

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

- Sunday 8 December**                      **Second Sunday of Advent**  
8.30am                                      Mass intention for: *Margaret Bradley R.I.P.*  
10.30am                                      Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*  
Second collection today for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese
- Monday 9 December**                      **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Patroness of the Archdiocese of Birmingham*  
11.00am                                      Mass Intention for: *Private Intention*
- Tuesday 10 December**                      **Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto**  
10.00am                                      Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Wednesday 11 December**                      **Memorial of St Damasus I, Pope**  
10.00am                                      Mass intention for: *Derrig family*  
10.30am# Discussion Group in the stable. All are welcome.
- Thursday 12 December**                      **Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
11.00am                                      Mass intention for: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*
- Friday 13 December**                      **Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**  
11.00am                                      Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Saturday 14 December**                      **Memorial of St John of the Cross,  
Priest, Doctor of the Church**  
10.00am                                      Mass intention for: *Private Intention*  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times.
- Sunday 15 December**                      **Third Sunday of Advent**  
8.30am                                      Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*  
10.30am                                      Mass intention for: *John Townsend R.I.P.*

**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)

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**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: 24 November –1 December:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£165.00
Loose cash: .....	£274.60

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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](mailto:sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on:

0121 2306240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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.



## THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS:

\* **SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** is our deadline for donating NEW, UNWRAPPED presents to be given to families with children aged 0-18 through Home-Start Wyre Forest. Please put your gifts in the labelled boxes in the stable.

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. All donations will be delivered to Home-Start in the coming week. THANK YOU in anticipation!



\* **SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** is also the date parishioner Peter White will be collecting our donations to take to **Ukraine** in time for Christmas.

If you would like to contribute Christmas cakes, puddings, tins of biscuits, candles, torches and thermos flasks he will ensure they reach those in need. **Please place donated items in the marked boxes in the stable.**



\* ... and then a chance to buy things for yourself or friends and family on **SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** as the **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be having their Christmas sale in the stable after both Masses. This is always a popular sale of handcrafted Christmas items including a selection of potted bulbs, wreaths & table decorations.



\* On the following day, **MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** at 9.30 am in the stable, the **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** will meet to discuss their most recent choice: *Excellent Women* by Barbara Pym. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion, whether you have read the book or not!



\* Another treat this week takes place on **TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** when St Mary's choir will be leading the singing of Christmas Carols from 7.000pm at **THE DOG INN, Worcester Road, Harvington, DY10 4LN.**

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 20% discount. Book a table by phone, 01562 777253 or online: <https://www.doginnpub.co.uk/>





## **MONDAY 9 DECEMBER Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.“

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

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### **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