

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

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| Sunday 10 December 8.30am 10.30am <i>On this day there will be a second collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese</i> | Second Sunday of Advent Mass intention for: <i>Margaret Bradley R.I.P.</i> Mass Intention for: <i>People of The Parish</i> |
| Monday 11 December No public Mass today | Memorial of St Damasus, Pope Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Tuesday 12 December 10.00am | Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass intention for: <i>Dalia Silsby Ahment</i> |
| Wednesday 13 December 10.00am 10.30am # | Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr Mass intention for: <i>Stan Robson R.I.P.</i> Discussion Group in the stable |
| Thursday 14 December 11.00am | Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church <i>Mass Intention for: Canon Brian McGinley & family</i> |
| Friday 15 December 11.00am | Advent Feria Mass intention for: <i>Mr Fairman (Snr) R.I.P.</i> |
| Saturday 16 December 10.00am The SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) is available in church following this Mass and by appointment at other times. | Advent Feria Mass intention for: <i>Christiana Willman</i> |
| Sunday 17 December 8.30am 10.30am | Third Sunday of Advent Mass intention for: <i>People of The Parish</i> Mass Intention for: <i>John Townsend R.I.P.</i> |

Every **Wednesday after the 10 o'clock Mass**, you are all warmly invited to come to the stable at **St Mary's Harvington**, for an informal, friendly group meeting where, lead by Fr John we will do as Pope Francis suggests by focussing on the basics of prayer using the words the Lord gave us in the **Our Father**.

Anniversaries in December: Rev Sylvester Jenks (1714),

Rev Thomas Atherton (1758), Sir Charles Throckmorton (1840), Charles Spink (1885), Edward Hailes (1912), Elaine Mulroy (1971), Eric Needham (1996), Cyril Hennessey (1999), Margaret Green (2004), Josephine Packwood (2004), Anthony Bashford, Pauline Reeve (2006). James O'Brien (2012), Marilyn Way (2016), Greg Kelly (2020), Christopher Morrissey (2020)

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In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:

Deirdre Brookes, Stephen Brown, Beth Downing, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Annick Harvey, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, Paul Morrison, John & Ellen Mottram, Patricia Newton, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry, Bridget Rochford, Jeanne Round, Karen Wright.

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... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 26 November-3 December

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| Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: | £316.00 |
| Gift Aid Envelopes: | £160.00 |
| Loose cash: | £212.22 |

Direct Debit, gift aid forms are available from the folder on the notice board in the church porch. Please complete and either hand to Fr John or post through his house letterbox.



PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH. If you 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.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Rep is **Valerie Nolan**. She can be contacted at: sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 0121 2306240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Peter Boszko - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

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The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.



To help you plan ahead for **CHRISTMAS**, these will be the services at St Mary's:

Christmas Eve
Sunday 24th December
8.30 am Mass
10.30 am Mass

Christmas Day
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
Monday 25th December
8.30 am Mass (with carols)
10.30 am Mass (with carols)

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Home-Start Wyre Forest are helping Santa again this year and need **NEW (unwrapped)** presents for young people aged 0-18 years. Please be your usual generous selves and bring donations to Church up to and including **Sunday 10 December** and we will deliver them to the Home Start Wyre Forest headquarters on your behalf. **THANK YOU** in anticipation!

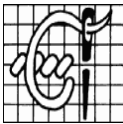
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THE HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP are reading *Silas Marner* by George Eliot and will meet to discuss the novel on **Monday 11 December at 9.30am** as usual in the Stable. All are welcome to come along, whether or not you have read the book!

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CHURCH CUSHIONS



Harvington Craft Group ask if there is anyone who has one of the church cushions kit, either unfinished kit or complete, please leave it in the cupboard in the church porch or hand it to the steward on duty who will ensure it reaches the Craft Group.

If you have any questions please contact Joan McKay, Janet Rowe or Audrey Myerscough.

Please feel free to join the Craft Group at Rowberry's Garden Centre on alternate Wednesday afternoons at 1.30pm. We are a very friendly group and welcome parishioners who just want to have a chat as well as those who wish to join us in our activities. The next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd January.

ADVENT 2023



Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning 'arrival' or 'coming'. It's a key time in which we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Lord coming into the world as the incarnate God of love.

Advent has a two-fold character: for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered; and likewise, when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period for devout and expectant delight.

Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year

The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B tell us of John the Baptist and his call to repentance. The first reading foretells the coming of John the Baptist. The psalm reminds us that the Lord is kind and just. The second reading encourages us to grow in holiness. And in the gospel, John the Baptist is baptizing people in preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/advent/>

<https://young-catholics.com/3060/2nd-sunday-of-advent-year-b/>



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In preparation for the birth of Our Lord please visit the dedicated Advent and Christmas webpage of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It will be regularly updated with activities, resources and prayers suitable for individuals, parish and schools use over the coming weeks.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/advent>