

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

### Sunday 4 February

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am

Mass intention for: *People of The Parish*

10.30am

Mass Intention for: *Private Intention*

### Monday 5 February

#### Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

**NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY**

Mass Intention for: *Private Intention*

### Tuesday 6 February

#### Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

**NO MASS TODAY** as Fr John will be attending the installation of Fr Douglas Lamb as a Canon of the Church in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.

### Wednesday 7 February

#### Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.30am #

Discussion Group in the stable

### Thursday 8 February

#### Memorial of St Jerome Emiliani

#### Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

*Day for the Victims of Human Trafficking*

**NO MASS TODAY** as Fr John will be attending the funeral of Fr Chris Greaney.

### Friday 9 February

#### Feria in Ordinary Time

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### Saturday 10 February

#### Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin

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 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 on this day for the LIFE charity*

# 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 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: 21-28 January:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£115.00
Loose cash: .....	£244.62
Second Collection for <i>Racial Justice</i> : .....	£254.23
Crib Collection for the FHL: .....	£252.88

**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.

**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.



Our collection for the **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** takes place this weekend. Donations of food and other essentials will be delivered on your behalf to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster.

If you would prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to **'The Kidderminster Foodbank'**, please use an envelope marked **'FOOD BANK'**, and put it in the Offertory collection. Donations will be passed directly to the Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer. If you wish the Foodbank to benefit from the tax paid on your monetary donation please complete the **GIFT AID** form (available in the church porch) and include it in the envelope



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**World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

Mass will be celebrated at **St Ambrose** church in **Kidderminster** on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February** with **Mass at 12 noon**, during which the Anointing of the Sick will take place. The Principal Celebrant and Preacher will be Fr Sean Henry, from the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Fr Sean had a career in Nursing before going to Beda College, and was ordained in July 2023. He now works at Shrewsbury Cathedral. After Mass, there will be a buffet luncheon in the Borromeo Hall. Please invite sick parishioners and those burdened with old age to take part and receive the Sacrament. Please also offer transport where necessary so that no-one who needs this Sacrament will be deprived of the opportunity.

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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 **19<sup>th</sup> 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.





Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems. The **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** ([kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk](http://kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk)) is part of the **TRUSSELL TRUST** ([www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)) a nationwide organisation.

### **HOW A FOODBANK WORKS ...**

#### **FOOD IS DONATED**

- Schools, churches, businesses and individuals donate non-perishable, in-date food to a foodbank.

#### **FOOD IS SORTED AND STORED**

- Volunteers sort food to check that it's in date and pack it into boxes ready to be given to people in need. Nationally, over 40,000 people give up their time to volunteer at foodbanks.

#### **PROFESSIONALS IDENTIFY PEOPLE IN NEED**

- Foodbanks partner with a wide range of care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and police to identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher.

#### **CLIENTS RECEIVE FOOD**

- Foodbank clients bring their voucher to a foodbank centre where it can be redeemed for three days' emergency food. Volunteers meet clients over a warm drink or free hot meal and are able to signpost people to agencies able to solve the longer-term problem.

**YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE ... thank you for your support.**