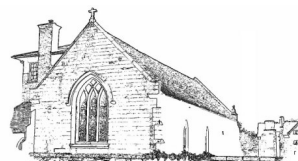


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MASSES THIS WEEK

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.

Monday 20 March

Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Public Mass today

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Tuesday 21 March

Lent Feria

10.00am

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Wednesday 22 March

Lent Feria

10.00 am

Mass Intention for: Anthony Francis-Flores R.I.P.

10.30 am

#Discussion Group in the stable

Thursday 23 March

Commemoration of St Turibus of Mongrovejo, Bishop

11.00am

*Mass Intention for: Deceased members of the
Pakes and Taylor families R.I.P.*

Friday 24 March

Lent Feria

11.00am

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Saturday 25 March

Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord

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 26 March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.30am

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

10.30am

Mass intention for: Ernest Godwin R.I.P.

Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish



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

The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) used at 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, Pamela Mortiboy, 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.



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 ... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 5-12 March

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£116.00
Loose cash:	£263.98
Second collection for CAFOD:	£890.90

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:

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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
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 27th March.**

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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HARVINGTON HISTORY FESTIVAL. 25-31 JULY.

An astonishingly good list of top historians, authors, broadcasters and singers will be entertaining us with their knowledge and expertise.

The list includes 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
<https://www.harvingtonhall.co.uk/history-festival>

If you have any problem booking on line and want help please contact Hilary Boskzo on 01562 884821 or boskzo@blueyonder.co.uk

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YOUR ARE INVITED! Its not every parish that has its own stable. We use ours here at Harvington for all sorts of small gatherings such as The Discussion Group each Wednesday, the Book Group every month and the Children's Liturgy Group during 10.30 Mass on Sundays.

Each Sunday, everyone is invited to the stable after both Masses to meet old and new friends along with a mug of coffee or tea a biscuit (or more!) Please, don't be shy. Do join in!



The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is a Christmas feast even though it is not celebrated during the Christmas Season. Nine months before we celebrate the Lord's birth, we celebrate His incarnation in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On hearing the Angel's message, Mary reflects, entering into dialogue with herself and with the angel, asking what his message meant and how it would happen. Mary does not allow herself to be overcome by her emotions. She appears as a courageous woman, who remains in control of herself even though she is faced with something unheard of. In the end, she evaluates and makes a decision in God's light.

Mary's "Let it be done to me" transforms the humble house of "her" being into God's House, becoming a Tabernacle of the Most High Jesus. All it took was her "Let it be done to me", a sign of her willingness, knowing she could trust in the action of the Holy Spirit. And God entered into history, accepting to "make" history in the lives of those who have said and who would say over and over again, "Let it be done to me".

Mary's first characteristic is her faith. She believes and entrusts herself to God, certain that nothing is impossible for Him. God is not afraid of our moments of confusion, of reflection, of trying to understand. God does not force our freedom, but teaches us how to be free so that each one of us can say our own "Let it be done to me".

The second characteristic is that she accepted God's time and pace—His time requires our time, it requires that we live more profoundly. God asks for our "yes", but He also asks that we assume go at His "pace" and "time" which is not simply the ticking of the clock. God's time is the right time, the fullness of time, the opportune moment, the moment of grace.

Prayer (From the Byzantine Matins for the Feast of the Annunciation)

Today is disclosed the myst'ry before the ages;
and the Son of God shall become the Son of Man,
that by his adoption of the lowest
he may grant us the highest.
Of old Adam failed to become a God
as he desired,
so God became Man
that Adam might become as God.
Wherefore, let creation rejoice,
and nature exchange greetings,
for the archangel did stand reverently before the Virgin
and offered her joy instead of sorrow.
Wherefore, O our God,
who by thy compassion became man,
glory be to thee.