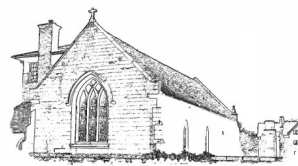


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

### **Sunday 5 January**

8.30am

10.30am

### **Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord**

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Mass intention for: *Ann Holdsworth*

### **Monday 6 January**

No Mass today.

### **Christmas Feria**

### **Tuesday 7 January**

10.00am

### **Memorial of St Raymond of Penyafort**

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### **Wednesday 8 January**

10.00am

### **Christmas Feria**

Mass intention for: *Ivan & Molly Charuk R.I.P.*

### **Thursday 9 January**

11.00am

### **Christmas Feria**

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### **Friday 10 January**

11.00am

### **Christmas Feria**

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### **Saturday 11 January**

10.00am

### **Christmas Feria**

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

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

### **Sunday 12 January**

8.30am

10.30am

### **Feast of the Baptism of The Lord**

Mass intention for: *Private*

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

# The Wednesday Discussion Group resumes on Wednesday 15 January 2025

**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)

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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, Kathleen Hancock.

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... for all your offerings and donations.



**Contributions to the Parish: 15-29 December:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£212.00
Loose cash: .....	£443.14
Friends of the Holy Land Christmas Crib offerings:	£246.31

**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.



... to the many parishioners who contributed to the preparation of the church for Christmas including the donation then dressing of the Christmas tree, the setting up of the crib, the beautiful floral arrangements along with all the cleaning and polishing that made St Mary's ready for the arrival of Christ. This is an opportunity to thank the many willing volunteers who support the parish in numerous ways throughout the year. We are grateful.

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS to Fr John.**

Fr John wishes to express his sincere thanks to everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts and offerings you have given to him. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

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**The HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will meet at **1.30pm** on **Wednesday 8 January**. You are warmly invited to come along for a coffee, a chat and a relaxing afternoon crafting items to enhance the church and raise money for the parish.



The **BOOK GROUP** will meet on **Monday 13 January at 9.30 am**, for coffee and cake in the Stable and to discuss *Sexing The Cherry* by Jeanette Winterson, a postmodernist, surreal historical fiction novel about a giant referred to only as the Dog-Woman and her adopted son Jordan as they journey in a space-time flux: across the seas to find exotic fruits such as bananas and pineapples; and across time, with glimpses of "the present" and references to Charles I of England and Oliver Cromwell.

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- ◇ **Sunday 1st June:** Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate Mass at St Mary's to celebrate the **Bicentennial of our parish church**. More details will be announced in the coming weeks but in the meantime please keep the whole day free to take part in this unique occasion.
- ◇ **Saturday 5th July:** St Mary's Parish **Summer Fete**.
- ◇ **Sunday 7th September:** Annual **Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, Harvington Hall.



## **WHEN IS THE JUBILEE?**

The Jubilee Year will run from the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 to the Feast of Epiphany 2026.

## **WHAT IS A JUBILEE?**

The Jubilee Years, also known as Holy Years, started in 1300AD and recall the great jubilee of Israel: a time for land to be rested and debts to be cancelled, when God called people to be reconciled with one another and with Him. They now occur every 25 years, although the next will be 2033 – the anniversary of Christ's death and resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit.

These Years, the Church explains, are years "of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, '...and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters'"

## **INDULGENCE DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR**

To help us to respond to this high calling during the Year, a plenary indulgence can be gained not only by making a pilgrimage to a Jubilee church, but by devotedly performing one of the acts prescribed by the Church. (<https://spiritualkiss.wordpress.com/2024/10/09/indulgence-for-the-jubilee-year/>)

## **JUBILEE CHURCHES IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE**

The following Jubilee churches and sites have been chosen by His Grace as particular places of pilgrimage, and for the granting of the indulgence:

**St Chad's Cathedral** – Shrine of St Chad.

**St Anne's Church, Caversham** – Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford** – Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**St Michael's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton** – Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

**The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Church** – Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham.

**Harvington Hall** - Shrine of the English Martyrs.

**Bl. Dominic Barberi Church & St John Henry Newman College, Littlemore, Oxford.**

**\* Please take a copy of the JUBILEE COMPANION BOOKLET, available in church, to study at home.**