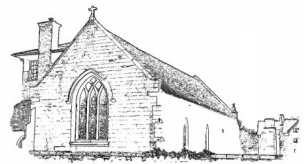


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

- 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.
- Monday 8 January** **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**
10.00am Mass Intention for: *Private Intention*
- Tuesday 9 January** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Wednesday 10 January** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
10.30am # Discussion Group in the stable
- Thursday 11 January** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
11.00am *Mass Intention for: Vittorio Iannoccaro R.I.P.*
- Friday 12 January** **Memorial of St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Joan Barnes R.I.P.*
- Saturday 13 January** **Memorial of St Hilary, Bishop, Dr of the Church**
 Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday
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 14 January** **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Peace Day
8.30am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
10.30am Mass Intention for: *People of The Parish*

Second collection on this day for Pax Christi

Every **Wednesday after the 10 o'clock Mass**, you are all warmly invited to a friendly group meeting, lead by Fr John to do as Pope Francis suggests and consider the basics of prayer and praying.

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: 24-31 December:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£98.00
Loose cash:	£195.52

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.

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



HELP WANTED!

The parish relies on the generosity of volunteers who perform essential supportive roles in our community. Many of these roles are listed on a rota covering a few months at a time. The more people on the rota, the

easier it is for everyone else on the particular team. All the current teams would benefit from the help of new volunteers. Training and guidance will be given as well as the appreciation from us all who benefit. Please consider offering your services in any of these roles:

For either the 8.30 or 10.30 Sunday Masses:

- Stewards
- Readers
- Ministers of The Eucharist
- The service of coffee etc after Mass

For alternate Thursdays or alternate Saturdays:

- The Church Cleaning Teams

If you would care to join any of our teams please contact Maggie in the office by email: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk.

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The **NEWMAN ASSOCIATION**

Promoting open discussion and greater
understanding in today's Church

To mark the week of **PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**, Archbishop Bernard Longley (RC Archdiocese of Birmingham) and Bishop John Inge (CofE Diocese of

Worcester) will meet for a discussion about the role of laity in the mission of Church today. They will lead a discussion about the future of the Church and what role laity is going to play in it, including the leadership and ministries. We hope to hear about the experience of synodality in the Catholic and Anglican communities and whether dividing Christians into progressives and traditionalists makes sense or not. This is the first event of the 2024 calendar of talks organised by the **WORCESTER CIRCLE OF NEWMAN ASSOCIATION**. Organisers extend an invitation to everyone interested in ecumenical dialogue, current challenges and opportunities that the Church faces in the UK and abroad, and the pivotal role of laity in the life and mission of Church.

This free event will take place at **7.30pm on Friday January 19th at St. George's Catholic Church in Worcester 1 Sansome Place, Worcester WR1 1UG**. To book your place please go through this address: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discipleship-and-mission-of-laity-in-church-today-tickets-784551413397?aff=oddtcreator>



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. This day was celebrated in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaiah which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.