



**THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY** is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family.

The Feast of the Presentation (February 2) or Candlemas forms a fitting transition from Christmas to Easter. The small Christ-Child is still in His Mother's arms, but already she is offering Him in sacrifice.

The saints that we will focus on this month and try to imitate are:

- St. Blaise (February 3),
- St. Agatha (February 5),
- St. Paul Miki & Companions (February 6),
- St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita (February 8),
- St. Scholastica (February 10),
- Seven Founders of the Orders of Servites (February 17),
- St. Peter Damian (February 21),
- Chair of St. Peter (February 22)
- St. Polycarp (February 23).

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11) will not be celebrated this year because it is superseded by the Sunday liturgy. The feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius (February 14) is superseded by the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

This year the first thirteen days of February fall during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical colour green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the colour of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The remaining days of February are the beginning of Lent. The liturgical colour changes to purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2018

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/02.cfm>

**ESSENTIAL PARISH INFORMATION:**

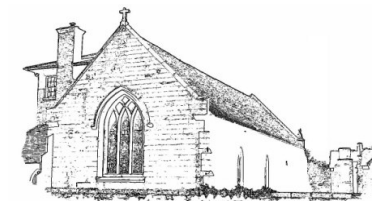
**EMERGENCY EXIT:** This is via the sacristy and through the house

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

<b>Sunday 4 February</b> 8.30 am - 10.30 am - <i>(Today, Sunday, 4 February there will be a Second Collection for the LIFE charity).</i>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For the people of the Parish Trevor Wiltshire R.I.P.
<b>Monday 5 February</b> 8.30 am -	<b>Memorial of St Agatha</b> Doreen Millard R.I.P.
<b>Tuesday 6 February</b> 8.30 am -	<b>Memorial of St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b> Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 7 February</b> No Mass today 9.00 am -	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>  <i>#Discussion Group in The Stable</i>
<b>Thursday 8 February</b> No Mass today	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Friday 9 February</b> 11.30 am -	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 10 February</b> 10.00 am -	<b>Memorial of St Scholastica</b> Intentions of Warren Collins
<b>Sunday 11 February</b> 8.30 am - 10.30 am -	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> World Day for the Sick. Day for the Unemployed. For the people of the Parish Ted & Mary Keane R.I.P.

**Anniversaries in February:** Rev Charles Dodd (1742), Rev James Layfield (1756), Stanhope Pedley (1938), Agnes Drinkwater (1938), Pierce Bradley (1987), To-ny Goodyear (1988), Pauline Jack (1992), Jeffrey Nichols (2003), Ger-trude 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)

**Prayers for Sick:**

Trudy Woodall, Anthony Mitchell, Veronica Mitchell, Philip Edwards, Julia Comber, Anne Hiron, Kathleen Clarke, Maureen Ribbins, Anthony Francis-Floris, James Arbuthnott, Susannah Michaels, William Tweddell Jnr, Mo Trow, Jan Sewell, Oliver Ronan, Bernard Millard.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Sunday 4 February** Eddie Picardo, Bridget Robson  
Steve McWalter, John Charuk  
**Sunday 11 February** Greg Kelly, Paul Walmsley  
Mary Meese, Jean Lloyd

**Readers:**

**Sunday 4 February** John Bradley  
Frances Rimmer  
**Sunday 11 February** Anne Carter  
Joan McKay

**Church Cleaners:**

**Friday 9 February** June & Robert Hall

**Money Counters:**

**For the 4 February collection:** Mr J W Bradley

**Contributions to the Parish:**

**Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 28 January**

Gift Aid Direct Debits £ 253.00  
Gift Aid Envelopes £ 205.00  
Loose cash £ 160.40  
Second Collection for the work of Racial Justice: £199.40



# **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 usually led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Although Father is away on Wednesday 7 February the Group will still meet. Do come along for a cup of coffee and an exchange of ideas!

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

**RELIGION AND MAGIC IN THE BOOKS OF HARVINGTON HALL**



Friday 16 February at 7.00 pm

**Darren Oldridge, Professor of Early Modern History, University of Worcester**

The people of Tudor and Stuart England accepted the power of religion, magic, and the invisible world of spirits. The library of Harvington Hall opens a window on these beliefs. This event presents works from the collection that illustrates the religious convictions of the age, the portrayal of miracles, the practice of magic, and the fear of witchcraft. Participants will have a unique opportunity to turn the pages of these ancient books and encounter voices from a vanished world.

FREE ADMISSION: Reserve a place at [bookings.harvington@btconnect.com](mailto:bookings.harvington@btconnect.com)

The **Friends of The Holy Land** would like to thank everyone who supported us last Sunday at our Pie and Pint event in Kidderminster. Thanks to your generosity they made the magnificent sum of £989.60. All this money will now be sent directly to the needy families whom the FHL support in the Holy Land.



**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** this year



Women's World Day of Prayer  
*Informed Prayer, Prayerful action*

takes place at Blakedown Church at 7.00pm on Friday 2 March for a service prepared by the women of Suriname.

Men and women are welcome to the event. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. For further information contact June Waterhouse 01562 70039.

Mrs Jeanne Round thanks the Parish for the beautiful bouquet of flowers presented to her in recognition of her leadership of the Events Committee over the past several years.

The pre-ordered 'Day by Day' booklets, in named envelopes, are available for collection from the table in the porch.

*Bible Alive* booklets are available from the table in the porch. Please take one (contributions towards the cost would be appreciated, please put your donations in the cash box on the wall).