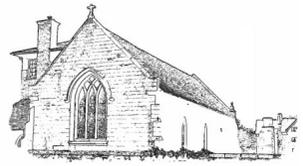


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR

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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 later.

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

**Sunday 10th May**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

The People of The Parish

**Monday 11th May**

**Easter Feria**

Sylvia Florence Waling R.I.P.

**Tuesday 12th May**

**Easter Feria**

*Memorial of Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs*

*Memorial of St Pancras, Martyr*

Esther Sharp R.I.P.

**Wednesday 13th May**

**Easter Feria**

*Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima*

Margaret Bradley R.I.P.

**Thursday 14th May**

**Feast of St Matthias, Apostle**

Georg Oakes R.I.P.

**Friday 15th May**

**Easter Feria**

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

**Saturday 16th May**

**Easter Feria**

Michael Millard R.I.P.

**Sunday 17th May**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

The People of The Parish

**Anniversaries in May:** Rev Samuel Smallman (1613), Anne Mary Hailes (1924), Rev Thomas Bagnall (1973), Rev Joseph Lacy (1978), Harold Sanders (1981), Teresa Fry (1985), Yvonne Beesley (1994), Raymond Doherty (2001), Jennifer Thompson (2002), Robert Hildebrandt (2002), Lynda Frith (2003), Joyce Jordan (2007), Edward Anthony (2007), Alicia Cox (2010), Patricia Godwin (2011), Marjorie Purcell (2014), Caroline Clist (2017)

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of recently deceased

**Margaret Bradley**

and

**Sylvia Waling**

**May they 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>



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr. David Duggan** who died on Monday 4th May aged 94.

**May he Rest In Peace.**

Ordained on 19th May 1951 Fr David served at: Longton 1951-54; Chasetown 1954-55; Diocesan Youth Council 1955-58; Headington, Oxford 1958-64; St. Anne's Stafford 1964-70; Cannock 1970-81; Wombourne 1981-2002.

Most recently he was resident at St. Joseph's Home, Harborne.

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## **Contributions to the Parish:**

### **Weekly Offertory received for Sunday 3rd May**

Gift Aid Direct Debits                      £426.00

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?>



**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND  
AN APPEAL FROM YOUR LOCAL WYRE FOREST GROUP**

Due to Covid-19, we cannot hold the regular fund-raising events that many of you always support. Meanwhile, the impact of the virus on Christians in the Holy Land is devastating as so many rely on the income from pilgrimages and tourists which is presently non-existent. There is no Social Security system to help pay for the essentials of life. The Charity has launched the **FHL PENTECOST CHALLENGE** to raise funds before Pentecost on 31 May. Three long standing supporters have pledged to match fund the first £100,000, so every £1 you donate will have the impact of £2.

Please donate:

- Either online at <http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge>
- or with cheques made out to **FHL** sent to Friends of the Holy Land, Farmer Wood Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2DH.

Thank you. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.  
Stephen Brown, Chairman, Wyre Forest FHL Group

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During the present lockdown situation, the local **FOOD BANK** continue to appreciate monetary gifts to buy supplies on behalf of the service users. If you wish to make a donation you may do so by sending supermarket gifts cards and/or a cheque made payable to:

**The Kidderminster Foodbank**

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

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**ST MARY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP** 'virtually meet' every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock via Zoom. Fr John joins them too.

The children have great fun learning about the Word of God . Photos of their recent art work have been posted on our website under the 'Special Interests' tab. For more details about the Group please email the parish office.



## SAINTS COMMEMORATED on 12th May

**ST PANCRAS** was a 14-year old boy martyred in Rome, where there is a church in his honour. But he is probably better known from the church of that name in London and the nearby railway station. **SAINTS NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS** have a 4th century basilica dedicated to them close to the Baths of Caracalla in Rome.

