

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

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| Sunday 1 December | First Sunday of Advent |
| 8.30am | Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| 10.30am | Mass intention for: <i>Stephen Brown</i> |
| Monday 2 December | Advent Feria |
| No Mass today | |
| Tuesday 3 December | Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest |
| | Migrants' Day |
| 10.00am | Mass intention for: <i>Eileen & Jack Andrews R.I.P.</i> |
| Wednesday 4 December | Memorial of St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church |
| 10.00am | Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |
| 10.30am# | Discussion Group in the stable. All are welcome. |
| Thursday 5 December | Feast of St Birinus, Bishop |
| 11.00am | Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Friday 6 December | Memorial of St Nicholas, Bishop |
| 11.00am | Mass intention for: <i>David Bradley R.I.P.</i> |
| Saturday 7 December | Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church |
| 10.00am | Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |
| The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times. | |
| Sunday 8 December | Second Sunday of Advent |
| 8.30am | Mass intention for: <i>Margaret Bradley R.I.P.</i> |
| 10.30am | Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i> |

Anniversaries in December: Rev Sylvester Jenks (1714),
 Rev Thomas Atherton (1758), Sir Charles Throckmorton (1840), Charles Spink (1885),
 Edward Hailes (1912), Elaine Mulroy (1971), Eric Needham (1996),
 Cyril Hennessey (1999), Margaret Green (2004), Josephine Packwood (2004),
 Anthony Bashford, Pauline Reeve (2006). James O'Brien (2012), Marilyn Way (2016),
 Greg Kelly (2020), Christopher Morrissey (2020)

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

Deirdre Brookes, Stephen Brown, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley,
 Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram,
 Catherine Neale, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.



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 ... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 17-24 November:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£90.00
Loose cash:	£238.37
Second collection for National Youth Sunday:	£487.35

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PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH. 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. 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 and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Valerie Nolan**. She can be contacted via: 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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The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Home-Start Wyre Forest are helping Santa again this year and need **NEW (unwrapped)** presents **for young people aged 0-18 years**. Please be your usual generous selves and bring donations to Church up to and including **Sunday 8 December** and we will deliver them to the Home Start Wyre Forest headquarters on your behalf. If you would prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to 'Home-Start Wyre Forest', please put it in the Offertory collection **in an envelope marked HOME-START**. Donations will be passed directly to the Home-Start Treasurer. **THANK YOU** in anticipation!

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A second cargo - more festive this time - is being prepared for **delivery to UKRAINE** in the run-up to Christmas. Christmas cake and puddings are especially requested also tins of biscuits, candles, torches and thermos flasks. **Please bring donated items to the Masses on Sunday 8th December.**

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be having their Christmas sale in the stable after both masses on **Sunday 8th December** and will include a selection of potted bulbs, wreaths & table decorations.

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The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are reading *Excellent Women* by Barbara Pym and will meet to discuss the work on **Monday 9th December at 9.30 am**, as usual **in the Stable**. So come along, excellent women and excellent men, for the last meeting of the year. Do join us!

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CAROL SINGING AT THE DOG



We are all invited to **THE DOG** public house and restaurant, Harvington on **Tuesday 10th December** where our choir will be leading the singing of Christmas Carols from 7.000pm.

The management of The Dog are generously providing mince pies and glasses of mulled wine to help the festive spirit! A collection will be taken in aid of the Kidderminster Food Bank. In addition, if parishioners would like to dine there that evening they will be offered a discount if they book a table in advance either by phone, 01562 777253 or online:

<https://www.doginnpub.co.uk/>

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CATENIANS

Join the Catenians! An international network of Catholic men who meet regularly in a spirit of Fun, Friendship & Faith. For more information contact Ian Reed:

iareed@mac.com or see <https://www.kidderminstercatenians.com/>



ADVENT is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus and the Advent Wreath at St Mary's is a reminder of our journey toward Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth.

- * The 1st Sunday of Advent's purple candle symbolises **Hope** with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- * The 2nd Sunday of Advent's purple candle symbolises **Faith** with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- * The 3rd Sunday of Advent's pink candle symbolises **Joy** with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- * The 4th Sunday of Advent's purple candle symbolises **Peace** with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."
- * On Christmas Day, the white candle, known as the "**Christ Candle**" is lit. This is a reminder that Jesus is the light of the world. He is our King and our Saviour.

Christmas week at St Mary's 2024:

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December:
Vigil Mass with Carols at 4.00pm

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December:
Masses at 8.30am and 10.30am