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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 27 February

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for the Unemployed

8.30am

Mass intention for: Private Intention

10.30am

Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

Monday 28 February

Memorial of St Oswald, Bishop

No public Mass today

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Tuesday 1 March

Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

10.00am

Mass Intention for: Alan Dixon

Wednesday 2 March

Ash Wednesday

10.00am

Mass intention for: Ukraine

Thursday 3 March

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

11.00am

Mass intention for: Rev David Lloyd R.I.P.

Friday 4 March

Friday after Ash Wednesday

11.00am

Women's World Day of Prayer

Mass intention for: Blackman Family

Saturday 5 March

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

10.00am

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Sunday 6 March

First Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

8.30am

Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

10.30am

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Second collection on this day for Cathedral Maintenance.

Anniversaries in March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013) Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018), Vincent Glynn (2019), Michael Bianco (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, Ann Parry, Clare Saich, Jane Young, Karen Wright

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

Dan Brown who died on 5th February and whose funeral will take place at St Mary's on 11th March.

Kaye Hildebrandt who died earlier this week for whom 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: 14-21 February

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£87.00
Loose cash:	£138.35



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:

- As ours is a small church with just one central aisle and with limited ventilation, we recommend you to wear a face covering inside church to slow the spread of the Covid virus and out of respect for vulnerable members of our parish.
- 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.
- All these recommendations will be reviewed following the next advisory report from the Government on 24th March.



Thank you to all parishioners who contributed to the **Synodal Pathway** process by either attending the meetings or offering written comments afterwards. The feedback report from our joint parishes of St Wulstan's & St Thomas of Canterbury Church Stourport and Holy Family Church Bewdley and ourselves, St Mary's Church Harvington has been submitted to the Archdiocese to be incorporated into the document they will forward to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Copies of our feedback report have been sent with a copy of this newsletter to parishioners on our email database this weekend.

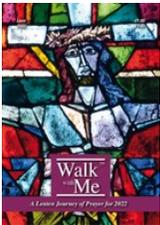
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At long last we are able to make plans for the return of our ever popular Summer Fete to be held in the garden of the Priest's House here at St Mary's during the afternoon of **SATURDAY 25TH JUNE**. After a gap of two years since such

an event was possible, we need parishioners to volunteer their services once more. Those who have run stalls, organised games, baked, made, collected, served or contributed in any way in the past are asked to step up again please. We warmly encourage anyone who has not been involved before to please join in this year. We would be glad to have new ideas for stalls and attractions as well as keeping some of the tried and tested elements going too. Please email the parish office to volunteer!

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Copies of the **WALK WITH ME** Lenten Booklets and Children's Calendars are available for you to take away from Church from this Sunday onward. The Parish have already paid for them but if you would like to make a donation of £1 per book you are welcome to do so but this is not essential. Please make use of these resources to help on your Lenten journey.

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be meet on Wednesday 2nd March @ 1.30pm in Rowberry's tearooms, to continue work on the church cushions project and will give all comers a warm welcome.





THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT

On Wednesday we begin our solemn observance of Lent. At Mass on Wednesday morning ashes will be blessed and will be put on our heads as a sign of conversion, penance and as a reminder of our mortality. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolise that attitude of internal penance to which the baptised are called during Lent. Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat for all who are over 14 years (abstinence) and those over 18 (fasting). If we are over 60 years we are excused fasting but not abstinence. I hope we will all enter into the spirit of Lent and do something special for Lent as a reminder of what Jesus did for us during this blessed time.

Fr. John