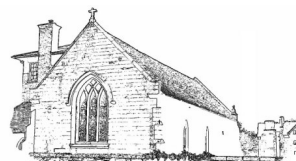


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 16 March

* 8.30am

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Dementia Prayer Week

Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

There will be a second collection today for CAFOD Lent Fast Day

***PLEASE NOTE on Sunday 16 March, this will be the only Mass at St Mary's**

Monday 17 March

No Mass today.

Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

Dementia Prayer Week

Tuesday 18 March

No Mass today.

Lent Feria

Dementia Prayer Week

Wednesday 19 March

No Mass today.

Solemnity of St Joseph,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dementia Prayer Week

Thursday 20 March

No Mass today.

Lent Feria

Friday 21 March

No Mass today.

Lent Feria

Saturday 22 March

No Mass today.

Lent Feria

Sunday 23 March

* 8.30am

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

***PLEASE NOTE on Sunday 23 March, this will be the only Mass at St Mary's**

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 prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:

Deirdre Brookes, Stephen Brown, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Columb and Merryn Howell, 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: 2-9 March 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£60.00
Loose cash:	£164.12

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.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Peter Boszko - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

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



Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems.

The **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** (kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk) is part of the **TRUSSELL TRUST** (www.trusselltrust.org) a nationwide organisation.

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 24th March**.

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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*The
Season
of
Lent*



ST AMBROSE PARISH, KIDDERMINSTER invite all who are interested to join them in their Parish Centre (Adams Lounge) at 7.00pm each Tuesday for the next few weeks, for a series of **LENT MEETINGS**..

March 18th: *Journeying in the Orthodox Tradition* -Fr. Nenad

March 25th: *A Journey in Music* - Jerry Price

April 1st: *The Sacrament of Penance* - Fr. Philip Griffin

April 8th: *A Journey to Listening* - Maggie Wolloshin

Further details will be given each week St Ambrose's newsletter.

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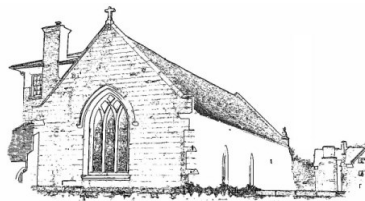


St Wulstan's Parish, Stourport are organising a **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** to take place from Tuesday 2nd September 2025 to Friday 5th September 2025, at a cost of approximately £300 per person to include bed and breakfast accommodation. For further details, please contact Fr Richard either by telephone: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

ST MARY'S BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last few months, much work has already been undertaken in the preparation for celebrating this wonderful anniversary within the history of our church.



We are able to confirm that the event will be centred around **Mass on Sunday 1st June**, with the principal celebrant: The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham.

This will be followed by an opportunity for all to enjoy the rest of the day by bringing a picnic and joining in children's games within the gardens of the Presbytery; during which His Grace will plant a commemorative mulberry tree.

It's anticipated that there will be a large congregation for the Mass – too many for all be accommodated within the church. Therefore, a simultaneous audio-visual broadcast will be made for worshipers on the garden's lawns.

Additionally, there will be a printed full-colour order of service that will comprise a history of St Mary's church along with a guide to the building, intended for use at the Mass and to serve as a souvenir of the day.

Inevitably there will be a cost to the parish to mark this special day. The finance committee is estimating a total budget at £6,500. This comprises some £4,800 for the AV system and £900 for the production on the booklet, leaving £800 for the garden plaque, a contingency towards the church's interior plaque (being partially funded by the craft group), the mulberry tree, flowers, etc.

At this stage, we're appealing to your kind generosity for donation commitments, please.

Thank you.

With best wishes

Mike Jones