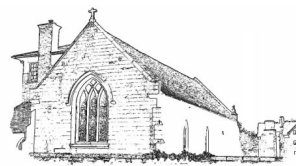


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 9 March **First Sunday of Lent**
*** 8.30am** **Mass intention for: *Peggy Brotherton***
****PLEASE NOTE on Sunday 9 March, this will be the only Mass at St Mary's***

Monday 10 March **Lent Feria**
No Mass today.

Tuesday 11 March **Lent Feria**
No Mass today.

Wednesday 12 March **Lent Feria**
No Mass today. *Dementia Prayer Week*

Thursday 13 March **Lent Feria**
No Mass today. *Dementia Prayer Week*

Friday 14 March **Lent Feria**
No Mass today. Lent Fast Day.
 Dementia Prayer Week

Saturday 15 March **Lent Feria**
No Mass today. *Dementia Prayer Week*

Sunday 16 March **Second Sunday of Lent**
*** 8.30am** **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 on this day for CAFOD Lent Fast Day

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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: 23 Feb-2 March 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£60.00
Loose cash:	£106.55

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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Two weeks ago, with support from St Mary's parishioners and others, our fellow parishioner, Peter White returned to Ukraine driving a second donated ambulance. He joined a convoy of other vehicles carrying humanitarian aid supplies lead by the Bournemouth based charity, **Ukraine Relief**.

Peter updated us in the office at St Mary's with his news a couple of times this week. On Tuesday his message was to report he had *'arrived safely in this southern Ukrainian city after a mostly uneventful sprint across Europe with my convoy partners and now preparing for an evacuation of the vulnerable in the eastern region of this vast country with the two ambulances in place'*.

However, on Thursday he wrote: *'Alas, yesterday, as the convoy was operating on the eastern front two of our vehicles, including the first ambulance we sent out, took direct hits and were destroyed. Miraculously, the experienced crews escaped serious injury. I am not yet clear about the status of the supplies they were carrying, Hopefully, they had reached where they are needed most. The second ambulance is now in place and can be used as a backup vehicle for more emergency call outs'*.

To read the **BBC news report** on the incident follow this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cedlvv4j1vj0>

To follow Peter's reports from Ukraine on **Facebook** he may be found under his full name: **Peter Michael Stuart White**

Please keep Peter and his volunteer colleagues in your prayers as they continue their mission, helping those most in need in Ukraine.



Prayer for families and caregivers of those living with dementia.

Lord, thank you for your presence this moment, holding us in your love. Help us to share your love with those who live among us with dementia, that we may see your beauty in them.

Amen

stations
of the
cross



THE STATIONS (OR WAY) OF THE CROSS are a mini pilgrimage; a set of prayers and meditations which help us to remember and share in the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. During the early centuries of the church, Christians travelled to Jerusalem to walk in Jesus' footsteps. Pilgrims travelling to the site of Christ's

crucifixion often walked one particular route (known from the 16th century as the Via Dolorosa). Following the 'Way of the Cross' they would stop at regular intervals to pray and to remember key moments of Jesus' suffering and crucifixion. During the Middle Ages, as pilgrimage to the Holy Land became difficult, imitation Ways of the Cross spread across Europe.

The number of stations (scenes) marking Jesus' journey to the Cross has varied considerably over the centuries. Starting as an outdoor devotion on roads leading to a church or shrine, by the end of the 17th century sets of images had found their way inside religious houses and churches. In 1731 Clement XII fixed the number at 14 and that has remained the custom since then, although the scenes and prayers continue to change. The addition of a 15th station, the Resurrection of the Lord, has grown in popularity during the twentieth century.

Praying the Stations of the Cross requires only that you meditate on each station. Before each station you may say:

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

After each station you may say an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, or a *Glory be to the Father*.

<http://www.stedwardskettering.org.uk/stations-introduction/>

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Parishioner and professional photographer Michael Jones, has captured the images of the **Stations of the Cross, displayed on the walls at St Mary's** and collated them with the prayers by St Alphonsus Liguori for anyone wishing to follow the way privately. They may be found on our website www.stmarysharvington.org.uk under the Stations of the Cross tab.