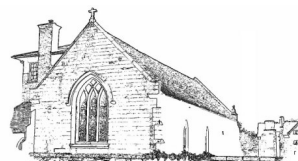


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK

### Sunday 5 February

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Racial Justice Day

8.30am

*Mass intention for: Angela MacGarrow*

10.30am

*Mass intention for: Private Intention*

There will be a second collection today for Racial Justice

### Monday 6 February

#### Memorial of St Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyrs

No Public Mass today

*Mass intention for: Private Intention*

### Tuesday 7 February

#### Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

*Mass intention for: Pauline Owen*

### Wednesday 8 February

#### Memorial of St Jerome Emiliani Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Day for the Victims of Human Trafficking

10.00 am

*Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

### Thursday 9 February

#### Feria in Ordinary Time

11.00am

*Mass Intention for: Chris & Rita Henry*

### Friday 10 February

#### Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin

11.00am

*Mass Intention for: Laura Bader*

### Saturday 11 February

#### Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes World Day for the Sick

10.00am

*Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

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

### Sunday 12 February

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am

*Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish*

10.30am

*Mass intention for: Linda Fuller*

**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, Lionel Cornish, Beth Downing, Shirley Grant, Jane & Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, 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.



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 ... for all your offerings and donations.

**Contributions to the Parish: 22-29 January**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£127.30
Loose cash: .....	£268.02

**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**.

**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:**

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



Our local **FOOD BANK** relies on donations of food and other essential items to be able to help those families who are going through a crisis at present, and are unable to feed their children and dependents.

Their current shopping list includes:

- UHT milk, Coffee, Tinned fruit, Tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce,
- Tinned meat (cold eg ham, corned beef, hot eg chicken curry, stewed steak),
- Squash, Tinned carrots and peas, Jam, Peanut butter, Fruit juice, Rice pudding,
- Tinned potatoes, Toilet rolls, Deodorant, Razors, Shaving foam, Shower gel,
- Toothpaste, Shampoo

They have plenty of baked beans and pasta in stock, so please avoid those items.

If you would like to donate food and other essentials, please bring them to church and we will deliver them on your behalf to the Kidderminster Food Bank collection point on **MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY.**

If you would prefer to donate money this will also be delivered on your behalf directly to the collection point. Please put cash or cheques (made payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank') in an envelope marked '**KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK**' and put it in the Offertory collection at Mass or, at other times, post through the letter box in the door of the Priest's House.

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**February 11 is World Day of the Sick**, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. On **Saturday 11 February**, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mass will be celebrated at St Ambrose Church, Kidderminster at **12 noon** with Rev. Fr. Philip Griffin as the principal celebrant and preacher.

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Parishioner Christine Finnegan, Head Teacher of Our Lady & St Kenelm Catholic Primary School in Halesowen, has been invited to be part of a small group joining Cardinal Vincent Nicholls in **Rome 7-9 February 2023**. Christine will take with her any of our special intentions to be remembered during Mass in the Vatican. If you would like such intentions to be included, please add them to the list on the clipboard in the porch and they will be taken by Christine after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 5 February.**

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The Harvington **BOOK GROUP** are reading *The Penelopiad*, a female take by Margaret Atwood on the Homeric narrative *The Odyssey* and will meet to discuss the book on **Monday 13 February at 9.30am in the Stable.** Newcomers welcome: no worries if you haven't read the book!

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The Harvington **CRAFT GROUP** are meeting at Rowberry's, Chaddesley Corbett on **Wednesday 15 February 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.



**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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## **News from the Catholic Bishops' Conference**

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** is the day the church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

The theme for Racial Justice Sunday 2023 is:

*“All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together”.*

It reflects the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. This was inspired by conversations around last year's Racial Justice Sunday and Pope Francis' visit to Canada in July 2022 when he spoke about looking towards a future of 'Justice, healing and reconciliation'.

This prayer is for individuals or parishes to use on Racial Justice Sunday:

**God of our past, present and future,  
you created each one of us in your image and likeness,  
help us to recognise you in each person.  
As we pray for end to suffering caused by racism  
lead us this day to walk with one another,  
pray with one another and work together,  
so that we create a future based on justice and healing,  
where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**