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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

- Sunday 31 December** **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
8.30am Mass intention for: *People of The Parish*
10.30am Mass Intention for: *Anthony Francis-Flores R.I.P.*
- Monday 1 January** **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
10.00am Mass Intention for: *Private Intention*
- Tuesday 2 January** **Memorial of Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Ivan & Molly Charuk R.I.P.*
- Wednesday 3 January** **Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
10.30am # Discussion Group in the stable
- Thursday 4 January** **Christmas Feria**
11.00am *Mass Intention for: Private Intention*
- Friday 5 January** **Christmas Feria**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Alfonso & Gioconda Salsano R.I.P.*
- Saturday 6 January** **Christmas Feria**
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 7 January** **Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord**
8.30am Mass intention for: *People of The Parish*
10.30am Mass Intention for: John Weston R.I.P.
- # 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.

Anniversaries in January: Rev John Morgan (1718), Thomas Mewburn Crook (1949), Charles Keeffe (1977), Margaret Steele (1978), Ronald Fry (1978), Leofric Howell (1995), Sir Robert Grant Ferris (1997), Juliet Bradley (2001), Eve Mary Smith (2001), Anne Mulroy (2004), Elizabeth Bashford (2005), Bernadette Pinfield (2007), William Eardley 2009, Thaddeus Keane 2010, Pam Taft (2011), Denis Thomas Kimberlin (2014), Ellie Tansey (2019), Ray Fogg (2019), Noel Clark (2019)

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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, Jeanne Round, Karen Wright.

THANK YOU!

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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 17-24 December:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£87.00
Loose cash:	£297.03

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.



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS to Fr John.

Fr John wishes to express his sincere thanks to everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts and offerings you have given to him. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



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.

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

Answers to the Christmas Quiz 'Name the carol':

- ◇ Righteous Darkness:
= **Oh Holy Night**
- ◇ Arrival Time: 2400 hrs -- Weather: Cloudless:
= **It came upon a midnight clear**
- ◇ The Christmas preceding all others:
= **The First Noel**
- ◇ Far Off in a Feeder:
= **Away in the Manger**
- ◇ Nocturnal Noiselessness:
= **Silent Night**
- ◇ Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings:
= **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**
- ◇ Triumvirate of far eastern heads of state:
= **We Three Kings**
- ◇ Small municipality in Judea southeast of Jerusalem:
= **Oh Little Town of Bethlehem**
- ◇ As the guardians of little woolly animals protected their charges:
= **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night**
- ◇ Car City in the Midlands Sings:
= **Coventry Carol**
- ◇ Benevolent Royal Figure from Eastern Block:
= **Good King Wenceslas**
- ◇ Move here everyone loyal in their belief:
= **Oh come All ye Faithful**
- ◇ Summon twice footballer Adebayor:
= **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**



With thanks to: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14033/news/42113/christian-aid-christmas-quiz-answers/>

Answers to the 'Spot the difference' puzzle:

www.biblecartoons.co.uk/freestuff/activity-sheets-index

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... to the many parishioners who contributed to the decoration of the church for Christmas including the donation then dressing of the Christmas tree, the setting up of the crib, the beautiful floral arrangements along with all the cleaning and polishing that made St Mary's ready for the arrival of Christ.

The FEAST of The HOLY FAMILY



Joseph and Mary
took him to
Jerusalem
to present him
to the Lord

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church

hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instil into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

Excerpted from *With Christ Through the Year*, Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2019-12-29>

God of love, today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Help our own families to be places of peace, kindness and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Dear God, help us to make our families places where we may grow in love and wisdom. Encourage us to reach out in love to our brothers and sisters around the world and to recognise that even though we are all different we are all members of one family. We make this prayer through Jesus, your Son. Amen.