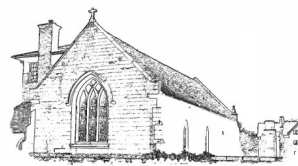


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

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**

Monday 24 March

No Mass today.

Lent Feria

Tuesday 25 March

10.00am

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Mass Intention: *Michael Bianco R.I.P.*

Wednesday 26 March

No Mass today.

Lent Feria

Thursday 27 March

No Mass today.

Lent Feria

Friday 28 March

No Mass today.

Lent Feria

Saturday 29 March

No Mass today.

Lent Feria

Sunday 30 March

8.30am

10.30am

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Mass intention for: *Clive Foster R.I.P.*

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

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: 9-16 March 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£89.50
Loose cash:	£127.75
Second collection for CAFOD:	£413.75

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

Children who will be **8 years old by June this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist with a series of weekly, group lessons in order to take the **Sacraments of RECONCILIATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**. The children will receive each of the sacraments for the first time on the **weekend of 7th & 8th of June** this year.

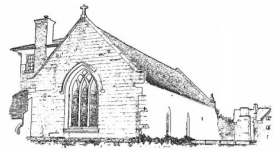
Parents or guardians are asked to complete a relevant form, available from the table in the porch. As the forms will give personal details about children **please post these in the secure, slotted box on the same table**. To allow time for a sufficient number of preparation sessions, **applications must be received by Sunday 13th April**.

Children who will be **11 years old by September this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist to receive the **Sacrament of CONFIRMATION**. Parents or guardians of these children, are asked to complete the relevant form, available from the table in the porch to **post these in the labelled, secure, slotted box on the same table** as soon as possible in order to arrange a date for the sacrament to take place.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- ◇ **Sunday 1st June: Archbishop Bernard Longley** will celebrate Mass at 11.00am at St Mary's to mark the **bicentennial of our parish church**. His Grace will consecrate the 'new' graveyard field and plant a commemorative mulberry tree in the garden. This will be followed by an opportunity for you all to enjoy the rest of the day by relaxing in the garden of the Priest's House with your own picnic. For children, there will be traditional games to play such as those enjoyed 200 years ago when the church was first opened. Please make plans to join in with this unique parish event!
- ◇ **Saturday 5th July: St Mary's Parish Summer Fete.**
- ◇ **Sunday 7th September: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, Harvington Hall hosted by St Mary's Parish.





Our collection for the Kidderminster Foodbank takes place this weekend. Donations of food and other essentials will be delivered on your behalf to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster during the coming week.

If you would prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank' please place in an envelope marked 'FOOD BANK', and put it in the Offertory collection.

Donations will be passed directly to the Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer. If you wish the Foodbank to benefit from the tax paid on your monetary donation please complete the **GIFT AID** form (available from the table top in the porch) include it in the envelope.

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We Believe, 25th-28th July 2025, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievifestival.com

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

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

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