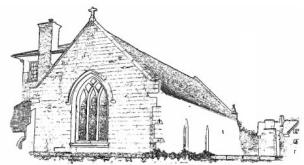


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 25 January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God.

Octave of Christian Unity.

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Mass intention for: *Peter Nolan R.I.P.*

Monday 26 January

No Mass today.

Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Tuesday 27 January

Memorial of Blessed Edward Oldcorne, Priest

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention.*

Wednesday 28 January

Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas,

Priest, Doctor of the Church

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 29 January

Feria in Ordinary Time

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 30 January

Feria in Ordinary Time

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 31 January

Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

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 on this day for Racial Justice

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.



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

Contributions to the Parish: 11-18 Jan 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£144.00
Loose cash:	£244.95
Second Collection for Pax Christi:	£267.73

Donations to the **Kidderminster Food Bank**: ... 15kgs of goods and £318 in cash.



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.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Peter Boszko - **stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk**

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



HOME-START WYRE FOREST is a Family Support Organisation delivering friendship and support to parents with young children in the Wyre Forest district of Worcestershire.

Wyre Forest

<https://www.homestartwyreforest.org.uk/about-us>

They currently have a vacancy for a **Treasurer** to work on a voluntary basis for approximately six hours per month, some can be done remotely. The ideal candidate should possess these abilities:

- * Financial Acumen: A strong understanding of financial management, accounting principles, and budgeting is essential.
- * Attention to Detail: The ability to maintain accurate records and ensure compliance with financial regulations is crucial.
- * Communication Skills: The treasurer must effectively communicate financial information to the board and other stakeholders.
- * Organizational Skills: Strong organizational abilities are necessary to manage multiple financial tasks and deadlines efficiently.

If you are interested in supporting this local, valuable charity with your skills and time the please contact Belinda Darby (Manager) on 01562 825896 or by email belinda@homestartwyreforest.org.uk



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

Children who will be **8 years old by June this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist with a series of weekly, group lessons in order to take the **Sacraments of RECONCILIATION and HOLY COMMUNION**. The children will receive each of the

sacraments for the first time on the **weekend of 6th & 7th of June** this year. Parents or guardians are asked to complete a relevant form, available from the table in the porch. As the forms will give personal details about children **please post these in the secure, slotted box on the same table**.

Children who will be **11 years old by September this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist to receive the **Sacrament of CONFIRMATION**. Parents or guardians of these children, are asked to complete the relevant form, available from the table in the porch to **post these in the labelled, secure, slotted box on the same table** as soon as possible in order to arrange a date for the sacrament to take place.



On Sunday, 25 January 2026, we join Catholics worldwide in celebrating the seventh **SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD.**

This annual event, instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 through his apostolic letter *Aperuit illis*, highlights the central role of Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. Observed each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, this day invites the faithful to reflect on, celebrate, and share the Word of God in their daily lives.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, explains this year's theme:

“The word of Christ dwells among you” (Col 3:16):

Saint Paul’s words to the Colossians, ‘The word of Christ dwells among you’, invite us not only to listen to the Word but to let it dwell within us. The Word shapes our thoughts, guides our desires, and unites the Christian community. To welcome it is to allow Christ to speak through our lives, bringing hope and life to those around us.”

This year, the celebration also coincides with the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, marking the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Just as the Word transformed Paul on the road to Damascus, it continues to call Christians today to open their hearts and share the Gospel with the world.

The Seventh Sunday of the Word of God is a reminder that Scripture is not just to be read or studied, it is to live within us, bearing fruit in our lives and communities.

A range of resources for the day are available on the God who Speaks website
<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/sunday-of-the-word-of-god-resources/>