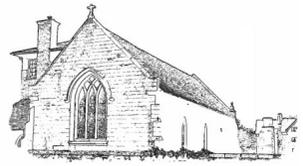


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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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 17th May**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians*

The People of The Parish

**Monday 18th May**

**Easter Feria**

*Memorial of St John I, Pope, Martyr*

Private Intention

**Tuesday 19th May**

**Easter Feria**

*Memorial of St Dunstan*

Michael Millard R.I.P.

**Wednesday 20th May**

**Easter Feria**

*Memorial of St Bernadine of Sienna,*

*Priest, Religious, Missionary*

Professor Armstrong MD R.I.P.

**Thursday 21st May**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Violet & John Townsend (60th Wedding Anniversary)

**Friday 22nd May**

**Easter Feria**

*Memorial of St Rita of Cascia, Religious*

Ms Sneagal MD R.I.P.

**Saturday 23rd May**

**Easter Feria**

Stan Robson R.I.P.

**Sunday 24th May**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*World Communications Day*

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

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased

**Margaret Bradley**

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**Sylvia Florence Waling**

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**Bishop Leo McCartie**

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**Fr. David Duggan**

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May they Rest In Peace.

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**Contributions to the Parish:**

**Weekly Offertory received for Sunday 10th 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?IDMF=90f11d7d-ebb4-4d07-b64e-9f38e324225b>



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

**FACE**



L'Œuvre d'Orient  
Est. 1852  
Aid to Eastern Christians

## THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS

enables Eastern and Western Christians to come together in communion through prayer, and is shared by the Eastern Churches in communion with the Bishop of Rome, including the Armenian Catholic, Chaldean, Coptic Catholic, Ethiopian and Eritrean Catholic (in Africa), Greek Melkite, Maronite, Syrian Catholic, Syro-Malabar (in India), Syro-Malankara (in India). The International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians – organised by Oeuvre d'Orient in Paris - takes place on **Sunday 17th May 2020**, with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa and India. Western Christians are invited to embrace the following prayer intention for Eastern Christians:

*“Heavenly Father, we pray today for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East. By your heavenly grace, strengthen the faith and hope of Eastern Christians. May they be blessed with peace and prosperity in their lands. And may we be inspired by their devotion and witness to the Gospel, by their love and compassion for all in their communities, and by their courage, their endurance and self-sacrifice against oppression. Through their charity, tolerance and friendship, bring peace and reconciliation to those troubled lands, where Christianity was born and first spread. Through Christ our Lord. Amen”*

Please follow this link for further information: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/international-day-of-prayer-for-eastern-christians>

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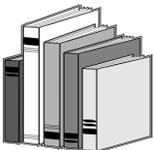
### FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND AN APPEAL FROM YOUR LOCAL WYRE FOREST GROUP



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.friendsoftheholyland.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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The **BOOK GROUP** at St Mary's are currently reading *In the Wet* by **Nevil Shute**. It will be discussed during the course of **Monday 18th May** via email exchanges. If you would like to either watch the exchanges or chip in the conversation whether you have read the book or not, please email Peter Knott [peterknott1@aol.com](mailto:peterknott1@aol.com). The book chosen for discussion on Monday 15th June is *The Siege* by Helen Dunmore.



## COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

### **Monday 18th: St John I, Pope, Martyr**

A short pontificate of three years, John tried to reconcile the Eastern Emperor and the Gothic King. He died in 526.

### **Tuesday 19th: St Dunstan**

Dunstan died in 988, a Benedictine monk who was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury. He was a confidante of Kings and did much to restore Benedictine monasticism.

### **Wednesday 20th: St Bernadine of Sienna**

Bernadine was a Franciscan missionary, reformer, popular preacher, peacemaker, called 'the Apostle of Italy,' who died in 1444, aged 63.

### **Thursday 21st: Ascension Day**

The Feast of the Ascension is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, which commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:2. In the Eastern Church this feast was known as analepsis, "the taking up", and also as the episozomene, the salvation, denoting that by ascending into His glory, Christ completed the work of our redemption. The terms used in the West, ascensio and, occasionally, ascensa, signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. The feast falls on Thursday. It is one of the Ecumenical feasts ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter and of Pentecost among the most solemn in the calendar. The feast has a vigil and, since the fifteenth century, an octave which is set apart for a novena of preparation for Pentecost, in accordance with the directions of Leo XIII.

### **Friday 22nd: St Rita of Cascia, Religious**

Rita was an Augustinian nun who died in 1457. She was married for eighteen years to a violent husband and upon his murder persuaded her sons not to seek revenge. She is patron of marital problems, abuse, wounds and lost and impossible causes.

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

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/feast-of-the-ascension-244>

# 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."**



## Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,

you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,

and we are sure you will provide

so that, as in Cana of Galilee,

we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform to the will of the Father

and to do as we are told by Jesus,

who has taken upon himself our sufferings

and carried our sorrows

to lead us, through the cross,

to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do  
not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us  
from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen.