



Friday 8th February is the Memorial Day of

**SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**

St Josephine Bakhita bore 144 physical scars throughout her life received after her kidnap at the age of nine and sold into slavery. Such was the trauma experienced that she forgot her birth name and her kidnappers gave her the name Bakhita meaning 'fortunate'. She experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. In 1882 her suffering was

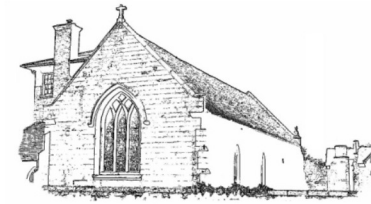
alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul who showed her kindness and consideration entrusting her care to the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of the Catechumens in Venice. It was there that Bakhita came to know about God whom, 'she had experienced in her heart without knowing who He was' since she was a child. She was received into the Catholic Church in 1890, joining the sisters and making final profession in 1896. The rest of her life was spent in the convent witnessing to God's love. When she was on door duty, she would gently lay her hands on the heads of the children who attended the nearby school and caress them. Her voice was pleasing to the little ones, comforting to the poor and suffering. She was a source of encouragement to many and her constant smile won people's hearts. Surrounded by the sisters, she died on 8 February 1947. She was beatified on 17 May 1992 and canonised on 1 October 2000.

St Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On her Memorial Day we are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. This year the particular focus is on those who are caught up in forced labour and labour exploitation in the UK and beyond. Victims of forced labour work long hours, often in tough conditions without training or safety measures in place. The majority, if not all, of wages are taken by the traffickers often accompanied by threats and violence. Cases of labour exploitation have been widely reported in car washes and nail bars however victims have been found in the manufacturing, entertainment, hospitality, agriculture, and construction industries. The eradication of modern slavery and the pastoral care of victims is a priority for the Catholic Church. Pope Francis continually draws the attention of the Church and the wider world to the moral and human crisis evident in this widespread exploitation.

<http://santamartagroup.com/st-josephine-bakhita-day-2019/>

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

**Times of Holy Mass and Intentions  
(YEAR C Readings)**

**Sunday 3 February**

8.30 am -  
10.30 am -  
There will be a second collection today, Sunday 3 February, for LIFE charity

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For the intentions of Ron Kempson  
For the People of The Parish

**Monday 4 February**

9.00 am -

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

Mr & Mrs Bostock R.I.P.

**Tuesday 5 February**

9.00 am -

**Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**

Private Intention

**Wednesday 6 February**

9.00 am -  
9.30 am -

**Memorial of St Paul Mikki & Companions, Marytrs**

Liam Buckley R.I.P.

# Discussion Group (please see note below)

**Thursday 7 February**

11.30 am -

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

Holy Souls

**Friday 8 February**

11.30 am -

**Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita**

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

**Saturday 9 February**

10.00 am -

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

Ellie Tansey R.I.P.

**Sunday 10 February**

8.30 am -  
10.30 am -

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

John Gilbert

For the People of The Parish

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# **The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets** are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the **GROUP DISCUSSION** on **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a coffee and an exchange of ideas!



"Where two or three come together in my name, I am with them."  
Matt 18:20

**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).

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Noel Clarke R.I.P. who died recently.  
His funeral will take place here at Harvington on Wednesday 20 February at 11.00 am.  
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**Prayers for the sick:** Denis Conway, Kathleen Clarke, Anthony Mitchell, Jeannie Morrison, Charles Paice, Michael Bird.

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**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Sunday 3 February** Greg Kelly, Paul Walmsley  
Mary Meese, Jean Lloyd  
**Sunday 10 February** Stephen Fox, Helen Raphael  
Denise Grant, Elizabeth Mountford

**Readers:**

**Sunday 3 February** Liz Cornish  
Joan McKay  
**Sunday 10 February** Jane Handley  
Jenny Wilcox

**Church Cleaners:**

**Friday 8 February** Annick Harvey & Sheila Fernihough  
Friday 15 February Peter & Marie Hesketh

**Money Counters:**

**For the 3 Feb collection** Mrs B Goodyear & Mrs M Walmsley  
**For the 10 Feb collection** Andrea Barker & Marion Trafford

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**Contributions to the Parish:**

**Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 27 January**

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£141.00
Loose cash	£206.68

**Congratulations to the 100 CLUB WINNERS for JANUARY:**

Mrs A Hingley, Mrs Jo Dixon, Mrs D Brookes

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**SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:** Mrs J Lloyd - 01562 754448

- If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church’s work, please call 0121 230 6240.
- If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

**HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER:** Mr M Dawson

**EMERGENCY EXIT:** This is via the sacristy and through the house

The **PARISH VISITATION** for St Mary’s, Harvington will take place on Sunday 17 February. Bishop Byrne will attend both Masses on the day and will socialise with Parishioners in the stable after both Services. In the afternoon, 2.00 – 4.00 pm, Bishop Byrne will address parishioners at a meeting to be held in church. Parish Council, Area Leaders will each deliver a report showing in what ways they provide and co-ordinate support for the efficient running of the parish.

The final date of the **DEANERY VISITATION** is **20.03.19**. All parishes are expected to be well represented at a service on that date at Mount Carmel Church, Redditch at 7.00 pm.

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**THE CRAFT GROUP** will meet on **Tues 5 Feb** at 9.30am in the stable to work on their hexagon project. They meet again on **Tues 12 Feb** at 7.00 pm - for this evening’s project you will need to bring bed socks (?!!) and sewing kit.  
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Feb 11 is **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** Mass will be celebrated at **St Ambrose Church**, Kidderminster at **12 noon** on **SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY** with Fr. George Grynowski as the principal celebrant and speaker. He will bless the oil of the sick during Mass and people who are sick are invited to be anointed

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**THE BOOK GROUP** will meet on **Monday 11 February** at 9.30 am in the stable to discuss Melvyn Bragg’s *The Soldier’s Return*. Please also remember the **‘BOOK SWAP’** box in the stable for your free use.

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The **EVENTS COMMITTEE** will meet on **Tuesday 26 February at 2.00 pm** in the stable. ALL parishioners are warmly welcome to attend. The draft minutes of the previous meeting are available from the plastic wallet on the notice board.

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**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** are organising sponsored Emmaus Walks from various local points to Harvington on **Saturday 27 April**. Be a disciple for the day whilst supporting needy Christians through the agency of the Friends of the Holy Land. Details to follow – but please put the event in your diary either to walk or to sponsor a walker.

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**A VACANCY** has arisen for a Clerk to Dame Mary Yate Almshouses following the impending retirement of the current Clerk. The position is salaried and part-time. Administrative and book-keeping skills are desirable. Job description available from and application in writing to the Clerk, Mrs June Hall: junehall@hotmail.uk (Telephone number in case of enquiries: 01299 851511)

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**KIDDERMINSTER CATENIANS CHARITY CONCERT** Chaddesley Village Hall, **Saturday 23 Feb 2019**, 7.00pm. A night of wonderful musical entertainment featuring a host of local artists. Entrance, by ticket, is £10.00 per person, a buffet is included in the price and a bar will be available. Tickets are available from Charlie Villa 07759629938 and Sinead Maffei 07980846301. Proceeds divided between Prostate Cancer UK & the Meadow & Summer Charity (Maffei Twins)