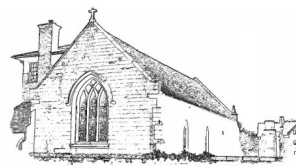


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

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| Sunday 7 December
8.30am
10.30am | Second Sunday of Advent
Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Mass Intention for: Peter Fernihough R.I.P.</i>
<i>On this day there will be a second collection for Poor Parishes of the Diocese.</i> |
| Monday 8 December

10.00am | Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of The Blessed Virgin Mary
<i>Patroness of the Archdiocese of Birmingham</i>
Mass intention for: <i>Bill Tweddell R.I.P.</i>
<i>and Dorothy & Bill Tweddell Snr. R.I.P.</i> |
| Tuesday 9 December
10.00am | Memorial of St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Mass intention for: <i>Stan Robson R.I.P.</i> |
| Wednesday 10 December
10.00am | Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto
Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Thursday 11 December
11.00am | Memorial of St Damasus I, Pope
Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Friday 12 December
11.00am | Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Saturday 13 December
10.00am | Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> |
- The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times.
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| Sunday 14 December
8.30am
10.30am | Third Sunday of Advent
Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
<i>Mass Intention for: People of the Parish</i> |
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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: 23– 30 Nov 2025:	
Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£125.00
Loose cash:	£194.87

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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.



Your generous donations were enthusiastically received when they were delivered to the **HOME START, WYRE FOREST**, Headquarters in Kidderminster this week. We have received an email from the team expressing their fulsome thanks, not only for the thoughtful gifts you sent but also for the cash donations amounting to £265. As a charity, Home Start rely on financial donations and grants from various sources to support the invaluable work they do for families in our community. Our contributions make a positive difference!

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER



After both Masses 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 in the day, **THE WYRE FOREST CHAMBER CHOIR** present ***Christmas by Candlelight*** a **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.



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!



In the evening 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.



MONDAY 8th DECEMBER Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.“

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, “Ineffabilis Deus,” clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

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Christmas week at St Mary's 2025:

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

**Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December:
8.30am Mass with Carols
10.30am Mass with Carols**