

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

### Sunday 18 December

8.30am  
10.30am

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers*  
*Mass intention for: Andrea Barker R.I.P.*  
*Mass intention for: People of the Parish*

### Monday 19 December

*No public Mass today*

### Advent Feria

*Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

### Tuesday 20 December

*No public Mass today*

### Advent Feria

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

### Wednesday 21 December

10.00am

### Advent Feria

*Mass Intention for: Susan Costanzo R.I.P.*

### Thursday 22 December

11.00am

### Advent Feria

*Mass Intention for: Chris Morrissey R.I.P.*

### Friday 23 December

11.15am

### Advent Feria

*Mass Intention for: Bob Grant R.I.P.*

### Saturday 24 December

10.00am

### Advent Feria

*Mass Intention for: Ronald Kearney R.I.P.*

The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

6.30pm  
7.00pm

Carol Service

Solemn Mass of Christmas (Formerly Midnight Mass)  
*Mass Intention for: People of the Parish*

### Sunday 25 December

8.30am  
10.30am

### Christmas Day

### Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

*Mass intention for: People of the Parish*  
*Mass intention for: Holy Souls*

**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)

**In your prayers please remember parishioners and friends who are sick:**  
Deirdre Brookes, Lionel Cornish, Shirley Grant, Jane & Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Clare Saich, Patricia Newton, Ann Parry, Karen Wright.



... for all your offerings and donations.  
**Contributions to the Parish: 4 - 11 December**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£88.00
Loose cash: .....	£176.25



**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS to Fr John.**

Labelled envelopes are available from the table in the porch should you wish to make an offering either with the collections at Mass or given directly to Fr John.

**Direct Debit, forms** are available from the table in the porch. Please complete and either hand to Fr John or post through his house letterbox.

**OFFERTORY DONATIONS** on **SUNDAYS** will be taken in the pews. On **OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK** offerings may be placed **in the basket on the sanctuary step in front of the altar.**

**COVID PRECAUTIONS:** Whilst there is no legal requirement to wear a face covering the government suggests that we still 'Consider wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces'. In addition, 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.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:**

Valerie Nolan, [sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

**PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER:**

Peter Boszko, [hs.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:hs.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

**EMERGENCY EXIT:** This is via the sacristy and through the house.



- \* Your donations to **WYRE FOREST HOMESTART** of gifts for children and money for supplement the Christmas needs of local families, were gratefully received when they were delivered this week.
  - \* We also had some donations of goods and money to deliver to the **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** who were equally appreciative of your generosity at this time and throughout the year.
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There are many members of the congregation who give their time and skills with generosity to help with the smooth running of the Parish.

Members of the Church Cleaning Teams, Readers and Stewards will have received an email this week with a rota covering the period 31 December 2022 to 9 April 2023.

The talented Flower Arrangers will be contacted separately with a schedule for the coming months.

In addition to those in teams on formalised rotas are many who serve on the altar, and others who enhance Masses with music, there are those who maintain the grounds and pathways, those who attend to the altar linen, brasses, glass and silverware, along with countless others who identify problems and provide solutions including those who sit on committees on our behalf. The Parish are mutually indebted to everyone who make contributions in whatever way they can. **THANK YOU!**

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In preparation for the birth of Our Lord please visit the dedicated **Advent and Christmas webpage of the Archdiocese of Birmingham**. It will be regularly updated with activities, resources and prayers suitable for individuals, parish and schools use over the coming weeks.



## **DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

The Gospel on the 4th Sunday of Advent focusses on the role of Mary in our salvation.

Over the three-year cycle the gospel tells of the betrothal of Mary to Joseph, the Annunciation and the Visitation. The stories prepare us for the Birth of our Lord at Christmas.

- \* For all who are waiting for a birth of a child, may they be given patience and strength.
- \* For all who work in maternity units and with parents, may they always recognise and cherish the gift of life.

### *Prayer*

God has brought gladness  
and light to the world  
through the Virgin Mary's  
delivery of her son.

Grant the prayer of all mothers to be  
as they ask for the birth  
of a healthy child.  
May they safely deliver  
a son or daughter  
to be numbered among your family,  
to serve you in all things,  
and to gain eternal life.