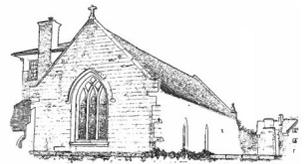


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 1 March

8.30am
10.30am

Second Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments
Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Today there will be a second collection for CAFOD

Monday 2 March

No Mass today.

Feast of St Chad, Bishop, Patron of the Archdiocese

Tuesday 3 March

10.00am

Lent Feria

Mass intention for: *Ellen Kearns R.I.P.*

Wednesday 4 March

10.00am

Commemoration of St Casimir

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 5 March

1.00pm

Lent Feria

Requiem Mass for *Shirley Burns R.I.P.*

Friday 6 March

11.00am

Lent Feria

World Women's Day of Prayer
Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 7 March

10.00am

Commemoration of Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Sunday 8 March*

8.30am
10.30am

Third Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments
Mass intention for: *Peggy Brotherton*
Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

**On this day there will be a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance*

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

Anniversaries in March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Lucy Moran (1988), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013) Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018), Vincent Glynn (2019), Michael Bianco (2019), Tony Davenhill (2022), Jane Young (2022), John Weston (2023), Anne Sharples (2024), John Harvey (2024), Barbara Knott (2025).

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

SHIRLEY BURNS

Who died on Thursday 29th January
and

CHRISTINE SPENCER

Who died on Friday 27th February
May they Rest In Peace.

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

Deirdre Brookes, Averil Crofton, Norma Fox, Denise Grant, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Columb and Meryn 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: 15-22 Feb 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£105.00
Loose cash:	£273.81

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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.

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.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day collection:
Sunday 1st March**

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another



family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions, such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Use a CAFOD envelope or simply add your donation to the second collection at Mass on Sunday or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

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*The
Season
of
Lent*



During Lent at **ST AMBROSE CHURCH KIDDERMINSTER** there will be the Office of Vespers / Evening Prayer in the Church at 7 pm followed by presentations from Guest Speakers on these Tuesdays:

MARCH 3rd *As Others See Us* (1) Mr. Rick Cotterill, Deputy Head of Winterfold House School.

MARCH 10th *As Others See Us* (2) Canon Robert Jones; (retired) Archdeacon of Worcester Cathedral.

MARCH 17th *As Others Find Us* Sarah Lemiech, Anne Nicholls, Cris Crassus. (Three new parishioners)

ST WULSTAN'S CHURCH STOURPORT during Lent offer the chance to see daytime DVD talks by Bishop Robert Barron on the *Creed*. The next one takes place on Tuesday **MARCH 3rd** with Mass at 11am then the Film (11.35-12.25pm) followed by time for a cup of tea or coffee and an opportunity to chat.

Stations of the Cross will be said during Lent at St. Wulstan's Church, Stourport on Friday evenings at 7.00pm.

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Christian Aid Lent Lunches (Stourport) are being held on Thursdays in Lent at the Wesley Schoolroom, Parkes Passage between 12 noon and 1:30pm for a frugal lunch and on Good

Friday following the Walk of Witness. Your donations will help alleviate poverty in countries suffering from famine and warfare.

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Women's World Day of Prayer services as follows: St. Anne's Church, Bewdley on **Friday 6th March** at 10.30am and at Vernon Hall Free Church, Vernon Road, Stourport at 2.30pm.

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Our local **FOOD BANK** appreciate all the help they can get, to support families in need in our area.

If you want to donate food and other essentials, please bring them to church next weekend and we will deliver them on your behalf to the Food Bank in Kidderminster during the week commencing Monday 9th March.

If you would prefer to donate money, please place cash or cheques, made payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank', in an envelope marked 'KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK' and put it in the Offertory collection or hand to a Steward but **please do not leave money nor envelopes containing money, in the porch.**

If you are a UK taxpayer, please fill in a **FOODBANK GIFT AID FORM**, available from the church porch, so the Food Bank can claim 25% of your monetary gift from HMRC.

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HARVINGTON HISTORY FESTIVAL 2026 features sixteen fascinating talks from top historians, broadcasters & authors, plus the Festival Concert, here in our church, by the internationally acclaimed Apollo5 group.

Tickets are selling fast across the board so if you haven't bought yours yet you're advised to secure them quickly. www.harvingtonhall.co.uk

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Dominic, an altar server for the 10.30am Sunday Masses, is raising funds with his school for their partner schools in South Africa where they are helping with projects like providing running water, a science lab and a library for the children there.

Dominic is selling **hand-decorated bookmarks** after the **10.30 Mass this week (Sunday 1st March)** in aid of this and any donation would be gratefully received.

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The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are reading the evergreen spoof *Diary of a Nobody* by George and Weedon Grossmith, a comic portrayal of late Victorian suburban life and values.

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