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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday 19 February

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for the Unemployed

Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

Mass intention for: Pippa and James Raeside

8.30am

10.30am

Monday 20 February

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: Private Intention

No Public Mass today

Tuesday 21 February

Feast of St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Mass intention for: Private Intention

10.00am

Wednesday 22 February

Ash Wednesday

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

10.00 am

Thursday 23 February

Commemoration of St Polycarp, Bishop. Martyr

Mass Intention for: Dan Brown R.I.P.

11.00am

Friday 24 February

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

11.00am

Saturday 25 February

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

10.00am

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

Sunday 26 February

First Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Mass intention for: Diane Harris R.I.P.

Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

8.30am

10.30am

Anniversaries in February: Rev Charles Dodd (1742), Rev James Layfield (1756), Stanhope Pedley (1938), Agnes Drinkwater (1938), Pierce Bradley (1987), Tony Goodyear (1988), Pauline Jack (1992), Jeffrey Nichols (2003), Gertrude Higham (2003), Gerard O’Keeffe (2003), Rose Marie Villiers (2007), Mary Keane (2007), Gerry Costello (2012), Edmund Osborne (2013), Mandy Natalie Bridge (2016), Alan Cox (2016), Liam Buckley (2018), Jean Wilcox (2018), Michael Millard (2019), Vincent Glynn (2019), Dan Brown (2022), Kay Hildebrandt (2022)



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

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 For names to be written in this newsletter and for reasons of personal privacy, requests for those in need of our prayers including for those who are unwell we must be sure that the individual, or their representative, gives permission. 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.

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 ... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 5-12 February

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£65.00
Loose cash:	£468.23

The organisers of the Kidderminster Food Bank send their thanks for your generous donations received by them this week. It will all be put to good use immediately.

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Direct Debit, gift aid 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**.

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.



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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: Peter Boszko, hs.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

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



We hope to resume our post-Mass, Sunday get togethers for chats, coffee/tea from **Sunday 26 February** onward. To do this we need teams of volunteers, working in pairs each Sunday to take responsibility for setting up, making and serving drinks etc, clearing away and cleaning the kitchen area. **Please add your name to the list on the clipboard on the porch table and a rota will be organised for the coming months.**

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"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."

Matt 18:20

In another move towards 'normality' following all the social restrictions at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, we hope to re-introduce the **Wednesday Morning Discussion Group** from **Wednesday 1st March** onward.

This informal gathering, led by Fr John, gives everyone a chance to read and reflect on the Mass Readings for the following Sunday. The **Wednesday Word Trust leaflets** are used as a guide and will be available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the group discussion on Wednesday mornings. Do come along for a cup of coffee and an exchange of ideas!

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Many parishioners will remember the good friends of St Mary's, **Heather and George Race**, who relocated to South Africa four years ago.

The happy news is that they are back in the UK and will be attending the **8.30am Mass at St Mary's on Sunday 19 February** and afterwards would be very pleased to catch up with all old friends from St Mary's in the tea rooms at Rowberry's, Chaddesley Corbett.

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An update from Parishioner Christine Finnegan, Head Teacher of Our Lady & St Kenelm Catholic Primary School in Halesowen following her recent visit to Rome:

It was such a privilege and an honour to be part of a small group, with Cardinal Vincent Nichols, to go on pilgrimage to Rome last week. All prayer intentions from our school families, staff, and parishioners from Our Lady & St Kenelm and St Mary's parish, were handed directly into the hands of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Gifts from the children at school, including a book of poems from the children, a book about The Legend of St Kenelm and a booklet about St Mary's Church & Harvington Hall, we're also given directly to him. During the Papal Audience, as guests of Cardinal Vincent, we were able to meet him directly, speak with him face to face, shake his hand and I even got to give him a kiss! How wonderful! You were all remembered in my prayers at Holy Mass at the English College, led by Cardinal Vincent. I feel totally blessed to have been invited, and meeting the Holy Father, will remain forever in my heart.



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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Please save the date: **SATURDAY 24TH JUNE** will be the day all parishioners and friends of St Mary's have the opportunity to come together for a social and fund raising event in the garden of the Priest's House here at Harvington.

Volunteers to help in numerous ways and ideas to make this a successful event will be gratefully received. Please email the Parish office to let us know: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

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SPECIAL CONCERT IN ST MARY'S

Harvington Hall is holding it's first fund-raising History Festival this July with superb speakers (incl Alison Weir, Jessie Childs & Tracy Borman) and a wonderful concert of music for eight professional singers performing secretly composed Elizabethan Catholic music of Byrd, Tallis, Farrant and others **here in St Mary's, 28 July** but we need some extra funding (approx £500) to make this concert viable & keep ticket pricing reasonable. If you feel you could help with this funding, and would like to dedicate the concert to the memory of a loved one, please contact Hilary Boszko 01562 884821 or email: boszko@blueyonder.co.uk asap to discuss.

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