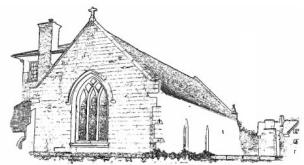


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 1 February *

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Racial Justice Day

8.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

* There will be a second collection today for Racial Justice

Monday 2 February

No Mass today.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Tuesday 3 February

10.00am

Memorial of St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*.

Wednesday 4 February

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 5 February

11.00am

Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 6 February

11.00am

Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 7 February #

10.00am

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Sunday 8 February

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for Victims of Human Trafficking

8.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

10.30am

Mass intention for: Diane Harris R.I.P.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following Mass each Saturday and by appointment at other times.

Anniversaries in February: Rev Charles Dodd (1742), Rev James Layfield (1756), Stanhope Pedley (1938), Agnes Drinkwater (1938), Pierce Bradley (1987), Tony Goodyear (1988), Pauline Jack (1992), Jeffrey Nichols (2003), Gertrude Higham (2003), Gerard O'Keeffe (2003), Rose Marie Villiers (2007), Mary Keane (2007), Gerry Costello (2012), Edmund Osborne (2013), Mandy Natalie Bridge (2016), Alan Cox (2016), Liam Buckley (2018), Jean Wilcox (2018), Michael Millard (2019), Vincent Glynn (2019), Dan Brown (2022), Kay Hildebrandt (2022), Paul Morrison (2024), Annick Harvey (2024), Karen Wright (2024), Jeanne Round (2024)

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of
DENIS HAYES

Denis's Funeral Service will be held at St Mary's on Wednesday 11th February at 11.30am
and of

SHIRLEY BURNS

Who died on Thursday 29th January

May they Rest In Peace

In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:

Deirdre Brookes, 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.



..... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 18-25 Jan 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£95.00
Loose cash:	£181.70

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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.



The Trustees of the **Dame Mary Yate Charity**, which owns and manages four almshouses in Harvington, seek to appoint a **Clerk to the Board of Trustees**.

As well as arranging and minuting trustee meeting and maintaining the records and accounts of the charity, the successful candidate will liaise with the residents of the almshouses, to offer support with any issues that may arise and to ensure any legal requirements are upheld. Working hours are flexible, as required, but are not expected to exceed more than 15hrs per month. Remuneration is by means of an honorarium plus expenses. Closing date for applications 31-Mar-2026. For a full job description please contact dmycharity@gmail.com



The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will meet at **1.30pm** on **Wednesday 4 February** at Rowberry's tea rooms. You are warmly invited to bring your own craft projects to work on or just come along for a coffee, a chat and a relaxing afternoon.



The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are reading *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. Set in the 1930s Depression it traces the fate of one destitute family among the thousands who fled the Dust Bowl for the promise of a new life in California.

If you have already read it or would like to do so, you will be very welcome to join us to discuss when we next meet in the Stable, at **9.30am on Monday 9 February**.



MASS FOR THE SICK with the SACRAMENT of ANOINTING

February 11 is **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. In our locality, Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday 14 February** with Mass at **St Ambrose Church, Kidderminster at 12 noon** with the Sacrament of Anointing. Please make this known as widely as possible and try to ensure that anyone who wishes to receive this Sacrament has the opportunity to attend. Please also be generous in offering transport to and from the church. There will be a Buffet Lunch afterwards in the Adams Lounge.



Racial Justice Sunday, celebrated in the Catholic Church on Sunday 1st February this year, is the day the church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

Bishop Paul McAleenan, as Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, welcomes this year's theme: "**Whoever loves God must also love his brother**"

(1 John 4:21): Promoting Racial Justice in our Parishes.

"Where racial justice is concerned, we must never tire of repeating what has been said before, though we always seek new ways to convey our message. Racial Justice Sunday 2026 is devoted to the promotion of racial justice in our Catholic parishes across England and Wales and society and an encouragement to be conscious of the need for justice in all its forms.

In an increasingly tense climate, it is imperative that we listen to, and learn from, the experiences, challenges and opportunities encountered in the mission of promoting racial justice in Catholic parishes today. Our parishes should be places where we can all truly grow in ever-deeper knowledge and love of each other, ourselves and God."



*Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves.
Amen.*