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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

- Sunday 12 January** **Feast of the Baptism of The Lord**
8.30am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
- Monday 13 January** **Memorial of St Hilary,**
No Mass today. **Bishop, Doctor of the Church**
- Tuesday 14 January** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Wednesday 15 January** **Feria of Ordinary Time**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
10.30am Discussion Group in the stable. All are welcome.
- Thursday 16 January** **Feria of Ordinary Time**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Friday 17 January** **Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Saturday 18 January** **Feria of Ordinary time**
 Octave of Christian Unity
10.00am Mass intention for: *Anne Mulroy R.I.P.*
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times.
- Sunday 19 January** **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Peace Day
 Octave of Christian Unity
8.30am Mass intention for: *The Skinner family*
10.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
- There will be a second collection on this day for Pax Christi.

Anniversaries in January: Rev John Morgan (1718), Thomas Mewburn Crook (1949), Charles Keeffe (1977), Margaret Steele (1978), Ronald Fry (1978), James Moran (1989), Leofric Howell (1995), Sir Robert Grant Ferris (1997), Juliet Bradley (2001), Eve Mary Smith (2001), Anne Mulroy (2004), Elizabeth Bashford (2005), Bernadette Pinfield (2007), William Eardley 2009, Thaddeus Keane 2010, Pam Taft (2011), Denis Thomas Kimberlin (2014), Ellie Tansey (2019), Ray Fogg (2019), Noel Clark (2019)

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, Kathleen Hancock.

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... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 29 December 2024-5 January 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£44.50
Loose cash:	£189.62

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.



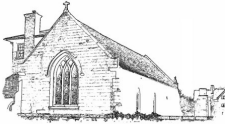
HELP WANTED!

For either the 8.30 or 10.30 Sunday Masses:

- Stewards
- The service of coffee etc after Mass

If you would care to join any of our teams please contact Maggie in the office by email:

stmmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk.



ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

Every Friday, a PDF copy of the weekly newsletter is sent by email to everyone on our database who has requested it. Along with a message from Fr John, it gives recipients a chance to see the newsletter before or instead of picking up a paper copy on Sundays. If you are not yet getting a copy via this route each week it is likely you are not on our database, and you are missing out on the additional information sometimes included in the covering letter.

If you would like to be included on the Parish database, please contact us by email: **stmmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk** or complete one of the **PARISH FAMILY INFORMATION FORMS**, to be found on the table in the porch and post it in the box provided there



THE ARCHDIOCESAN WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

To keep up-to-date with news and events in the Archdiocese simply copy and paste or type this address into your preferred search engine: **www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news.**



As Christians we are inspired to be good stewards of the earth, to conserve and protect God's creation and the earth's resources. By our actions, we can mitigate the effects of climate change stop the destruction of habitats and reverse the decline of species worldwide. The way we treat the earth today is already affecting the poorest and most vulnerable in

the world and, in time, will affect us all.

Please find January's **Responding to the Call of Creation** from The Archdiocese of Birmingham by copying and pasting this link:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/responding-to-the-call-of-creation-newsletter>



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Already in 300 AD, the Eastern Church celebrated the Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus on 6 January. In the Western Church, this feast was mentioned in the Liturgy of the Hours. With the reform of the liturgy in 1969, the date for this Feast was set on the Sunday

after the Epiphany. When the Feast of the Epiphany is not celebrated on 6 January, it is celebrated on the Sunday between 2 and 8 January, and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Monday following the Epiphany. The Christmas Season concludes with the celebration of this Feast, even though a “window” is left open until 2 February, the day on which the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple is celebrated. The latter feast is also known as Candlemas since Christ is proclaimed as the “light for the gentiles”.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Feast is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus’ ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. This event is documented in all the gospels except John. Christ’s baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptised, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father’s will. When Jesus comes to John, John hesitates to baptise him. John’s is a baptism of repentance, and Jesus has nothing for which he needs to repent. Why then does Jesus insist on being baptized? By choosing to be baptised, Jesus fulfils all righteousness – preparing himself to be a perfect sacrifice for us.