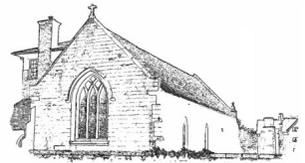


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 27 March

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

PLEASE NOTE: Fr Richard will be saying both Masses today at St Mary's:

8.30am
10.30am

Mass intention for: Private Intention
Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

Monday 28 March

Lent Feria

No public Mass today

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Tuesday 29 March

Lent Feria

10.00 am

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

Wednesday 30 March

Lent Feria

10.00am

Mass intention for: Michael Bianco R.I.P.

Thursday 31 March

Lent Feria

11.00am

Mass intention for: Margaret Pakes R.I.P.

Friday 1 April

Lent Feria

12.00 noon

Requiem Mass for Tony Davenhill R.I.P.

Saturday 2 April

Memorial of St Francis of Paola

10.00am
10.30am approx.

Mass intention for: Stan Robson R.I.P.
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Sunday 3 April

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

8.30am
10.30am

Mass intention for: Jane Young R.I.P.
Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

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)

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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, Ann Parry, Clare Saich, Karen Wright.

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In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

Tony Davenhill whose funeral will take place at St Mary's on 1st April at 12.00 noon



Jane Young (Annette Adey's mother) who died on Monday 14th March



May they Rest In Peace

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

Contributions to the Parish: 14-21 March

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£133.00
Loose cash:	£170.00
Second Collection for Aid to the Church in Need....	£ 700.04



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:

- 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.



The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be meet on **Wednesday 30th March @ 1.30pm** in Rowberry's tearooms, to create table decorations for sale at our next Craft Fair. Even if you have never been to one of these Craft Group meetings before, come along on Wednesday and try your hand at a new skill!

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Please support **ST MARY'S, CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP**, who are joining CAFODs Walk Against Hunger to raise money for the 200 million children in the world who's lives are at risk of malnutrition. You can support the Children's Liturgy Group by donating on their Justgiving page [<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-harvington-childrens-liturg>] or by adding your details to the sponsorship form available at the back of church.



ST MARY'S, CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP invite all the children of the parish to come along to the stable on **Saturday 9th April at 2.00pm** to make **Easter Candles**. Please confirm your place via Emma 07876 352666 or Moira 07527 823869

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A PILGRIMAGE ON THE FEAST OF ST GEORGE Saturday April 23rd 2022

The Friends of the Holy Land is an ecumenical charity, set up in the Wyre Forest 13 years ago, and now national, to raise funds to help the disadvantaged Christians living in the Holy Land – in Israel, the West Bank, Gaza and Jordan. The Wyre Forest Group are organising a Pilgrimage Walk to Harvington on St George's Day on Saturday 23rd April. Sponsored Pilgrims will start from different locations – Stourport, Stourbridge, Bromsgrove, Cutnall Green, including St George's Church, Kidderminster. Starting at 10.30 am they will converge on (or arrive at) Harvington from Noon onwards for a picnic, followed by a short ecumenical service at St Mary's at Harvington. We need volunteer walkers who will be sponsored by their friends and family. If you would like to join the walk, please contact either Stephen Brown on 01562 753422 -e-mail: gailstephen@blueyonder.co.uk or David Mills – 01299 253035 – e-mail: mills669@btinternet.com

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DIOCESAN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM on Saturday 14th May 2022. You are invited to join the pilgrimage, organised by and starting from Our Lady and All Saints, 13 New Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1PQ. A coach will depart from that address at 7.00am, arriving in at the Walsingham Shrine by 12.00 noon, followed by the Pilgrimage Mass at 1.00pm, a procession to the priory ruins at 3.00pm and prayers at the site of the Holy House. Departure at 5.00pm with arrival in Stourbridge at 10.00pm. Cost - £25 for adults, £10 for children of school age. To book a seat on the coach, please contact Fr Philip Griffin on 01384 395308 or email: olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Rejoice

LAETARE SUNDAY

The day's theme comes from the entrance antiphon reflecting on Isaiah 66:10-11: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

Laetare is the first word meaning "rejoice" in the Latin text of today's entrance antiphon. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. The rose pink coloured vestments worn by the priest on this day indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the sombre days of Passiontide. www.simplycatholic.com/laetare-sunday/



MOTHER'S DAY the tradition of Mothering Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Lent has been around since medieval times. It was set aside as a day where people would visit their "mother" church, the place where they were baptised: the local parish church or cathedral.

In more recent times people working in the service of others were given the day off to go and visit their mother church. This was usually something that people did as a whole family and was often one of the only chances for the whole family to get together. It then became part of the tradition for people to go and see their mothers on this day as well as go to their mother church. This eventually evolved into the current traditions of giving mothers gifts on Mothering Sunday.

In the early 1900s people stopped following the traditions of Mothering Sunday in Europe. In 1914 Constance Penswick Smith created the Mothering Sunday movement [in the UK]. The old traditions of Mothering Sunday in the Church were merged with the new traditions of buying gifts and cards for mothers.

The new traditions of Mother's Day allow us to celebrate our mums and everything they do for us. We should not just remember our earthly mothers and grandmothers but also remember Mary, the Mother of God who is also our Mother. Mary looks out for us all year round and whenever we say a Hail Mary we are asking her to pray for us. Try saying a rosary today as a way of recognising Mary as our Mother and thanking her for all that she does for us. www.rcdea.org.uk/ignite_motheringsunday/