

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 12 December

8.30am

10.30am

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass intention for: People of the Parish

Mass intention for: Jean & Tom Wilcox R.I.P.

Monday 13 December

12.00 noon

Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Requiem Mass: Roger Ephraims R.I.P.

Tuesday 14 December

9.00am*

**Please note change of time for this week only*

Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Mass Intention for: Michael Millard R.I.P.

Wednesday 15 December Advent Feria

10.00am

Mass intention for: Fr Richard Sharples

Thursday 16 December

11.00am

Advent Feria

Mass intention for: Walter Myerscough R.I.P.

Friday 17 December

11.00am

Advent Feria

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Saturday 18 December

10.00am

Advent Feria

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

Sunday 19 December

8.30am

10.30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

Mass intention for: Ron Workman R.I.P.

Mass intention for: People of the Parish

Anniversaries in December: Rev Sylvester Jenks (1714), Rev Thomas Atherton (1758), Sir Charles Throckmorton (1840), Charles Spink (1885), Edward Hailes (1912), Elaine Mulroy (1971), Eric Needham (1996), Cyril Hennessey (1999), Margaret Green (2004), Josephine Packwood (2004), Anthony Bashford, Pauline Reeve (2006), James O'Brien (2012), Marilyn Way (2016), Greg Kelly (2020), Christopher Morrissey (2020)

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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.

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In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
ROGER EPHRAIMS who died on Tuesday 23rd November.

Roger's funeral will take place at St Mary's on Monday 13th Dec at 12.00 noon.

May he Rest In Peace

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

Contributions to the Parish: 29th November-6th December

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £316.00

Gift Aid Envelopes: £120.00

Loose cash: £153.40

Second Collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese: £86

Food Bank: £135.00 (during Nov & Dec to date) plus generous donations of food and other items last weekend.



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.**

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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S!

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

- When inside Church the congregation **MUST** now wear face coverings (unless you are under 11 years or medically exempt).
- 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.
- Should you wish to be informed if someone who has attended your Mass has tested positive then please use the QR code in the porch or fill in a slip in the porch with your name, contact details and date / time and post it in the wooden box, and we will contact you as soon as we have been made aware.



This weekend **11th/12th December** we are collecting new toys on behalf of **HOME-START WYRE FOREST** www.home-start.org.uk If you would rather donate money please place your donation in an envelope marked **HOME-START** and place it in the general Offertory box. Cheques may be made payable to: Home-Start, Wyre Forest

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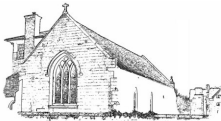
Our Piety Stall and Craft Group will be selling Christmas cards, wreaths, table decorations, potted bulbs and Christmas cards at church on **Sunday 12th December** after both Masses.

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The **Book Group** are meeting at 9.30am on **Monday 13th December** at Rowberry's Tea Rooms to discuss *Crow Lake* by Mary Lawson. All are welcome, whether they have read the book or not. January's book is *Death at La Fenice* by the American crime writer Donna Leon.

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CHRISTMAS MASSES at St Mary's are always very popular with parishioners and visitors. As our little church has limited capacity special arrangements have to be made to avoid overcrowding in an effort to prevent the spread of the Covid virus.

- **Friday 24th December @ 4.00pm and Saturday 25th @ 8.30am.**
As these are the most popular Masses places **must be booked in advance** either by email, written note or phone call before midday on Thursday 23rd December. Please note, telephone bookings can only be made on Monday or Friday mornings.
- **Saturday 25th December @ 10.30am**
Booking in advance is not required.



'We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.'

WALKING TOGETHER

Are you a member of the parish of St Mary's Harvington or St Wulstan & St Thomas of Canterbury Stourport or Holy Family Bewdley? If you are, then your clergy, your bishop, your church and your pope need you!

You are warmly invited to attend a very special parish meeting on the subject of
The 'Synodal Pathway'

at

Harvington Hall

on

Wednesday 12th January 2022

7.00pm – 8.30pm

Why the meeting?

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes in every diocese of the world.

What sort of meeting will it be?

The meeting will provide a brief overview of what Pope Francis means by the 'Synodal Pathway', followed by an opportunity for us all to listen and dialogue together in the beautiful historic surroundings of Harvington Hall.

What is the point of the meeting?

This is a first opportunity for us to get together and share our feelings and thoughts about the way in which we are church today. This meeting is the start of a process of consultation which will result in a parish report to be sent to Archbishop Bernard, who will take the findings to the Bishops' Conference and from there to Pope Francis himself.

Who should come along to this meeting?

The meeting is for every parishioner in every one of our parishes. All of us have personal experiences and opinions about the life of our church today. Let us come together in an atmosphere of mutual honesty, trust and respect, to share our heartfelt doubts and fears, as well as our most cherished hopes and dreams for the future of our church.

'Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.'