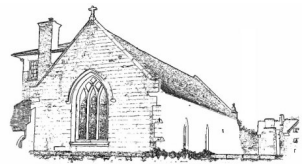


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 18 January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Peace Day. Octave of Christian Unity. Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i> Mass intention for: <i>Annie Mulroy R.I.P.</i> <i>*There will be a second collection today for Pax Christi</i>
Monday 19 January No Mass today.	Feast of St Wulstan Octave of Christian Unity.
Tuesday 20 January	Memorial of St Fabian, Pope, Martyr Memorial of St Sebastian, Martyr Octave of Christian Unity Mass intention for: <i>Stan Robson R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday 21 January	Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Octave of Christian Unity Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 22 January	Memorial of St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr Octave of Christian Unity Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 23 January	Memorial of St Nicholas Owen, Religious Octave of Christian Unity Mass intention for: <i>Simon Downs R.I.P.</i>
Saturday 24 January	Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Octave of Christian Unity Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 25 January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God. Octave of Christian Unity. Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i>

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

Anniversaries in January: Rev John Morgan (1718), Thomas Mewburn Crook (1949), Charles Keeffe (1977), Margaret Steele (1978), Ronald Fry (1978), James Moran (1989), Leofric Howell (1995), Sir Robert Grant Ferris (1997), Juliet Bradley (2001), Eve Mary Smith (2001), Anne Mulroy (2004), Elizabeth Bashford (2005), Bernadette Pinfield (2007), William Eardley 2009, Thaddeus Keane 2010, Pam Taft (2011), Denis Thomas Kimberlin (2014), Ellie Tansey (2019), Ray Fogg (2019), Noel Clark (2019)

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of

DENIS HAYES

May he Rest In Peace.

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

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: 28 Dec 2025-11Jan 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£810.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£205.00
Loose cash:	£343.68
Crib Collection for the Friends of The Holy Land: ...	£257.04

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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.



Because many parishioners were unable to attend St Mary's last Sunday because of the poor weather conditions in the area our collection for the **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR A FURTHER WEEK.** Donations

of food and other essentials will be delivered on your behalf to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster. If you would prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank', please use an envelope marked 'FOOD BANK', and put it in the Offertory collection. Donations will be passed directly to the Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer. If you wish the Foodbank to benefit from the tax paid on your monetary donation please complete the **GIFT AID** form (available in the church porch) and include it in the envelope.



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SAVE THE DATE: SAT 25th APRIL 2026!
CATENIANS Clear your diary, ready to join in the fun of a FUND RAISING QUIZ in St Ambrose's Parish Hall.

The Kidderminster and District Circle of the Catenian Association together with the St Ambrose branch of THE CMS are organising a Fund-Raising Quiz to assist a Student from Hagley Catholic High School to go on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes next May. He needs to raise £2,000.00 and, with your help, we would hope to raise a significant amount towards this target. WATCH THIS SPACE for more details!



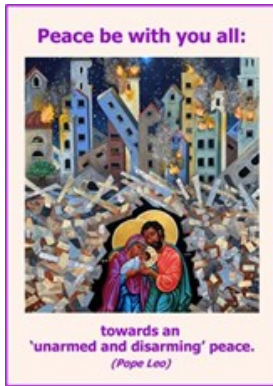
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HELP WANTED!
For either the 8.30 or 10.30 Sunday Masses:

- Stewards
- Readers
- The service of coffee etc after Mass

For alternate Thursdays or alternate Saturdays:

- The Church Cleaning Teams

If you would care to join any of our teams please contact Maggie in the office by email: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk.



Since its establishment in 1967 by Pope St Paul VI, the Popes have taken the World Day of Peace on 1 January as an opportunity to offer a message on peace related topics. Every year, with Pax Christi, the Bishops of England and Wales promote **PEACE SUNDAY on the second Sunday in Ordinary Time** as a way of observing the World Day of Peace and promoting the Pope’s message for that year.

In 2026, Peace Sunday will fall on **Sunday 18 January**. **Pope Leo’s message for the World Day of Peace is ‘Peace be with you all: towards an ‘unarmed and disarming’ peace’.**

Pope Leo has continued the exhortation of Pope Francis that the call to live nonviolent ‘disarmed’ lives is core to Catholic Social Teaching and the key to peace in a world scarred by violent conflict.

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2026/>



Pax Christi is a membership organisation of individuals, families, communities and parishes from around the country. Pax Christi works for :

- ◆ Peace – based on justice. A world where human rights are respected, basic needs are met, and people feel safe and valued in their communities.
- ◆ Reconciliation – a process which begins when people try to mend relationships – between individuals or whole countries after times of violence or dispute.
- ◆ Nonviolence – a way of living and making choices that respects others, challenges what is not fair or just, and offers alternatives to violence and war.

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY is observed from the 18th to the 25th January, the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

For 2026 the theme is: **One Body, One Spirit**

Paul’s epistles stress the importance of unity within the Church, urging us to live lives worthy of our calling with humility, gentleness, patience and love (Ephesians 4:1-3). Ephesians 4:4 summarises the teachings of Paul about unity, emphasising here, too, that the followers of Christ represent ‘one body and one Spirit’, united in a single hope. This metaphor signifies the Church as a unified entity transcending barriers of geography, nationality, ethnicity and tradition. Paul uses the metaphor of the Church being the Body of Christ to describe its unity within the diversity of its members.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/>