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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

- 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 today for CAFOD Lent Fast.
- Monday 26 February** **Lent Feria**
NO MASS TODAY
- Tuesday 27 February** **Commemoration of St Gregory of Narek,
Abbot, Doctor of the Church**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Tony Holland*
- Wednesday 28 February** **Lent Feria**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Lena Hannah R.I.P.*
10.30am # Discussion Group in the stable
- Thursday 29 February** **Lent Feria**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Sheila Rowley*
- Friday 1 March** **Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Maureen Holland R.I.P.*
Followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 1.00pm.
- Saturday 2 March** **Feast of St Chad, Bishop, Patron of the Archdiocese**
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 3 March** **Third 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*
Second Collection on this day for Cathedral Maintenance.

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.

*Paul’s Requiem Mass will take place at St Ambrose Church at 12 noon on Friday 15th March followed by his committal in the graveyard at St Mary’s at 1.15 approx.

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, Anne Sharples, Karen Wright.

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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 11-18 February:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£90.00
Loose cash:	£297.78



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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This is an **URGENT REQUEST** to support an amendment in the soon to be debated **Criminal Justice Bill** to reduce our abortion law from **24 weeks to 22 weeks**.

Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment! Alternatively, take action and contact your MP via the **RIGHT TO LIFE** website: www.righttolife.org.uk

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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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EVERYONE IS INVITED to the stable at St Mary's after both Masses on Sundays to meet old and new friends and, at the same time, enjoy a mug of coffee or tea and a biscuit (or more!) Don't be shy ... Do join in. We'd love to catch up with you.

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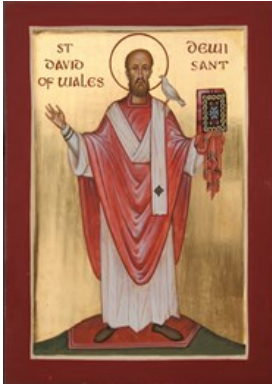
COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK

Friday 1 March

Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

St David was born in South Wales around the year 600.

We know very little of his life; tradition says he founded a monastery in Mynyw (Menevia) and was consecrated bishop. He lived an austere life. Many Welsh monasteries claim him as founder. His cult spread quickly and in 1120 Pope Callistus II declared that two pilgrimages to his shrine at St David's were equivalent to one to Rome.



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Saturday 2 March

Feast of St Chad, Bishop, Patron of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Most of what is known of Chad comes from the writings of the Venerable Bede in his "Ecclesiastical History", written in 731.

St Chad, the Apostle of the Midlands, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, was born in Northumbria, one of four brothers, all of whom became priests.



He was educated partly at Lindisfarne under St Aidan and partly in Ireland. He succeeded his brother St Cedd as Abbot of Lastingham in Yorkshire in 664 and became Bishop of Mercia in 669. Wulfhere, first Christian king of Mercia, gave him land to establish his see at Lichfield.

Chad was outstanding for his humility and simplicity of life. He died of the plague on 2 March 672. He was immediately venerated as a saint and his Shrine in the Cathedral of Lichfield was a place of pilgrimage throughout the Middle Ages. The Shrine of St Chad above the High Altar [in Birmingham Cathedral] contains some of his relics which were rescued from Lichfield Cathedral at the reformation.

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/cathedral/interesting-facts/>