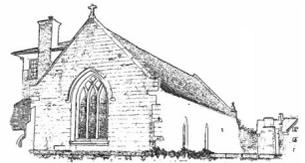


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 15 February*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for the Unemployed

8.30am

Mass intention for: *Ivan Beaman R.I.P.*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

* *There will be a second collection on this day for the LIFE charity*

Monday 16 February

Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass today.

Tuesday 17 February

**Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the
Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 18 February

Ash Wednesday

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 19 February

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 20 February

Friday after Ash Wednesday

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*

Saturday 21 February #

**Commemoration of St Peter Damian,
Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Michael Millard R.I.P.*

Sunday 22 February

First Sunday of Lent

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

8.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

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 soul of

SHIRLEY BURNS

Who died on Thursday 29th January

Shirley’s Requiem Mass will be held here at St Mary’s at 1.00pm on Thursday 5th March

May she 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.

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 ... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 1-8 Feb 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£110.00
Loose cash:	£262.72

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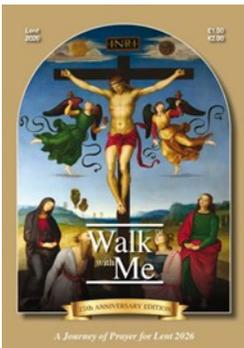
The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.

THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT



On Wednesday we begin our solemn observance of Lent. At Mass on Wednesday morning, ashes will be blessed and will be put on our heads as a sign of conversion, penance and as a reminder of our mortality. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolise that attitude of internal penance to which the baptised are called during Lent. Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat for all who are over 14 years (abstinence) and those over 18 (fasting). If we are over 60 years we are excused fasting but not abstinence. We hope we will all enter into the spirit of Lent and do something special for Lent as a reminder of what Jesus did for us during this blessed time. **Fr. John & Fr Richard**

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Copies of the **WALK WITH ME** Lenten Booklets and Children's Calendars were made available for you to take from church last Sunday. There are still plenty of copies left if you still want one. The Parish have already paid for them but if you would like to make a donation of £1.50 per book you are welcome to do so but this is not essential. Please make use of these resources to help on your Lenten journey.

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Parishioner, Peter White has returned safely from his latest humanitarian visit to Ukraine. He has now been given an ex-NHS ambulance to take and leave there when his visits again in the coming months. Naturally the trip will incur many logistical costs and Peter would be very grateful for any sponsorship you are able to offer him. If you would like to support his next expedition please contact Peter on **07534 687524**.



Taken from the LIFE charity website:<https://lifecharity.org.uk/the-charity/why-were-here/>

No one should face pregnancy or pregnancy loss alone.

Life is a pregnancy support charity. We're here to support anyone in the UK facing an unplanned pregnancy or unexpected pregnancy journey.

Today's world makes it incredibly difficult to have a child, whether that is due to finances, relationships, career interruptions or other concerns; Life exists to support women and families to explore these issues and overcome their barriers should they want to.

We offer accredited, non-directive, professional services that give emotional and practical support.

One of our most popular services is our free, discreet pregnancy test in the post – because no woman should have to wait for her payday or struggle for privacy when making this kind of discovery.

A woman might interact with us in a quick text chat on realizing she is pregnant, or continue to a course of counselling sessions; or we might provide housing and skills sessions if she is in need of a safe home or community support; we also offer her and her family free counselling in cases of pregnancy loss or an unexpected pre-natal diagnosis.

Life's mission is to be there for the woman, and her family, whatever her circumstances.

The charity has a long and varied history and today's Life has made a commitment not to be a part of the debate around abortion; because that isn't what will best serve our clients. We want to create a truly safe space for a woman who comes to us to explore her situation, and we support her in every way we can to overcome challenges and thrive.

Life is laser-focused on being the emotional and practical support that should be there for everyone, in every pregnancy journey, but right now it takes a charity to provide. Help us give that support, and help us create a world where this ceases to be an issue:

A world where no one faces pregnancy or pregnancy loss alone.