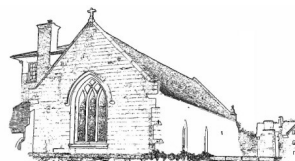


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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham



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 26th April

Third Sunday of Easter

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 27th April

Easter Feria

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Tuesday 28th April

Easter Feria

Memorial of St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr

Memorial of St Louis Marie Grignion de Montford, Priest

For the intentions of Aldino & Alessandro Sidoli

Wednesday 29th April

Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe

Day of Prayer for Europe

Douglas Pinfield R.I.P.

Thursday 30th April

Easter Feria

Memorial of St Pius V, Pope, Religious

For the intentions the Sidoli family.

Friday 1st May

Easter Feria

Memorial of St Joseph the Worker

Stan Robson R.I.P.

Saturday 2nd May

Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

For the intentions of Mr & Mrs John Coyne

Sunday 3rd May

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bishop Leo McCartie**, who died on Thursday 23rd April, aged 94.

May he Rest In Peace.

For a full biography of Bishop Leo McCartie, please visit the diocesan website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/bishop-leo-mccartie-rip>

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Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory received for Sunday 19th April

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes (as @ 5th April)	£631.00
Loose cash donations	£055.00

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

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=90f11d7d-ebb4-4d07-b64e-9f38e324225b>

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CONGRATULATIONS to the **100 CLUB WINNERS** for **MARCH:**

Ken Rimmer, Anne Carter, Fiona Ludlow.

After the final draws for the 2019/20 season in April a new '100 Club' will start again in September.



Taken from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales website
www.cbcew.org.uk/ :

These are strange times – not just for Catholics. As we continue to be subject to lockdown restrictions to tackle the spread of COVID-19, we all feel the separation from our churches, priests, and communities acutely.

We long for the Blessed Sacrament and to share in the loving embrace of Jesus but we can still keep Christ at the centre of our lives as we worship and pray at home.

An Act of Spiritual Communion can help us and the priests we see online celebrating Mass in empty Churches frequently encourage us to ask for Our Lord's guidance by offering prayers like this one written by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century. It seems particularly appropriate at this time.



Spiritual Communion Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen.

St Alphonsus Mary de Ligouri, (1696–1787) Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Alphonsus founded the Redemptorists in 1732, an order famed for its preaching and giving of missions. He was a most able preacher who had been a lawyer, obtaining doctorates in both civil and church law before pursuing his vocation to the priesthood. He published books on moral theology and was a much sought after confessor. He was a bishop but resigned and died aged 91 in 1787.

<https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/weekday-mass-sheets/>

SAINTS COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK:

28th April Memorial of St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr
Memorial of St Louis Marie Grignon de Montford, Priest

St Peter Chanel (1803 - 1841) was born in France a Marist missionary active in South West Pacific. He is called the apostle of Oceania where he spread the Gospel. He was martyred in 1841 for attempting to convert the king's son. Peter was canonised in 1954

St Louis Marie Grignon de Montford (1673 –1716) was a French diocesan priest with a great devotion to the Virgin Mary; he was noted for his fervent and enthusiastic preaching and apostolate. He founded an order of missionary priest, the Company of Mary, and an order of nuns, the Daughters of Wisdom. He is best known for his book '*True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary*' which like most of his writing was not properly published until the nineteenth century. St Louis was canonised in 1947.

29th April Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe

St Catherine (1347 –1380) entered the Third Order of St Dominic whilst a teenager. She was a leader in the renewal of the Religious Life, challenged Popes and was a mystic. She was a responsible instrument for the return of Pope Gregory XI from Avignon to Rome. In deed and in truth, she showed her love for God's church and the Roman Pontiff. With her short life she gave us a lesson in courage; the courage of telling the truth for love of the Church and souls. She was proclaimed patroness of Italy on 18th June 1939. In 1970 Blessed Pope Paul VI proclaimed her doctor of the Church.

30th April Memorial of St Pius V, Pope

Michael Ghislieri (1504 - 1572) was of a poor noble family. He was taken in by the Dominicans of Voghera, where he received a good education and was trained in the way of solid austere piety. He was ordained in 1528, and taught theology and philosophy for sixteen years. He was elected Pope in 1566, and his pontificate was one of the most glorious in the sixteenth century. He was a key figure of the Council of Trent, the Counter-Reformation and bringing about harmony within the liturgy. He is, perhaps, also remembered as the Pope who excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I.

2nd May Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

St Athanasius (295 – 373) was Bishop of Alexandria in Egypt for forty five years. He was a great theologian and is considered on the Fathers of the Church. He chiefly fought against the heresy of Arianism, which says that Jesus is created and, therefore, less than the Father. He suffered persecution and was exiled for seventeen years for resisting compromise in essentials of the Faith. He wrote many works on apologetics.

<https://www.johnfneale.co.uk/product/birmingham-diocese-ordo/>

<https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/weekday-mass-sheets/>