre Forest www.home-start.org.uk are helping Santa again this year and need **NEW** toys for any child. **Please bring your donations in bags or boxes marked 'HOME START' and bring them to church for collection by SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER**

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The Management Committee of **HARVINGTON HALL** invite all St Mary's parishioners for a **free tour** of the Hall on either **Saturday 4 December at 12 noon or Sunday 5th at 11.45am.**

Please email or telephone Harvington Hall asap to book your spaces. harvingtonhall@rcaob.org.uk. or tel: 01562 777846.

PLEASE SPONSOR Hall Manager, Phil Downing who is spending 36 hours in a priest hide on Monday and Tuesday 29th/30th November to raise funds for the Hall. Donations can be made through their website: www.harvingtonhall.co.uk, or directly to the Hall by post or by a personal visit.



ADVENT comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

THE ADVENT WREATH, symbolising the coming of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colours of the candles (purple is the penitential colour used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical colour used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Saviour's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world.

The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. The seedpods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection, and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.