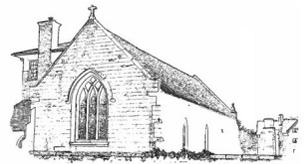


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



*Parish Priest:* Fr Richard Sharples  
*Priest in Residence:* Fr John Moran  
*Telephone:* 01562 777319  
*e-mail:* stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk  
*Website:* www.stmarysharvington.org.uk  
*Registered Charity No:* 234216 The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

### Sunday 3 December

### First Sunday of Advent

*Migrants' Day*

8.30am

Mass intention for: *Leonard Gilbert R.I.P.*

10.30am

Mass Intention for: *People of The Parish*

### Monday 4 December

### Memorial of St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

No public Mass today

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### Tuesday 5 December

### Feast of St Birinus, Bishop

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Charles Alfred Reen R.I.P.*

### Wednesday 6 December

### Memorial of St Nicholas, Bishop

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*

10.30am

Discussion Group in the stable

*(#See invitation on page 4)*

### Thursday 7 December

### Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

11.00am

Mass Intention for: *Thomas, Maria, Marco & Susan Costanzo R.I.P.*

### Friday 8 December

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Eileen Morris R.I.P.*

### Saturday 9 December

### Memorial of St Juan Diego, Cuauhtlatotzin

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 10 December

### Second Sunday of Advent

8.30am

Mass intention for: *Margaret Bradley R.I.P.*

10.30am

Mass Intention for: *People of The Parish*

*On this day there will be a second collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese*

**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)

✕

**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.

.....

... for all your offerings and donations.

**THANK  
YOU!**

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

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£93.00
Loose cash: .....	£213.44
Second Collection for the Catholic Youth Service: ..	£347.68

**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](mailto:sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 0121 2306240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN:** Peter Boszko - [stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

**PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER:** Peter Boszko [hs.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:hs.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

**PARISH SECRETARY (Finance):** Amalia Costanzo - [stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

**PARISH SECRETARY (Admin):** Maggie Skinner - [stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

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



**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!

.....

### CHURCH CUSHIONS



In 2019 the **Harvington Craft Group** set themselves the task to make a cushion for each pew in the church. You will notice several pews are now complete.

Initially many parishioners took a cushion kit to work on, but a number have not yet been returned. If you have an unfinished kit, please don't worry, we will do it for you but we need them back asap so that as a self-funding group we can keep our costs to a minimum.

If you do have an unfinished kit, 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.

To complete the whole church, we need to make 120 cushions. 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.

.....



On **Sunday 3 December, after both Masses**, the repository will be open in the stable for the sale of Christmas cards, etc

On **Sunday 3 December, after both Masses**, there will be a small sale in the stable of **CHRISTMAS** wreaths, table decorations and planted bulbs. A great chance to buy individually handcrafted items for gifts or for yourselves!



.....

### Confession during Adoration, Kidderminster, December 6th 2023

Priests from our Deanery will be hearing Confessions in St Ambrose Church, Kidderminster DY10 2BY on **Wednesday 6th December from 2.30pm until 5.30pm**. Please take this opportunity to make a good start to Advent and the church year ahead!





## YEAR OF PRAYER

### Preparing for the Jubilee Year 2025

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year - entitled "Pilgrims of Hope" - 2024 has been designated as a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. With its focus on the **Our Father**, it presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

**The Archdiocese of Birmingham Jubilee Preparatory Commission, wants to encourage every Catholic to reflect on their life of prayer.**

what they pray, how they pray & why they pray. This is for two reasons:

1. To encourage Catholics to deepen their prayer life and love of God;
2. For each Catholic to help at least one other person to pray during the Year of Prayer.

There are already a growing number of resources on the Diocesan & Office for Mission websites to help you, so that our Archdiocese can have, as its focus, missionary prayer and accompaniment during 2024.

<https://www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024>

Archbishop Bernard Longley calls on everyone to take part in this Year:

*"The Year of Prayer starts on the first Sunday of Advent (3rd Dec).*

*Pope Francis desires to see the **Our Father** become the*

*"life programme" of every disciple, and so I invite our Diocesan family to prepare for the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope", through a deeper devotion to prayer in this Year of Prayer!*

## AN INVITATION

Starting on the first Wednesday of Advent (**6th December**) and every following 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**.