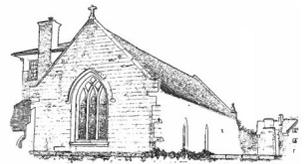


ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



Parish Priest: Fr Richard Sharples
Priest in Residence: Fr John Moran
Telephone: 01562 777319
e-mail: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk
Website: www.stmarysharvington.org.uk
Registered Charity No: 234216 The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

- Sunday 15 March** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments
Dementia Prayer Week
8.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
10.30am Mass intention for: *Fr John's Anniversary of Ordination*
- Monday 16 March** **Lent Feria**
No Mass today. Dementia Prayer Week
- Tuesday 17 March** **Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland**
Dementia Prayer Week
10.00am Mass intention for: Ernest & *Patricia Godwin R.I.P.*
- Wednesday 18 March** **St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop,**
Doctor of the Church
Dementia Prayer Week
10.00am Mass intention for: *William Waterhouse & family*
- Thursday 19 March** **Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of St Joseph**
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dementia Prayer Week
11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Friday 20 March** **Lent Feria**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Peter Handley R.I.P.*
- Saturday 21 March #** **Lent Feria**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Anthony Francis-Flores R.I.P.*
- Sunday 22 March** **Fifth 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: *John Weston R.I.P.*

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) is available following Mass each Saturday and by appointment at other times.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be said during Lent at St. Wulstan's Church ,
Stourport on Friday evenings at 7.00pm.

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 soul of
CHRISTINE SPENCER

Who died on Friday 27th February

Christine's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's at 11.00am on Tuesday 31st March

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

Who died on Monday 9th March

May they Rest In Peace

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

Deirdre Brookes, Averil Crofton, Norma Fox, Denise Grant, Shirley Grant, Jane 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: 1-8 March 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£90.00
Loose cash:	£295.78
Second collection for Cathedral maintenance:	£332.99

.....
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

PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Neil Summerfield - hs.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH SECRETARY (Admin): Maggie Skinner - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH SECRETARY (Finance): Valerie Nolan - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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**.

.....



Volunteer Needed Please

Dame Mary Yate Almshouses seek a temporary volunteer to connect residents and trustees. Tasks include handling calls (mobile provided), relaying messages, and occasional home visits for a fixed period of 4 hours per week. The role lasts 3–6 months, with a £190 monthly honorarium. For details, contact Ian Reed via the parish office:
stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

.....



On returning from his latest humanitarian visit to Ukraine, parishioner Peter White appealed for donations to support the ongoing projects he witnessed and took part in when he was out there. He is very grateful to everyone who responded to

his appeal, including the wonderful generosity of a fellow parishioner who recently held coffee mornings in her home and raised enough funds for the provision of a bomb shelter for orphans at a kindergarten in the Eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv. Peter confirms the project moves ahead with the work for the installation now underway.

He is now planning a return trip 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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LAETARE SUNDAY

Rejoice

The day's theme comes from the entrance antiphon reflecting on Isaiah 66:10-11: "*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*"

Laetare is the first word meaning "rejoice" in the Latin text of today's entrance antiphon. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. The rose pink coloured vestments worn by the priest on this day indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the sombre days of Passiontide.

www.simplycatholic.com/laetare-sunday/



The tradition of **MOTHERING SUNDAY** on the Fourth Sunday of Lent has been around since medieval times. It was set aside as a day where people would visit their "mother" church, the place where they were baptised: the local parish church or cathedral.

In more recent times people working in the service of others were given the day off to go and visit their mother church. It then became part of the tradition for people to go and see their mothers on this day as well as go to their mother church. This eventually evolved into the current traditions of giving mothers gifts on Mothering Sunday.

The new traditions of Mother's Day allow us to celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. We should not just remember our earthly mothers and grandmothers but also remember Mary, the Mother of God who is also our Mother. Mary looks out for us all year round and whenever we say a Hail Mary we ask her to pray for us. www.rcdea.org.uk/ignite_motheringsunday/