

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 2 March

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Solemnity of St Chad**

There will be a second collection on this day for Cathedral Maintenance.

*** 8.30am**

Mass intention for: *The People of the Parish*

****PLEASE NOTE for Sunday 2 March, this will be the only Mass at St Mary's***

Monday 3 March

Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass today.

Tuesday 4 March

Memorial of St Casimir

No Mass today.

Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday

12.00 noon

Mass intention for: *Fr John*

Thursday 6 March

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

No Mass today.

Friday 7 March

**Commemoration of Ss Perpetua and Felicity,
Martyrs**

No Mass today.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Saturday 8 March

Commemoration of St John of God

No Mass today.

Sunday 9 March

First Sunday of Lent

*** 8.30am**

Mass intention for: *Peggy Brotherton*

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Other weekend Masses in the surrounding area include:

- ◆ *St Wulstan's, Stourport at 5.30pm on Saturday and 10.00am on Sunday*
- ◆ *St Ambrose's, Kidderminster at 11.00am and 6.00pm on Sunday*
- ◆ *Our Lady & All Saints, Stourbridge at 5.00pm on Saturday and 8.30am & 11.00am on Sunday.*

Anniversaries in March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Lucy Moran (1988), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013) Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018), Vincent Glynn (2019), Michael Bianco (2019), Tony Davenhill (2022), Jane Young (2022), John Weston (2023), Anne Sharples (2024), John Harvey (2024).

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of

Barbara Knott

May she Rest In Peace.

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, Fr John.

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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 16-23 Feb 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£110.00
Loose cash:	£203.50

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.

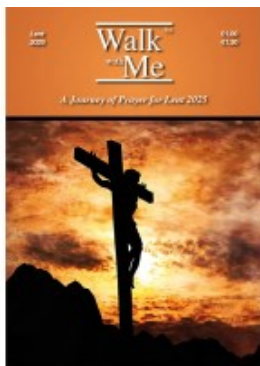
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Copies of the **WALK WITH ME** Lenten Booklets and Children's Calendars are available for you to take away from Church from this Sunday onward.

The Parish have already paid for them but if you would like to make a donation of £1 per book you are welcome to do so but this is not essential. Please make use of these resources to help on your Lenten journey.

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HARVINGTON HALL

HARVINGTON HISTORY FESTIVAL 23-28TH JULY 2025

This year's festival once again offers a superb line-up of historians, broadcasters and authors to fascinate audiences. The festival concert takes place in the evening of Friday 26th July in St Marys featuring top UK vocal group Apollo5 interweaving Byrd's Mass for Five Voices with other pieces composed in sanctuary or persecution throughout five centuries.

To book tickets and for further information please go the website page: <https://www.harvingtonhall.co.uk/history-festival> or telephone: +44 (0)1562 777846 or email: harvingtonhall@rcaob.org.uk

The Hall, Garden and Coffee Shop are now open Wednesday to Sunday from Wednesday each week until 2nd November 2025. To book a guided tour, or to walk around as self-guided, please book by clicking on 'Book Now' alternatively call the Hall's Office on 01562 777846

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The HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP will meet at **1.30pm** on **Wednesday 5 March**. 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.

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The HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP are reading *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson and will meet to discuss the work on **Monday 10 March at 9.30 am**, as usual in the Stable. This is an unusual spy story, set in two time periods: it is pacey and very dry humoured.



THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT

This week we begin our solemn observance of Lent. At Mass on Wednesday, ashes will be blessed and put on our heads as a sign of conversion, penance and as a reminder of our mortality. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolise that attitude of internal penance to which the baptised are called during Lent. Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat for all who are over 14 years (abstinence) and those over 18 (fasting). If we are over 60 years we are excused fasting but not abstinence. I hope we will all enter into the spirit of Lent and do something special for Lent as a reminder of what Jesus did for us during this blessed time.

Fr. John