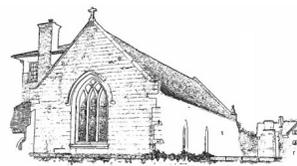


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 5 December

Second Sunday of Advent

Today there will be a second collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

8.30am

Mass intention for: Leonard Gilbert R.I.P.

10.30am

Mass intention for: People of the Parish

Monday 6 December

Memorial of St Nicholas, Bishop

No Public Mass today

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Tuesday 7 December

Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

10.00am

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

Wednesday 8 December

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am

Patroness of the Archdiocese of Birmingham
Mass intention for: Fr Richard Sharples

Thursday 9 December

Memorial of St John Diego Cuahtlatotzin

11.00am

Mass intention for: Peter Fernihough R.I.P.

Friday 10 December

Memorial of St Edmund Gennings, Priest, Martyr Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

11.00am

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

Saturday 11 December

Memorial of St Damasus I, Pope

10.00am

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

Sunday 12 December

Third Sunday of Advent

8.30am

Mass intention for: People of the Parish

10.30am

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

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 souls of:

SEAN MCDERMOTT who died on Friday 19th November.

Sean's funeral will take place at St Mary's on Monday 6th Dec at 11.00am

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 they Rest In Peace

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

Contributions to the Parish: 22nd –29th November

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £316.00

Gift Aid Envelopes: £191.00

Loose cash: £192.50



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 are **strongly encouraged to wear face coverings** for our mutual benefit.
- 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.



This weekend we are collecting item for our local **FOOD BANK**
www.kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk.

If you would prefer to donate money, rather than the goods listed in last week's newsletter, 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



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**



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 completed his personal challenge of staying 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.



The Wyre Forest branch of the **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** are most grateful for the support received in raising £1600 at the Wine and Supper event held in Kidderminster last week. The FHL will be selling **CHRISTMAS CARDS** at church on **SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER**



.... If you need more the following week, our own Piety Stall will be selling cards at church on **SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER**.



The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** made a magnificent £115 from the sale of handmade items at the Coffee Morning in St Cassian's church last Saturday and are grateful for all the support received from parishioners. The next meeting of the Group will be on **Wednesday 8th December @ 1.30pm** in Rowberry's tearooms, to continue work on the church cushions project. To see an example of the beautiful work completed so far do take a look at the back pew in church.

The Craft Group will be selling **Christmas wreaths, table decorations and potted bulbs** after both Masses on **SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER**.



The response from parishioners to the appeal for warm clothing etc for refugees attempting to come to the UK from France has been tremendous! Thank you for your generosity.

WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



“The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.”

In 1854, Pope Pius IX’s solemn declaration, “Ineffabilis Deus,” clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.