

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

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 today for Cathedral Maintenance.

Monday 4 March

Commemoration of St Casimir

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday 5 March

Lent Feria

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Molly Woolmer R.I.P.*

Wednesday 6 March

Lent Feria

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.30am #

Discussion Group in the stable

Thursday 7 March

Commemoration of Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 8 March

Commemoration of St John of God, Religious

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 1.00pm.

Saturday 9 March

Commemoration of St Frances of Rome, Religious

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 10 March

Fourth 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: *Blackman Family*

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 March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013), Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018), Vincent Glynn (2019), Michael Bianco (2019), Tony Davenhill (2022), Jane Young (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.

Karen Wright who died on Saturday 24th February.

Jeanne Round who died on Thursday 29th 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.

*Fr John will preside at Annick's cremation ceremony at Waseley Hills Crematorium Chapel at 3.00pm on Friday 15th March.

Fr John will say Mass at St Mary's for the repose of Annick's soul at a later date.

In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:

Deirdre Brookes, Stephen Brown, Beth Downing, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Patricia Newton, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry, Anne Sharples.



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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 18-25 February:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£190.00
Loose cash:	£268.68
Second collection for CAFOD:	£481.86

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 Representative 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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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Peter Boszko - **stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk**

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



The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are reading *Shakespeare: The Man who Pays the Rent* by Judi Dench and will meet to discuss the work on **Monday 11 March at 9.30 am** as usual **in the Stable**. This is a delightful love letter by one of our greatest actresses to the Immortal Bard.

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HARVINGTON HALL are appealing for volunteers. If you think you might have a little time to help maintain and preserve this wonderful place please come along on **Sat 16th March any time from 1-4 pm** when you can wander round and find out more about all the different roles from gardening to working in the shop, archiving or being a guide. There are also opportunities to help out as a steward during the History Festival July 2024. No need to book a place, just come along.

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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!

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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. #To allow sufficient time for preparation, applications must be received by Easter Sunday.

COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK



Monday 4 March

Commemoration of St Casimir (1458-1484)

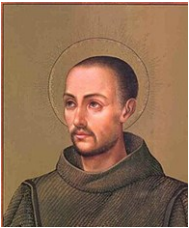
He was the son of King Casimir IV and Queen Elizabeth, monarchs of Poland and Lithuania. In contrast to other members of the royal court, he was a shining example of faith, piety humility and chastity. He had a great love for the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary. He was named Patron Saint of Poland in 1602.



Thursday 7 March

Commemoration of Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

St Perpetua, a young mother of noble birth and St Felicity, a heavily pregnant slave girl, were imprisoned at Carthage in 203 because of their Christian faith. Before they met their death, Felicity gave birth to a girl and Perpetua was still nursing her new-born son. They were thrown to wild beasts in the arena. The passion of St Perpetua provides a particularly vivid account of their martyrdom. They are included in the Roman Canon.



Friday 8 March

Commemoration of St John of God, Religious (1495-1550)

He heeded the Word of God when he was already forty-two years old and from then on loved at the service of the sick in Granada (Spain). Before that he was successfully, a farmer, soldier, and merchant. He founded his Order of Brothers Hospitallers of St John of God, devoting themselves to the infirm in soul and body.



Saturday 9 March

Commemoration of St Frances of Rome, Religious (1384-1440)

St Frances was a married woman, and a mother of six children. She was zealous in the performance of every household duty, saying "A married woman must often leave God at the altar to find Him in her household care". She patiently endured many trials including the death of two of her children, the exile of her husband and the confiscation of their estates. In 1433 she founded the Benedictine Oblates of the Tor de'Speechi to continue her works of charity, and after her husband died in 1436, she became their superior.