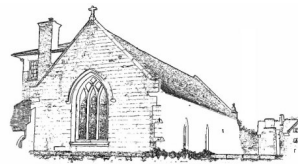


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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Monday 27 February

Memorial of St Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Mass intention for: Private Intention

No Public Mass today

Tuesday 28 February

Commemoration of St Oswald, Bishop

Mass intention for: Lucy Turner R.I.P.

10.00am

Wednesday 1 March

Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Discussion Group in the stable (#See note below)

10.00 am

10.30 am

Thursday 2 March

Feast of St Chad, Bishop Patron of the Archdiocese

No Mass today

Friday 3 March

Lent Feria

Lent Fast Day

Women's World Day of Prayer

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

11.00am

Saturday 4 March

Commemoration of St Casimir

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 5 March

Second Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

Mass intention for: Private Intention

8.30am

10.30am

* Second collection for Cathedral Maintenance

The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets are 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**. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a coffee and an exchange of ideas!

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), Tony Davenhill (2022), Jane Young (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.

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: 12-19 February

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£92.00
Loose cash:	£244.90

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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.



With thanks to the kindness of volunteers, **TEA, COFFEE AND BISCUITS WILL BE SERVED IN THE STABLE** following both Masses on Sundays from now on. If you would like to be part of the team of volunteers, **please add your name to the list on the clipboard on the porch table.**

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"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."
Matt 18:20

A **DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet each **Wednesday** following the **10.00am Mass** from **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, as mentioned on the first page of this newsletter, they will be available from the table in the porch at weekends or may be downloaded from: www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm (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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An **IRISH CHARITY CONCERT** - a celebration of Irish music, song and dance will be held in St Ambrose Parish Hall, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, DY102BY on Friday 17th March, **7.30pm-11.00pm** with proceeds going to **Kemp Hospice and the Alzheimer's Society.**

There will be a Raffle during the evening for a range of exciting prizes. You are invited to bring your own drinks. Tea, coffee, sandwiches, rolls available to purchase on the night. Admission: Adults £10.00, Children under 16 £5.00. Tickets available from Charlie Villa 07759629938 and Sinead Maffei 07980846301

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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

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St Wulstan's Parish, Stourport are planning a pilgrimage to **THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** from the **22nd to the 25th August** this year and invite St Mary's parishioners to join them. The cost of the trip is £310pp to include coach travel, half board and three nights' accommodation in the lodging next to the Anglican Shrine, and admission to The Holy House.

As this event is at the planning stage, it is necessary to see if enough people are interested in taking part to make it a viable proposition. If you are interested, please contact Fr Richard by email fr.richard.sharples@rcaob.org.uk or tel: 01299 822633.

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The Harvington **CRAFT GROUP** are meeting at Rowberry's, Chaddesley Corbett on **Wednesday 1 March at 1.30pm**. You are warmly invited to come along for a coffee, a chat and a relaxing afternoon. If you want to, you are very welcome to join in with the Group as they continue to make tapestry cushions for the church pews.

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THE STATIONS (OR WAY) OF THE CROSS are a mini pilgrimage; a set of prayers and meditations which help us to remember and share in the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. During the early centuries of the church, Christians travelled to Jerusalem to walk in Jesus' footsteps. Pilgrims travelling to the

site of Christ's crucifixion often walked one particular route (known from the 16th century as the Via Dolorosa). Following the 'Way of the Cross' they would stop at regular intervals to pray and to remember key moments of Jesus' suffering and crucifixion. During the Middle Ages, as pilgrimage to the Holy Land became difficult, imitation Ways of the Cross spread across Europe.

The number of stations (scenes) marking Jesus' journey to the Cross has varied considerably over the centuries. Starting as an outdoor devotion on roads leading to a church or shrine, by the end of the 17th century sets of images had found their way inside religious houses and churches. In 1731 Clement XII fixed the number at 14 and that has remained the custom since then, although the scenes and prayers continue to change. The addition of a 15th station, the Resurrection of the Lord, has grown in popularity during the twentieth century.

Praying the Stations of the Cross requires only that you meditate on each station. Before each station you may say:

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

After each station you may say an Our Father, Hail Mary, or Glory be to the Father.

<http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/stations-introduction/>

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Parishioner and professional photographer Michael Jones, has captured the images of the **Stations of the Cross, displayed on the walls at St Mary's** and collated them with the prayers by St Alphonsus Liguori for anyone wishing to follow the way privately. They may be found on our website

www.stmarysharvington.org.uk under the Stations of the Cross tab.