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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 4 December

8.30am
10.30am

There will be a second collection today for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass intention for: Leonard Gilbert R.I.P.
Mass intention for: People of the Parish

Monday 5 December

No public Mass today

Feast of St Birinus, Bishop

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Tuesday 6 December

10.00am

Memorial of St Nicholas, Bishop

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

Wednesday 7 December

10.00 am

Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

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

Thursday 8 December

11.00am

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Friday 9 December

1.15pm

Memorial of St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Requiem Mass for John Newton R.I.P.

Saturday 10 December

10.00am

Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

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

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

Sunday 11 December

8.30am
10.30am

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass intention for: People of the Parish
Mass intention for: John Newton 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, Lionel Cornish, Shirley Grant, Jane & Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Clare Saich, Patricia Newton, Ann Parry, Karen Wright.

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In your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of recently deceased parishioners:

John Newton

(John's Requiem Mass will be held at St Mary's on Friday 9 December at 1.15pm)

Andrea Barker

(Andrea's Requiem Mass will be held at St Mary's on Friday 16 December at 11.15am)

Ian Frith

(Ian's funeral will be held at St Mary's on Wednesday 14 December at 12.30pm)



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... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 20-27 November

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£90.00
Loose cash:	£251.53

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.**

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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.

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Valerie Nolan, 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:

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



Wyre Forest

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Home-Start Wyre Forest are helping Santa again this year and need **NEW (unwrapped)** presents for young people aged 0-18 years. Please be your usual generous selves and bring donations to Church up to and including **Sunday 11th December** and we will deliver them to the Home Start Wyre Forest headquarters on your behalf.

If you would prefer to make a **monetary donation**, please put it in an envelope marked **'HOME START'** and place it in the **Offertory Collection basket** .

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY IN THE PORCH!

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On **SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER**, after both Masses, there will be a small sale in the stable of **CHRISTMAS** wreaths, table decorations and planted bulbs. A great chance to buy these individually handcrafted items for gifts or for yourselves!

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We have received a kind invitation from **St Cassian's, Chaddesly Corbett** parish to join them for **Evensong on Sunday 11th December at 6.30pm** lead by The Bishop of Worcester, Dr John Inge. There will be an opportunity to socialise afterwards whilst enjoying a glass of wine and a mince pie!

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To help you plan ahead for **CHRISTMAS**, these will be the services at St Mary's:

**Christmas Eve
Saturday 24th December**

- 10.00 am Mass
- 6.30 pm Carol Service
- 7.00 pm Solemn Mass of Christmas
(Formerly Midnight Mass)



**Christmas Day
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 25th December**

- 8.30 am Mass (with carols)
- 10.30 am Mass (with carols)

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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.



<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/advent>



RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION

The Environment - Our Common Home

Pope Francis doesn't hold back: 'The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.'

Pope Francis published the following prayer in his Laudato Si' encyclical, and is meant for sharing with all who believe in a God who is the all-powerful Creator:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.



The Diocesan, Climate Action Group's December newsletter for parishes is presented as **AN ADVENT CALENDAR** with more information and tips around Laudato Si' and responding to the call of Creation:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/resources-to-care-for-creation>