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MASSES THIS WEEK

Feria in Ordinary Time

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St Sebastian, Martyr Octave of Christian Unity

Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop Octave of Christian Unity

Sunday 15 January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Peace Day

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Mass Intention for: Anne Mulrov R.I.P.

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Memorials of St Fabian, Pope Martyr

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

Mass Intention for: Christopher Morrisey R.I.P.

Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot

8.30amMass Intention for: Parishioners of the Parish10.30amMass Intention for: Oliver Donaghey R.I.P.There is a second collection today for Pax Christi

Monday 16 January No Public Mass today

Tuesday 17 January 10.00am

Wednesday 18 January

10.00 am

Thursday 19 January

11.00am

Friday 20 January

11.00am

10.00am

Saturday 21 January

Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Octave of Christian Unity Mass Intention for: Private Intention

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

Sunday 22 January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God Octave of Christian Unity
8.30am	Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish
10.30am	Mass intention for: Anne Mulroy R.I.P.

Anniversaries in January: Rev John Morgan (1718),

Thomas Mewburn Crook (1949). Charles Keeffe (1977). Margaret Steele (1978). Ronald Fry (1978), Leofric Howell (1995), Sir Robert Grant Ferris (1997), Juliet Bradley (2001). Eve Mary Smith (2001). Anne Mulroy (2004). Elizabeth Bashford (2005), Bernadette Pinfield (2007), William Eardley 2009, Thaddeus Keane 2010, Pam Taft (2011), Denis Thomas Kimberlin (2014), Ellie Tansey (2019), Ray Fogg (2019), Noel Clark (2019)

In your charity please pray for the response of the soul of

Mary Reed (lan's mother) who died on the Feast of the Epiphany, 6th January.

May she Rest In Peace.

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In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers: Deirdre Brookes, Lionel Cornish, Beth Downing, Shirley Grant, Jane & Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Patricia Newton, Ann Parry, Karen Wright.

As a parish community we welcome requests for those in need of our prayers including for those who are unwell. If the name is to be written and published in the **newsletter**, we must be sure that the individual, or their representative, gives permission so their privacy is respected and for us to comply with data protection advice. Written consent forms may be found in the yellow folder on the notice board in the porch. When complete either hand it to Fr John, post through his front door or send by mail.



for all your offerings and donations.	
Contributions to the Parish: 1-8 January	
Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£101.00
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OFFERTORY DONATIONS on SUNDAYS are 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.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH. If you should wish to make a donation when Mass is not taking place and the church is otherwise empty, please post your offering (in an envelope) in the letterbox in the door of the Priest's House.



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

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



The Harvington **CRAFT GROUP** regularly meet to work on various craft projects. Sometimes new crafts, skills and projects are introduced and the resulting items are sold at events throughout the year to raise funds for the parish. The ongoing project is making tapestry seat cushions for the pews in church. Two examples are

already in situ. The Group are trying to track down some of the tapestry kits being worked on by kind volunteers who took up the challenge in 2019. If you have one of the canvas kits, would you please let us know how you are getting on. Thanks to the generosity of Chris Rowberry and his team, the group meet in the upstairs meeting room at Rowberry's, Chaddesley Corbett. Forthcoming dates are: 18th January, 15th February, 1st & 15th March, all at 1.30-3.30pm. You are warmly invited to come along for a coffee, a chat and a relaxing afternoon. Craft work optional!

> You are invited to join two Ecumenical Pilgrimages this year



in prayer for the people of the Holy Land 31st January 2023 at 7.00 – 9.00pm: Pilgrimage at Worcester Cathedral

6th – 8th October 2023:

Pilorimage to Canterbury

For further details please see the poster in the church porch and/or contact

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY falls from 18-25 January 2023. The theme this year is Be-Longing: IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND Praying for Unity amidst Injustice.

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society.

Through this resource, the CTBI writers' group has also focussed our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better.

As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.



PAX CHRISTI is a membership organisation of individuals, families, communities and parishes from around the country. Pax Christi works for :

- Peace based on justice. A world where human rights are respected, basic needs are met, and people feel safe and valued in their communities.
- Reconciliation a process which begins when people try to mend relationships – between individuals or whole countries after times of violence or dispute.
- Nonviolence a way of living and making choices that respects others, challenges what is not fair or just, and offers alternatives to violence and war.

Every year Pax Christi promotes the Holy Father's **WORLD PEACE DAY** message on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is in the Liturgical Calendar cycle of prayer. Further information may be found on their website: paxchristi.org.uk/

PRAYER & REFLECTION



God, our Creator and Redeemer, May we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those who suffer and have known only violence in their lives. Give us a voice for those who have no voice and are not heard; those who know that there is no tomorrow in war, and that the violence of weapons destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life. That way, with your help, will we become true instruments of your peace.

Amen

(adapted from Pope Francis' Address for the World Day of Prayer for Peace, Assisi, 2016)

