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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday 12 March Third Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Dementia Care Week

8.30am Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

10.30am Mass intention for: Vocations

(requested by the Catenian Association)

* Second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Monday 13 March Lent Feria

No Public Mass today

Dementia Care Week

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Tuesday 14 March Lent Feria

Dementia Care Week

10.00am Mass intention for: Private Intention

Wednesday 15 March Lent Feria

Dementia Care Week

10.00 am Mass Intention for: Michael Bianco R.I.P.

10.30 am Discussion Group in the stable

Wednesday Word Trust leaflets may be downloaded

from: www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm

Thursday 16 March Lent Feria

Dementia Care Week

11.00am Mass Intention for: Stan Robson R.I.P.

Friday 17 March Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

Dementia Care Week

11.00am Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Saturday 18 March Commemoration of St Cyril of Jerusalem,

Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Dementia Care Week

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 19 March Fourth Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Dementia Care Week

8.30am Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

10.30am Mass intention for: Linda Fuller R.I.P.

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, Bridget Rochford, 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.

... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 26 February-5 March

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £316.00 Gift Aid Envelopes: £110.00 Loose cash: £311.63 Second collection for Cathedral maintenance: £298.17

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.



COVID PRECAUTIONS: 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 SIGN OF PEACE – this gesture before Holy Communion changed during the pandemic, but now it is clear that we must re-consider it. It seems unreasonable for members of the same household who have travelled to Mass together to bow to each other rather than shake hands. But please be mindful that some people are still nervous about handshaking, so be sensitive to that. At the announcement 'Let us offer

each other the sign of peace' you can interpret that as a bow or a handshake as is appropriate. The sign of peace is not essential to the Mass, but it a gesture that recognises our being at peace with one another before we approach the altar of God.



HARVINGTON HISTORY FESTIVAL. 25-31 JULY. Pre booking opportunity. An astonishingly good list of top historians, authors, broadcasters and singers will be entertaining us with their knowledge and expertise. The list includes RVINGTON Alison Weir, Jessie Childs, Alice Loxton, Lesley Smith, Ruth Goodman on fascinating subjects such as how Tudor women lived, the relationship

between Anne Boleyn & her mother Elizabeth I, martyrdom, evil spirits, the art of disguise and secrecy in the Tudor & Stuart periods. And of course the concert: The Caged Byrd: Motets and Madrigals of Defiance by the Oratory Consort As parishioners of St Marys we have the opportunity to book before public booking opens this Monday 13th. Some are expected to sell out quickly. To see what's on and book tickets for the talks or concert please visit:

https://www.harvingtonhall.co.uk/history-festival this weekend. From Monday 13th tickets will be available on the Harvington Hall website to the general public. If you have any problem booking on line and want help please contact Hilary Boskzo on 01562 884821 or boszko@blueyonder.co.uk



Mental health research

MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

My son John Harvey will be running for the London Marathon in April and he will be supporting this worthy cause MQ mental health research! So many people are affected by mental disorders particularly after Covid, also among young generation, and in the medical personnel who have been and are stretched to the maximum, and much more the list would be too long! So please if you could help to raise more money for that charity we would be grateful. I will be collecting at the end of both masses on Sunday 12th March. Thank you very much! Annick Harvey.



The Harvington **BOOK GROUP** are reading *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus - definitely not a textbook! - and will meet to discuss the book on Monday 13 March at 9.30am in the Stable.

"A bright and beautiful chemist brings scientific principles and much attitude to a US TV cookery show ...!"



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



DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12-19th March 2023

Dementia is a degenerative disease which tends to isolate both the sufferer and the families that surround them. Confronted with this condition we naturally feel inadequate. Prayer is one very powerful way of connecting with all concerned. Let this Dementia Prayer Week become your link to the many families struggling with dementia.

The Father's Love

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

John:15 v 9

Lord, thank you for your presence this moment, holding us in your love. Help us to share your love with those who live among us with dementia, that we may see your beauty in them.

Amen
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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.

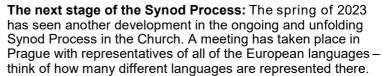
There will be a Raffle during the evening for a range of exciting prizes. You are invited to bring your own drinks. Tea, coffee, sandwiches, rolls available to purchase on the night. Admission: Adults, £10.00, Children under 16, £5.00. Tickets available from Charlie Villa 07759629938 and Sinead Maffei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



Synod

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CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY MARCH – Lent Appeal This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. The second collection on the weekend March 11/12 is for CAFOD. You could donate using the envelopes



And together, people discern the will of God, the wisdom of the Spirit, and the importance of unity. But we are an international community and so it is good to know that there have been gatherings on each continent: for Oceania, in Fiji; for Africa, in Addis Ababa; for Asia, in Thailand; for North America, in Orlando, Florida; for South America, for Latin America and the Caribbean, in El Salvador; for the Middle East, in Lebanon. It is wonderful to see that what began in every individual parish, moved on to Diocesan Stage, National Stage and now Continental Stage. In October of this year and next year, the Bishops of the world together with lay representatives will gather in Rome for the established Synod of Bishops meeting. www.Synod.va