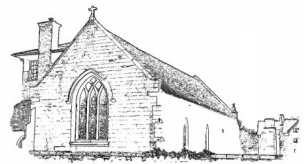


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK

### 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

### Monday 6 March

#### Lent Feria

*Mass intention for: Private Intention*

No Public Mass today

### Tuesday 7 March

#### Commemoration of Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

*Mass intention for: Dan Brown R.I.P.*

10.00am

### Wednesday 8 March

#### Commemoration of St John of God, Religious

*Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

*Discussion Group in the stable (#See note below)*

10.00 am

10.30 am

### Thursday 9 March

#### Commemoration of St Frances of Rome, Religious

*Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

11.00am

### Friday 10 March

#### Lent Feria

*Mass Intention for: Agnes & John Mealia R.I.P.*

11.00am

### Saturday 11 March

#### Lent Feria

*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 12 March

#### Third Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Dementia Care Week

*Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish*

*Mass intention for: Vocations*

*(requested by the Catenian Association)*

8.30am

10.30am

\* Second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day

# **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.



... for all your offerings and donations.

**Contributions to the Parish: 19-26 February**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£110.00
Loose cash: .....	£263.71

**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:** 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.

**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.



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** meets each **Wednesday** following the **10.00am Mass**. 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](http://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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St Wulstan's Parish, Stourport are planning a pilgrimage to **THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** from the **22<sup>nd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> August** this year and invite St Mary's parishioners to join them. Please see the poster in the church porch or refer to last week's newsletter for details. [www.stmarysharvington.org.uk/newsletters/](http://www.stmarysharvington.org.uk/newsletters/)

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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**



## COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK

### **Tuesday 7 March - Commemoration of Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, a young noblewoman and her slave, were martyred for their faith in A.D. 203, under the emperor Severus. At the time of their arrest, Perpetua had an infant son, and Felicity was pregnant. In prison, Perpetua wrote a diary that was later published as *The Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity*, one of the earliest writings by a Christian woman.

In it Perpetua described an interaction with her father as he came and begged her to recant: "Father," said I, "do you see this vase here, for example?" "Yes, I do," said he. And I told him: "Could it be called by any other name than what it is?" And he said: "No." "Well, so too I cannot be called anything other than what I am, a Christian."

As penalty for professing the name of Christ, Perpetua and Felicity were sentenced to death. Perpetua and Felicity were thrown into an arena of wild animals, but they were not killed. Tragically, the emperor Severus then commanded that they be put to death by the sword.

### **Wednesday 8 March - Commemoration of St John of God, Religious**

Having given up active Christian belief while a soldier, John was 40 before the depth of his sinfulness began to dawn on him. He decided to give the rest of his life to God's service and headed at once for Africa where he hoped to free captive Christians and, possibly, be martyred.

He was soon advised that his desire for martyrdom was not spiritually well based and returned to Spain to open a religious book shop. Unsettled and moved by a sermon of Saint John of Avila, he one day engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life.

Committed to a mental hospital for these actions, John was visited by Saint John, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart, and shortly after left the hospital to begin work among the poor.

He established a house where he tended to the needs of the sick poor. Behind John's outward acts of total concern and love for Christ's sick poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, 20 years after John's death, formed the Brothers Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order.

### **Thursday 9 March - Commemoration of St Frances of Rome, Religious**

Born of wealthy Roman parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband. Frances soon discovered that her sister-in-law, Vannoza, also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two set out together, with their husbands' blessings, to help the poor.

Frances became convinced that this way of life was essential for the world, and requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor.

Once the society was established, Frances lived at home with her husband, until he passed away, and then went to live the remainder of her life with the society, serving the poorest of the poor.