The legend of **SAINT PANCRAS** (d.304) claims that he was a fourteen-year-old boy from Phrygia brought to Rome by his uncle. Both were converted to Christianity and were put to death in Rome for refusing to sacrifice to the Roman gods during the persecutions of the emperor Diocletian. A church was built on the site near the Via Aurelia Antica, where a basilica was built by Pope Symmachus (498-514). With various changes over the centuries there has been a church and catacomb in the same place right up to that of today.

When Pope Gregory the Great sent Augustine to England in 597 he gave him relics of Saint Pancras and today in London his name is attached to a prominent and beautiful classical church there as well as with the surrounding area (and the railway station for the Eurostar!). Pancras features as a literary figure with some changes in Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman's novel *Fabiola*, as the gentle antagonist of the villain Corvinus.

A fourth century inscription of Pope St Damasus (366-384) tells that **NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS** were 2nd century soldiers used to executing through fear the orders of the emperor – possibly Domitian (81-96 AD), that they were suddenly converted to Christianity and then became pacifists. As a result of this they were martyred.

Another story says the two were eunuchs in the household of the lady Flavia Domitilla, a relative of the emperor Domitian and that when she converted to Christianity to Christianity, they shared her exile to Ponza just off Lazio in Italy and then at Terracina, where during Trajan's reign they were beheaded for refusing to sacrifice. They were buried in the cemetery (catacomb) of Domitilla on the Via Ardeatina just outside Rome. Their basilica is near the Baths of Caracalla in Rome.

# MEMORIAL of OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## 13th May

Between May and October 1917 three shepherd children at Fatima received apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During these apparitions Our Lady appealed for prayer, reparation and consecration for the promise of heaven.

<http://www.cmfj.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary.shtml>



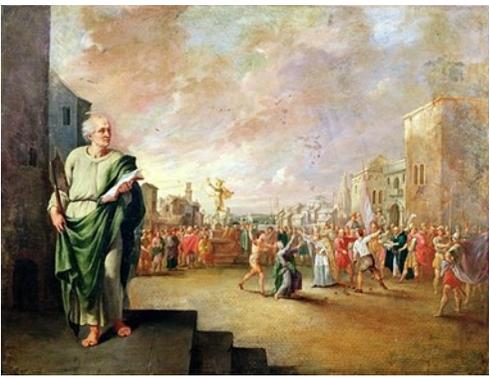
At Fatima, Our Lady asked that we pray at least 5 decades of the Rosary every day for world peace and the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

The Blessed Virgin Mary requested at Fatima that this prayer should be said after each decade of the Rosary:

**"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy."**

## FEAST of St MATTHIAS

14th May



[St. Matthias \(oil on copper\) Robert van den Hoecke, \(1622-68\) Musee Municipal, Bergues.jpg](#)

**MATTHIAS**, whose name means “gift of God,” was the disciple chosen to replace Judas as one of the 12 Apostles.

According to Acts 1:15-26, during the days after the Ascension, St. Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers – about 120 of Jesus’ followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his

ministry, it was necessary, St. Peter said, to fulfil the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office. But all the apostles had been chosen by Jesus Himself, so the group of His followers needed to determine how to choose among them.

St. Peter then proposed the way to make the choice. He had one criterion: that, like Andrew, James, John and himself, the new apostle be someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning, from His baptism by John until the Ascension. The reason for this was simple – the new apostle must become a witness to Jesus’ resurrection. He must have followed Jesus before anyone knew Him, stayed with Him when He made enemies, and believed in Him when He spoke of the cross and of eating His Body – teachings that had made others melt away. “Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which He was taken up from us, become with us a witness to His resurrection” (Acts 1:21-22).

The group of Jesus’ followers then nominated two men who fit this description: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and then drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven.

Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the New Testament.

According to various traditions, he preached in Cappadocia, Jerusalem, the shores of the Caspian Sea (in modern-day Georgia) and Ethiopia. He is said to have met his death by crucifixion in Colchis or by stoning in Jerusalem.

He is invoked for assistance against alcoholism, and for support by recovered alcoholics.