

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

### Sunday 2 February

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

**World Day of Prayer for the Consecrated Life**

8.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

There will be a second collection today for the LIFE charity.

### Monday 3 February

**Memorial of St Blaise, Bishop**

No Mass today.

### Tuesday 4 February

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### Wednesday 5 February

**Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.30am

Discussion Group in the stable. All are welcome.

### Thursday 6 February

**Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions,  
Martyrs**

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### Friday 7 February

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

11.00am

Mass Intention for: *Diane Harris R.I.P.*

### Saturday 8 February

**Memorial of St Jerome Emiliani**

**Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

*Day for the Victims of Human Trafficking*

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

### Sunday 9 February

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.30am

Mass intention for: *The Bradley family*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

**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), Paul Morrison (2024), Annick Harvey (2024), Karen Wright (2024).



**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.



... for all your offerings and donations.

**Contributions to the Parish: 19-26 January 2025:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£84.50
Loose cash: .....	£252.45

**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.



**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.



**OUR STABLE: We no longer keep a horse in there but we do use it as a space to meet one another!**

Following the appeal in last week's newsletter, our Health & Safety Officer Peter Boszko was pleased and grateful to receive offers of help from two parishioners. However, more volunteers are needed

to make a small team who will take responsibility for cleaning the Stable on a regular basis, perhaps one hour, once per month would be sufficient. If there were at least four volunteers, then two people could do it on alternate months.

Please let Peter know if you can help. He will be around after the 10.30 Mass on Sundays or if you would prefer to write to to him at

hs.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or

via the parish office stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk.

Many thanks in advance



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With half-term approaching, when children entitled to free school meals are at home for a week, our local **FOOD BANK** is likely to being experiencing an increased demand for their services.

If you would like to donate food and other essentials please bring them to church and we will be deliver them on your behalf to the Kidderminster Food Bank collection point on **Monday 10th February**.

If you would prefer to donate money this will also be delivered on your behalf directly to the collection point. Please put cash or cheques (made payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank') in an envelope marked '**KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK**' and put it in the Offertory collection at Mass or, at other times, post through the letter box in the door of the Priest's House.



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**St Wulstan's Parish, Stourport** are organising a **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** to take place from Tuesday 2nd September 2025 to Friday 5th September 2025, at a cost of approximately £300 per person to include bed and breakfast accommodation. For further details, please contact Fr Richard either by telephone: 01299 822633 or email: fr.richard.sharples@rcaob.org.uk



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**The HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will meet at **1.30pm** on **Wednesday 5 February**. You are warmly invited to bring your own craft projects to work on or just come along for a coffee, a chat and a relaxing afternoon.

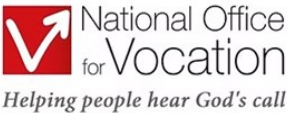


**The Second Collection on Sunday 2 February** is for the work of **LIFE**, one of the nation's leading pregnancy support charities. Imagine being able to make a gift that extends through generations, multiplying many times over, that brings more love and life into the world.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has supported LIFE for over 20 years through the Second Collection for LIFE, raising more than £550,000 over that time.

LIFE empowers women facing unexpected pregnancy, gives them a safe space in which to make pregnancy decisions, and helps them make the transition into early motherhood. Working in the Birmingham area and nationally, LIFE does this through their pregnancy care National Helpline, inspired by the Samaritans, as well as a network of LIFE Houses around the UK (with two in the Archdiocese, one in Oxfordshire and one in the Black Country) and the distribution of free pregnancy tests and maternity supplies (including from LIFE Centres in Walsall, Wolverhampton, and Stratford-on-Avon).

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In 1997 St John Paul II instituted a **'World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life'** on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which highlights the fact that Christ is the light of the world through the

symbolic lighting of the candles. Just like the candles, the consecrated men and women need to share the light of Christ to all the people. Each year the Church has thanked God for the gift of the different forms of consecrated life and pray that our Church will continue to be enriched by the life and witness of consecrated men and women.

*God our Loving Father, we thank you for the life and testimony of men and women whom you have called to serve you as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, hermits and members of Secular Institutes. Help them to be more and more rooted in you by following the evangelical counsels. We pray for those of them discerning their vocation, grant them the strength to respond to your call courageously.*

*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*