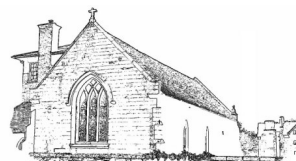


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

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| Sunday 16 February | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<i>Racial Justice Day</i>
8.30am Mass intention for: <i>John Weston R.I.P.</i>
10.30am Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i>
There will be a second collection today for Racial Justice |
| Monday 17 February
No Mass today. | Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary. |
| Tuesday 18 February
10.00am | Feria in Ordinary Time
Mass intention for: <i>Stan Robson R.I.P.</i> |
| Wednesday 19 February
10.00am
10.30am | Feria in Ordinary Time
Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Discussion Group in the stable. All are welcome. |
| Thursday 20 February
11.00am | Feria in Ordinary Time
Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Friday 21 February

11.00am | Memorial of St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Mass intention for: <i>Michael Millard R.I.P.</i> |
| Saturday 22 February
10.00am
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times. | Feast of the Chair of St Peter
Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Sunday 23 February
8.30am
10.30am | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass intention for: <i>Jean Wilcox R.I.P.</i>
Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |

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: 2-9 Feb 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£75.00
Loose cash:	£183.70

Donations to the **Kidderminster Food Bank:** ... 23kgs of goods and £495 in cash.

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 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.



HOPE FOR THE HOLY LAND

The **Friends of the Holy Land** are holding two events this month: On **Tuesday 25th February at 7.30 pm** an ecumenical service will take place in **Worcester Cathedral** with a 30 minute prayer and reflection time led by Rev Robert Jones, Emeritus Archdeacon, followed by a talk by Fr Mamdouth Abusada, Director of the School of Joy in Bethlehem, followed by a Q & A. The School of Joy was set up by Fr Abusada to educate and train disadvantaged children and is wholly supported by the Friends of the Holy Land from donations made to the Charity. Afterwards, drinks and nibbles will be available with the event concluding by 9 pm. There is **no charge but voluntary donations will be welcome**. All are welcome but it would help the organisers if you let them know by email: sueoliver778@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

A couple of days later, on **Thursday 27th February at 7.00pm**, you are invited to join supporters of Friends of the Holy Land for an evening of musical enjoyment at **St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham**. There will also be a short talk by Fr Abusada during the concert. Tickets (£25 & £10) and further details can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/concert-of-hope-for-the-holy-land-tickets-1187758801549?aff=oddtcreator>



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You will recall from last week's newsletter, our fellow parishioner, Peter White, has just come back from the East of **Ukraine** where he safely delivered the second cargo of supplies donated by St Mary's parishioners and others.

He sets out again on **Monday 24th February** with an ambulance this time, driving in convoy from a hub in Bournemouth. Peter is grateful for the very generous donations from parishioners both for his previous trip and for the next. This time he hopes to buy and to take with him a handheld ultrasound device for front line surgeons to help them locate shrapnel in the wounds of the injured. Any further contributions towards the cost of buying one (approximately £2,500) will be gratefully received. For more information, please contact Peter by email: sogliodipietro@gmail.com or phone: +44 75 3468 7524 or +380 935 665 232 or catch him in person after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday.



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The Archdiocese is recruiting for the following four positions:

Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer.

Full details and closing dates can be found at

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs. **If you think you have the skills, please do apply.**



This year, **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** will be celebrated on Sunday, 16 February 2025.

The theme, **PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice**, invites Catholics across England and Wales to reflect on the collective journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and the wider society.

Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, says:

This year, we invite the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice- past, present and future, by asking: 'How far have we come, where are we now and what remains to be achieved?' Just as pilgrims must prepare for their journey and be properly equipped, we, too, need all that is necessary to propel us towards racial justice, the mind of Christ; examination of our progress and of the challenges that remain; a willingness to learn from one another together; and prayers for and on the journey. It is my hope that our Racial Justice Sunday 2025 resources will not only assist but inspire the People of God to continue walking and praying together on the path to racial justice."

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/rjs25-resources/>

**God of our past, present and future,
you created each one of us in your image and likeness,
help us to recognise you in each person.**

**As we pray for end to suffering caused by racism
lead us this day to walk with one another,
pray with one another and work together,
so that we create a future based on justice and healing,
where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.