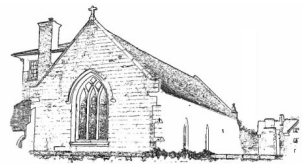


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 26 January

8.30am
10.30am

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

Mass intention for: *The Skinner Family*
Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Monday 27 January

No Mass today.

Memorial of Blessed Edward Oldcorne, Priest, Martyr

Tuesday 28 January

10.00am

Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Martyr, Doctor of the Church

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 29 January

10.00am
10.30am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
Discussion Group in the stable. All are welcome.

Thursday 30 January

11.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 31 January

11.00am

Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest

Mass Intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 1 February

10.00am

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

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

Sunday 2 February

8.30am
10.30am

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord World Day of Prayer for the Consecrated Life

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

There will be a second collection on this day for the LIFE charity.

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: 12-19 January 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£100.00
Loose cash:	£266.40
Second collection for Pax Christi:	£376.23

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.

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



**MESSAGE FROM PETER BOSZKO,
PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER:**

Most of you will be aware that the Stable is in a poor state and we need some help to put it right. Apart from the vermin who come in from the field seeking food and warmth in the winter the condition of the floor, the walls and the window frames are poor. To enable it's use into the future for coffee, the children's liturgy and various meetings it is clear from a H & S perspective that we need to address this situation.

In the first place would all users of the kitchen area please make sure that no food is left out when you leave. If you do leave even crumbs around the mice will be your friends, and they will tell their friends! It would be advisable to wipe down all surfaces in the kitchen area with disinfectant before, and after, you use them.

Structurally we need to reinforce the back wall of the Stable below ground level, which is seen as the main access point for the vermin. We are seeking a quote for this work now.

Finally, and more immediately, we really need a small team to take responsibility for cleaning the Stable on a regular basis, perhaps once per month would be sufficient. If 4 people volunteered then 2 people could do it on alternate months, perhaps taking about 1 hr. I think that the Stable cleaning should be separate from the Church cleaning for which the teams already have their 'hands full'!

Please let me know if you can help. I'll be around after the 10.30 Mass on Sundays or if you would prefer to write to me at hs.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or via the parish office stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk.

Many thanks ...

Peter Boszko



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We have been advised by the Hall that they have put measures in place to minimise the damage to our shared car parking field and to avoid the chances of cars getting stuck in the mud this Winter and Spring. If you have used that area recently you will have noticed that part of the field is cordoned off. The intention is to alternate sections to be blocked off regularly to share the load over the whole are. We

appreciate this may mean that parishioners have to park their cars further from the gate and walk an extra few yards but hope everyone agrees with the plan to give the grass a chance to recover. If you are fit and able, please consider parking on the field so giving those with mobility issues a chance to park on the gravel.



On Sunday, **26 January 2025**, we join Catholics worldwide in celebrating the sixth Sunday of the Word of God. This annual event, instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 through his apostolic letter *Aperuit illis*, highlights the central role of Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church.

This year's theme, "I hope in your Word" (Psalm 119:74), invites us all to reflect on the hope and guidance the Bible offers in the Christian journey.

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis reminds us that "the relationship between the risen Lord, the community of believers and Sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians." As we approach this special Sunday, let us renew our devotion to the Word of God, allowing it to inspire, guide, and transform our lives.

The Dicastery for Evangelization has issued a handbook to help parish communities and those gathered for Sunday's Eucharistic celebration. The handbook may be found here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2025/01/SoWoG-Liturgy-Pastoral-Guide.pdf>