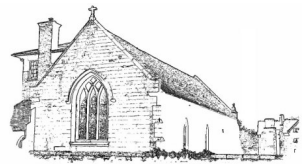


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

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| Sunday 16 November | Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of The Poor
8.30am Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i>
10.30am Mass intention for: <i>Fr Simon Hall R.I.P.</i> |
| Monday 17 November
No Mass at St Mary's today. | Memorial of St Hilda, Abbess
Memorial of St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop
Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary |
| Tuesday 18 November
10.00am | Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles
Mass intention for: <i>Stan Robson R.I.P.</i> |
| Wednesday 19 November
10.00am | Feria in Ordinary Time
Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Thursday 20 November
No Mass at St Mary's today. | Feria in Ordinary Time |
| Friday 21 November
No Mass at St Mary's today | Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Saturday 22 November
No Mass at St Mary's today. | Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr |
| Sunday 23 November | Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
<i>National Youth Sunday</i>
* 8.30am Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i> |
- * **PLEASE NOTE on Sunday 23 November this will be the only Mass at St Mary's.** Fr Richard will also celebrate Mass at St Wulstan's, Stourport at 5.30pm on Saturday and 10.00am on Sunday

Anniversaries in November: Isabella Ilsley (1866), Laurence Ruck (1916), John Munster (1916), Rev Philip Roskell (1930), Rev Dr Charles Eagle (1947), Cuthbert Watts (1965), Denis Lovekin (1984), Edna Mercer (1983), Ivor Mortiboy (1998), Harold Sanders (2002), Katherine Martin (2002), Sarah Millard (2002), Marie Baylis (2003), Min Young (2003), Grace Haydon (2004), Siobhan James-Moore (2005), Gerard Fox (2007), Rev David Higham (2008), Stephen Pritchard (2008), Julian Davies (2008), James William Finney (2009), Gertrude Mary Savage (2011), James O'Brien (2012), Colin Atwell (2014), Roger Adey (2016), Veronica Mitchell (2018), Oliver Donaghey (2019), Ellen Kearns (2020), Sean McDermott (2021), Roger Ephraims (2021), John Newton (2022), Andrea Barker (2022)

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
MARIE (BRIDGET) ROCHFORD
who died recently
May she Rest In Peace.

In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:
Deirdre Brookes, Shirley Burns, Norma Fox, Denise Grant, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Columb and Merryn Howell, Elizabeth Howell, Darren Jaye, Kath Lahive, Angela Magaro, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Catherine Neale, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.

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THANK YOU for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 2-9 Nov 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£90.00
Loose cash:	£242.86

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PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH. 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.
**** 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 Richard or Fr John or put the Priest's House letterbox.

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: 01212306240 / **safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concerns.

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



Home-Start is a national organisation offering support, friendship and practical help to parents with young children in local communities, offering a unique service delivered by trained and supported local volunteers, who visit families at home to offer informal, friendly and confidential support. To help give children the best possible start in life, Home-Start supports parents as they grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with their children and widen their links with the local community, to promote better outcomes for parents and children.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Home-Start Wyre Forest are helping Santa again this year and need **NEW (unwrapped) presents for young people aged 0-18 years**. Please be your usual generous selves and bring donations to Church up to and including **Sunday 30 November** and we will deliver them to the Home Start Wyre Forest headquarters on your behalf. If you would prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to '**Home-Start Wyre Forest**', please put it in the Offertory collection **in an envelope marked HOME-START**. Donations will be passed directly to the Home-Start Treasurer. **THANK YOU** in anticipation!

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be joining St Cassian's for their coffee morning on **Sat 29 November 10am -12noon**. Our Craft Group will have a stall there and will sell craft items and Christmas gifts made by the members.

On the following **Sunday, 7th December**, the Group will be selling wreaths, potted bulbs and Christmas table decorations in the stable at St Mary's after both Masses.

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Peter White will be leaving in the next few days on a **Christmas/ New Year mission to Ukraine**. Part of his purpose is to deliver an ambulance that Fr John will bless after 10.30am Mass on **Sunday the 16th**. It is the fourth vehicle Peter has taken to Ukraine, sponsored by numerous generous supporters including parishioners of St Mary's Church Harvington in its bicentennial year..

If you would like to support the upcoming mission contact Peter on 07534 687524.



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Pope Leo XIV has declared Sunday 16 November 2025 to be the ninth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "You are my hope "

The theme is taken from the Psalmist's cry "You, O Lord, are my hope" (Ps 71:5).

In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father urges us to recognise those experiencing poverty as "witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalisation".

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR MESSAGE, 2025

In his message Pope Leo writes that the structural causes of poverty must be addressed and eliminated. "Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity" insists the Holy Father, quoting St Augustine, who observed: "You give bread to a hungry person; but it would be better if none were hungry, so that you would have no need to give it away."

In the meantime, the Pope urges us all to "offer new signs of hope" that will bear witness to Christian charity, which is the "is the greatest social commandment." He draws attention to the many "quiet signs of hope" - in care homes, community centres, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and low-income schools – that often go unnoticed.

Calling for the development of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty and new initiatives to support those who are struggling, the Holy Father writes that; "Labour, education, housing and health are the foundations of a security that will never be attained by the use of arms."

Reflecting on the Jubilee Year of Hope, Pope Leo calls on us to ensure that the closing of the Holy Door does not mean an end to action. Those experiencing poverty remain "not recipients of our pastoral care, but creative subjects who challenge us to find novel ways of living out the Gospel today."

Once the Holy Door is closed, we are to cherish and share with others the divine gifts granted us throughout this entire year of prayer, conversion and witness.

POPE LEO XIV

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/world-day-of-the-poor>