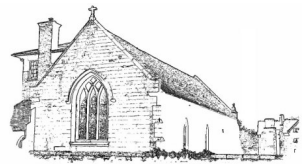


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

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.*

Monday 9 February

Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass today.

Tuesday 10 February

Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin

No Mass today.

Wednesday 11 February

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day for the Sick

Funeral Service for *Denis Hayes R.I.P.*

11.30am

Mass celebrated by the Chaplain of Trinity School, Leamington Spa for the staff and children.

1.00pm

Thursday 12 February

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

11.00am

Friday 13 February

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass celebrated by the Chaplain of St Mary's School, Wednesbury for the staff and children

10.00am

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 14 February

Feast of St Cyril, Monk and St Methodius, Patrons of Europe

World Day of Prayer for Europe

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.00am

Sunday 15 February*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for the Unemployed

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

8.30am

10.30am

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

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 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: 25 Jan-1 Feb 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£155.00
Loose cash:	£220.48
Second collection for Racial Justice:	£272.17

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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.



If you or a friend or a relative of yours would appreciate our collective prayers, a visit or any other support from the parish, especially but not only at the time of illness please let us know.

If you would like a name to be printed in the newsletter, as you see those on the second page here, we need written consent. This is to protect the privacy of those named as the newsletter is widely available both in print, on our website, on Facebook and circulated by email to parishioners and others. If you would like a name to be included, **please complete a consent form (to be found in one of the folders* pinned up by the small notice board in the church porch)** and either hand it to a steward or post it through the main door of the Priest's House. If you would rather that a name is not published in this way but would still appreciate our collective prayers then, if you wish, this may be read aloud in the 'bidding prayers/prayers of intercession' at Mass each Sunday.

*In the same folder there are blank letters for you to take and offer to anyone who may want prayers, visits or any other support from the parish.

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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.

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OPEN INVITATION:

After both Masses each Sunday Morning coffee, tea and biscuits are served in the stable. It is an opportunity to meet one another and socialise. Please do join in!



WORLD
DAY OF
THE SICK
11 FEBRUARY 2026

In his message, for the **World Day of the Sick** 2026 the Pope Leo takes up the parable of the Good Samaritan as a central image of Christian charity: to truly love means to stop, to draw near, and to care for those who suffer. Compassion, in fact, is not only a feeling but translates into concrete gestures and shared commitment, particularly towards the sick.

Loving one's neighbour thus becomes a visible proof of love for God and implies a healthy and true way of loving oneself. In this perspective, caring for the sick and the most fragile is not an optional gesture, but one of the clearest signs of fidelity to the Gospel.

Prayer

Lord of Life,

in this moment we come to You

with our hearts and minds

troubled with names and stories of our brothers and sisters
afflicted with sickness.

In their pain, they cry out for your Mercy.

We ask for the grace
to know how to accompany and love them by bearing their pain.

You who know pain and suffering,
give us the strength of your Spirit, so that
imitating the Good Samaritan,
we may live the call to be neighbours,
always doing good,
with deep love for every human being.

Mary, our Mother,
under the title of Our Lady of Lourdes,
Merciful Mother of God, attentive to the pain and sufferings of humanity,
take us by the hand and bring us to your Son, Jesus,
so that we never grow tired of consoling, healing and doing good.

Amen