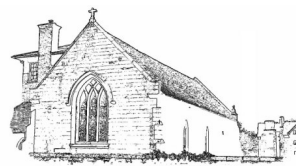


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

**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*

**Monday 19 February**      **Lent Feria**  
**NO MASS TODAY**

**Tuesday 20 February**      **Lent Feria**  
10.00am      Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

**Wednesday 21 February**      **Commemoration of St Peter Damian,  
Bishop, Doctor of the Church**  
10.00am      Mass intention for: *Michael Millard R.I.P.*  
10.30am #      Discussion Group in the stable

**Thursday 22 February**      **Feast of the Chair of St Peter**  
**NO MASS TODAY** as Fr John is attending a funeral.

**Friday 23 February**      **Memorial of St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr**  
**LENT FAST DAY**  
11.00am      Mass intention for: *Kathryn Quirke R.I.P.*  
*Followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 1.00pm.*

**Saturday 24 February**      **Lent Feria**  
10.00am      Mass intention for: *Jean Wilcox R.I.P.*  
The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available in church following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

**Sunday 25 February**      **Second Sunday of Lent**  
Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments  
8.30am      Mass intention for: *John Weston R.I.P.*  
10.30am      Mass Intention for: *People of The Parish*

Second Collection on this day for CAFOD Lent Fast.

# 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 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 charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of  
**Paul Morrison** who died on Sunday 11th February.  
**Annick Harvey** who died on Tuesday 13th February.  
 May they Rest In Peace.

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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, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, 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: 4-11 February:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£75.00
Loose cash: .....	£253.30
Second collection for the LIFE charity:.....	£343.60

**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](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

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



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

Children who will be **8 years old by June this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist to take the **sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**. The children will receive each of the sacraments for the first time on the weekend of 1st & 2nd of June this year.

Children who will be **11 years old by September this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist to receive the **sacrament of Confirmation**.

Parents or guardians of these children are invited to complete a relevant form, available from the table in the porch. As the forms will give personal details about children please post these in the labelled, secure, slotted box on the same table.

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be selling their current stock of hand crafted goods **in the Stable after both Masses on Sunday 24th March**. An ideal opportunity to buy presents or to treat yourself!

The Group are meeting again at Rowberry's Tea Rooms on **Wednesday 28th February at 1.30pm** to continue making products for sale. Even if you have never been to one of these Craft Group meetings before, come along and try your hand at a new skill!

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Our annual **SUMMER FETE** will be held in the garden of the Priest's House at St Mary's on **Saturday 6th July**. We would be glad to have new ideas for stalls and attractions as well as keeping some of the tried and tested elements too. Please email the parish office: [stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk) with your ideas and/or to volunteer your help.

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**SEVERN TRENT WATER** are **closing** the A448, Kidderminster/ Bromsgrove Road, for through traffic between Dobes Lane and Harvington Hall Lane from **Monday 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.



**During the season of Lent, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in St Mary's on Fridays following the 11.00am Mass until 1.00pm.**

*This time of exposition is to give us all an opportunity to pray fervently in the Lord's Real Presence. And how much we have to pray for.*

*In our prayer, we don't have to explain to the Lord what makes us angry or anxious, as He already knows the details. But we offer up the deepest contents of our*

*hearts and minds, confident that He who founded His Holy Church on the rock of Peter's faith will never allow that faith to be eclipsed or replaced by things that are not of the Gospel. We should remember that the Lord we worship in the Blessed Sacrament is the same omnipotent and omniscient Lord who rules over the whole of Creation.*

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*Gathering before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance in order to praise our Blessed Lord and to pray to him, is a very old devotion.*

*It makes clear one of the most basic beliefs of the Catholic Church which is also one of its profoundest mysteries: Our Lord is truly present in the consecrated Bread, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in a very special way.*

*O Sacrament most holy!*

*O Sacrament divine!*

*All praise and all thanksgiving*

*Be every moment thine.*

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