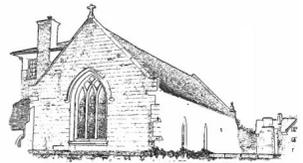


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Whilst all churches and chapels in the Archdiocese are closed to the public in order to combat the spread of Coronavirus Fr John will celebrate Mass privately each day. Mass intentions attached to these Masses will be honoured. Please continue to request Mass intentions by email, phone call or post. Donations may be sent at a later date.

Sunday 19th April

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

The People of The Parish

- The Sunday Readings and Fr John's homily may be found by clicking the tab 'Readings & Homily' on our website.

Monday 20th April

Easter Feria

Mr & Mrs Bernard & Sally Austin-Millard R.I.P.

Tuesday 21st April

Easter Feria

Memorial of St Anslem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Rev. Paul Sidoli R.I.P.

Wednesday 22nd April

Easter Feria

Mr & Mrs C & E Gammon R.I.P.

Thursday 23rd April

Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England

For the intentions of Bridget O.

Friday 24th April

Easter Feria

Memorial of St Adalbert Bishop, Martyr

Memorial of St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr

Tom Mulligan R.I.P.

Saturday 25th April

Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

Michael Millard R.I.P.

Sunday 26th April

Third Sunday of Easter

The People of The Parish

Anniversaries in April: Rev Clement Harris (1905), Edward M Hailes (1955), Charles Cantillon (1985), Bridget Needham (1991), Michael Brown (1992), Elizabeth Eardley (2002), Mary Murray (2003), Piers Thompson (2004), Franz Tschak (2005), Mary Dolores Lloyd-Jones (2007), George Oakes (2009), Laurence Rochford (2011), Leonard Eynsham (2016), Maureen Trow (2018), Charles Paice (2019)

Prayers for the sick: Michael Bird, Kathleen Clark, Denis Conway, Peter Handley, Jeannie Morrison, Lucinda Robinson



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Bradley**, John's wife, who died on Monday 6th April.

Margaret's private funeral will take place on Monday 11th May.

May she Rest In Peace.

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory received for Sunday 12th April

Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00

Whilst not being able to attend St Mary's in person, parishioners who normally use Gift Aid envelopes may wish to:

- save donations in cash until we return
- **or** write a cheque and deliver/post your donation along with the remaining Gift Aid envelopes for this financial year
- **or** set up a standing order using the form on the Diocesan website .

Download, print, complete and sign by hand then send it for the attention of Amalia Costanzo, St Mary's RC Church, Harvington Hall Lane, Harvington Worcs. DY10 4LR

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EASTER OFFERINGS to Fr John.

Fr John thanks everyone who kindly sent him good wishes for Easter.

He is most grateful for the gifts and Easter offerings received.



Should you wish to make an Easter offering to Fr John you are most welcome to do so by either posting cash or a cheque (made payable to

Rev Fr John Moran ... not to St Mary's!). If you would prefer to delay your gift, given the present circumstances, the Archdiocese have

granted permission to defer Easter Offering donations to the clergy until Pentecost.



At St Mary's we regularly donate food and money to our local **FOOD BANK** in **KIDDERMINSTER**. It is supported by The Trussell Trust, an NGO and charity that works to end the need for food banks in the UK. It is one of a national network of over 1,200 food bank centres providing emergency food and compassionate, practical support to people in crisis. In order to combat the spread of Covid-19 the Food Bank premises, based at the Baxter Church in Kidderminster, is currently closed. However, volunteers are delivering food and supermarket gift vouchers directly to eligible people.

During the present national crisis there is an even greater need for us to remember those depending on the services of our local Food Bank. Should you wish to support their invaluable work you may do so directly by sending supermarket gifts cards and/ or a cheque made payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank' and post it to:

Mrs Denise Carson
Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer
20 Whitehill Road
Kidderminster
Worcs.
DY11 6JJ

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ST GEORGE'S DAY - 23rd APRIL



Popular tradition presents St George as the knight who killed the dragon making him a symbol of a triumph of faith against the forces of evil. St George, martyr +303, lived shortly before Constantine's I reign. He was born into an illustrious family in Cappadocia and at a young age was raised to the ministry during Emperor Diocletian's reign. When the emperor promulgated an edict against the Christians, St George professed his faith publicly, for which he was martyred. During the crusades Richard Coeur de Lion impressed by the cult of St George, so popular in the east, made St George the Protector of England. He is a patron saint of England, Portugal, Germany, Aragon, Genoa, & Venice. His tomb is in Lod, near Tel Aviv, in Israel.



DIVINE MERCY – A BRIEF HISTORY

The Devotion to Divine Mercy began spreading throughout the 1930's from the visions and conversations that a young, uneducated nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska had with Jesus Christ. As a visionary she was given some powerful messages for mankind. These she documented in her diary. The first of these experiences occurred in Feb 1931. Jesus told her that He desired the image she saw of Him to be painted with the words "Jesus I Trust in You" written underneath. St. Faustina, as she is now known recorded in her diary that He said: "The Graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only that is TRUST. The more a soul trusts the more it will receive. Sooner would Heaven and Earth turn into

nothingness than would My Mercy not embrace a trusting soul." Jesus taught St Faustina to pray a Chaplet and a Novena saying, "Unceasingly recite this chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death, priests will recommend it to sinners as a last hope of salvation. Even the most hardened sinner if he were to recite the Chaplet even once will receive grace from My infinite mercy. Oh, what great graces I will grant souls who will recite this Chaplet. By means of it you can ask and obtain anything if what you ask for be compatible with My will. I want the whole world to know my infinite mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My mercy"

He also said "When the Chaplet is prayed for a dying person I will stand between that person and My Father as their merciful Saviour". Jesus' commanded that the **Feast of Divine Mercy** be established on the **first Sunday after Easter**. Such was Pope John Paul II's belief in St. Faustina's authenticity that on the first Sunday after Easter 2000, he canonised St. Faustina and declared that henceforth this Sunday would be known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

<https://english-martyrs.co.uk/adults/divine-mercy/>

◇ How to pray the Chaplet :
<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>