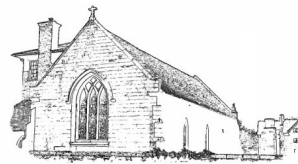


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 11 February

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for the Unemployed

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

8.30am

Mass intention for: *People of The Parish*

10.30am

Mass Intention for: *Diane Harris R.I.P.*

*There will be a second collection today for the **LIFE** charity*

Monday 12 February

Feria in Ordinary Time

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday 13 February

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday

10.00am

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

Thursday 15 February

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 16 February

Friday after Ash Wednesday

NO MASS TODAY as Fr John will be attending the funeral of Fr Sandy Brown in Hednesford.

Saturday 17 February

Commemoration of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 18 February

First Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

8.30am

Mass intention for: *People of The Parish*

10.30am

Mass Intention for: *Private Intention*

Anniversaries in February: Rev Charles Dodd (1742), Rev James Layfield (1756), Stanhope Pedley (1938), Agnes Drinkwater (1938), Pierce Bradley (1987), Tony Goodyear (1988), Pauline Jack (1992), Jeffrey Nichols(2003), Gertrude Higham (2003), Gerard O’Keeffe (2003), Rose Marie Villiers (2007), Mary Keane (2007), Gerry Costello (2012), Edmund Osborne (2013), Mandy Natalie Bridge (2016), Alan Cox (2016), Liam Buckley (2018), Jean Wilcox (2018), Michael Millard (2019), Vincent Glynn (2019), Dan Brown (2022), Kay Hildebrandt (2022)



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: 28 January—4 February:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£125.00
Loose cash:	£305.09

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.



The Archdiocese of Birmingham has supported **LIFE** for over 20 years through the Second Collection for Life, raising more than £550,000 over that time.

Life empowers women facing unexpected pregnancy, gives them a safe space in which to make pregnancy decisions, and helps them make the transition into

early motherhood. In fact, Life helped 2,012 women in the last 18 months in the Archdiocese of Birmingham area alone, not to mention the tens of thousands of women they helped nationally, too.

Life does this through their pregnancy care National Helpline, inspired by the Samaritans, as well as a network of Life Houses around the UK (with two in the Archdiocese, one in Oxfordshire and one in the Black Country) and distribution of free pregnancy tests and maternity supplies (including from Life Centres in Walsall, Wolverhampton, and Stratford-on-Avon).

Imagine being able to make a gift that extends through generations, multiplying many times over, that brings more love and life into the world.

That's your opportunity on **Sunday 11 February**, when the Archdiocese of Birmingham is holding a **Second Collection for the work of Life**, one of the nation's leading pregnancy support charities.

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SEVERN TRENT WATER have informed us that the A448, Kidderminster/Bromsgrove Road, will be completely **CLOSED** for through traffic between Dobes Lane and Harvington Hall Lane from **19th February** until the **middle of May 2024**. This will affect anyone travelling to St Mary's from the direction of Bromsgrove. A signed diversion will be in place for the duration of the works.

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THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT

On Wednesday we begin our solemn observance of Lent. At Mass on Wednesday morning, ashes will be blessed and will be put on our heads as a sign of conversion, penance and as a reminder of our mortality. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolise that attitude of internal penance to which the baptised are called during Lent. Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat for all who are over 14 years (abstinence) and those over 18 (fasting). If we are over 60 years we are excused fasting but not abstinence. I hope we will all enter into the spirit of Lent and do something special for Lent as a reminder of what Jesus did for us during this blessed time.

Fr. John