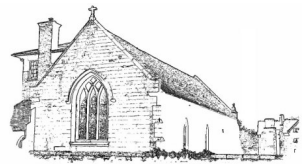


ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 30 November

8.30am

10.30am

First Sunday of Advent

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Mass Intention for: *People of the Parish*

Monday 1 December

No Mass at St Mary's today.

Feast of St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr

Tuesday 2 December

10.00am

Advent Feria

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 3 December

10.00am

Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 4 December

11.00am

Memorial of St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 5 December

11.00am

Feast of St Birinus, Bishop

Mass intention for: *Michael Bianco R.I.P.*

Saturday 6 December

10.00am

Memorial of St Nicholas, Bishop

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

Sunday 7 December

8.30am

10.30am

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Mass Intention for: *Peter Fernihough R.I.P.*

On this day there will be a second collection for Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

Anniversaries in December: Rev Sylvester Jenks (1714),
Rev Thomas Atherton (1758), Sir Charles Throckmorton (1840), Charles Spink (1885),
Edward Hailes (1912), Elaine Mulroy (1971), Eric Needham (1996),
Cyril Hennessey (1999), Margaret Green (2004), Josephine Packwood (2004),
Anthony Bashford, Pauline Reeve (2006). James O'Brien (2012), Marilyn Way (2016),
Greg Kelly (2020), Christopher Morrissey (2020)

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

Marie's Requiem Mass will be held at St Mary's on Tuesday 16th December at 11.00am

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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... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 9-16 Nov 2025:	
Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£79.00
Loose cash:	£164.84
Second collection for <i>National Youth Sunday, Kenelm Youth Trust</i> :	£198.55

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



*** SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER** is our deadline for donating NEW, UNWRAPPED presents to be given to families with children aged 0-18 Wyre Forest through **HOME-START WYRE FOREST**. Please put your gifts in the labelled boxes in the stable or the church porch. 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**. All donations will be delivered to Home-Start in the coming week. THANK YOU in anticipation!



* After both Masses on **SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER** the **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will hold their ever popular sale of handcrafted Christmas items including a selection of potted bulbs, wreaths & table decorations.



* ... later on the same day, **SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER**, **THE WYRE FOREST CHAMBER CHOIR** present *Christmas by Candlelight* at **St Cassian's Church, Chaddesley Corbett** at 3.45pm. Tickets: Adults £10, Students/under 16s £5 available on the door or by scanning the QR code on the poster in St Mary's church porch. Ticket prices include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Profits in support of Kemp Hospice.



* On the next day, **MONDAY 8th DECEMBER** at 9.30 am in the stable, the **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** meet to discuss *The Chrysalids* by the sci-fi writer John Wyndham. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion, whether you have read the book or not!



* Also on **MONDAY 8th DECEMBER** we have all been invited to sing Christmas Carols at **THE DOG** public house and restaurant, Harvington DY10 4LN, with singing starting at 7.00pm.

The management of The Dog are generously providing mince pies and glasses of mulled wine to help the festive spirit and in return a collection will be taken in aid of the **KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK**. If parishioners would like to dine there that evening, they will be offered a discount of 30% if they book a table in advance in person or by phone, 01562 777253 and quote "St Mary's" when booking.



ADVENT is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus and the Advent Wreath at St Mary's is a reminder of our journey toward Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth.

- * The 1st Sunday of Advent's purple candle symbolises **Hope** with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- * The 2nd Sunday of Advent's purple candle symbolises **Faith** with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- * The 3rd Sunday of Advent's pink candle symbolises **Joy** with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- * The 4th Sunday of Advent's purple candle symbolises **Peace** with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."
- * On Christmas Day, the white candle, known as the "**Christ Candle**" is lit. This is a reminder that Jesus is the light of the world. He is our King and our Saviour.

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Christmas week at St Mary's 2025:

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December:
Vigil Mass with Carols at 4.00pm

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December:
Masses at 8.30am and 10.30am