

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 21 January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

Octave of Christian Unity

Mass intention for: *People of The Parish*

Mass Intention for: *Anne Mulroy R.I.P.*

8.30am

10.30am

Monday 22 January

Memorial of St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

Octave of Christian Unity

Mass Intention for: *Mark Kear R.I.P.*

No public Mass today

Tuesday 23 January

Memorial of St Nicolas Owen, Religious

Octave of Christian Unity

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.00am

Wednesday 24 January

**Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church**

Octave of Christian Unity

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.00am

10.30am #

Discussion Group in the stable

Thursday 25 January

Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle

Octave of Christian Unity

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

11.00am

Friday 26 January

Memorial of Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

11.00am

Saturday 27 January

**Memorial of Blessed Edward Oldcorne,
Priest, Martyr**

Mass intention for: *Jun Pan R.I.P.*

10.00am

The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available in church following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

Sunday 28 January

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Racial Justice Sunday

Mass intention for: *People of The Parish*

8.30am

10.30am

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Second collection on this day for Racial Justice Sunday.

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.



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 ... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 7-14 January:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£117.00
Loose cash:	£227.50
Second collection for Pax Christi:	£266.92

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.

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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.



St George's RC Parish Worcester (WR1 1UG) invite you to a talk by Dr Hannah Thomas on the life and relics of **BLESSED EDWARD OLDCORNE** at **11.30am on Saturday 27th January 2024.**

The talk will last for approximately 40 minutes with the opportunity to ask questions afterwards. Dr Hannah Thomas PhD (Swansea University, 2024) is Special Collections Manager and Research Fellow at Bar Convent, York, the oldest convent in England. Her many publications include *'Historiography of the Jesuits in England in the Early Modern Period'*. Following the talk in the Parish Hall, there is the opportunity to attend the 12.30 vigil Mass.

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HARVINGTON HISTORY FESTIVAL
24th -28th July 2024.
Pre-Public booking for parishioners.

For their second History Festival, Harvington Hall presents another superb line up of top historians (authors & broadcasters). Eight new faces, including Estelle Paranque, Gareth Russell & Helen Carr will join returning favourites including Tracy Borman, Ruth Goodman, Alison Weir & Nicola Tallis. Again, there will be a Festival Concert of beautiful Elizabethan music in St Mary's Church (Fri 26th July).

Parishioners can book tickets ahead of the public from Thursday 25th January until Sunday night 28th January using a special link* with details of all the events and ticketing. As many events will sell out quickly, you're encouraged to use this link before general public sales start Mon 29th.

*The link cannot be released before 25th but will be sent on that day to everyone on our database who usually receives the newsletter via email each Friday. If you are not already included in those mailings and wish to be added, please contact the parish office this week:

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For Festival enquiries please contact Hilary Boszko: 01562 884821

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Conversione di San Paolo by Caravaggio

Thursday 25 January Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

St. Paul was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents who were descended from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a Roman citizen from birth. As he was "a young man" at the stoning of Stephen

and "an old man" when writing to Philemon, about the year 63, he was probably born around the beginning of the Christian era.

To complete his schooling, St. Paul was sent to Jerusalem, where he sat at the feet of the learned Gamaliel and was educated in the strict observance of the ancestral Law. Here he also acquired a good knowledge of exegesis and was trained in the practice of disputation. As a convinced and zealous Pharisee, he returned to Tarsus before the public life of Christ opened in Palestine.

Some time after the death of Our Lord, St. Paul returned to Palestine. His profound conviction made his zeal develop to a religious fanaticism against the infant Church. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, St. Stephen, and in the fierce persecution of the Christians that followed.

Entrusted with a formal mission from the high priest, he departed for Damascus to arrest the Christians there and bring them bound to Jerusalem. While on his way to Damascus he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centres of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome around 66 A.D., and his relics are in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls near the Ostian Way.