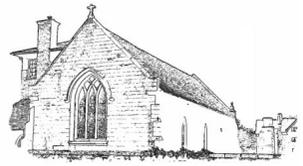


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR

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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 24th May**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*World Communications Day*

The People of The Parish

**Monday 25th May**

**Memorial of St Bede the Venerable,  
Priest, Doctor of the Church**

Dr Nabal MD R.I.P.

**Tuesday 26th May**

**Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest**

Michael Millard R.I.P.

**Wednesday 27th May**

**Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

Mr & Mrs Woodward R.I.P.

**Thursday 28th May**

**Easter Feria**

Private Intention

**Friday 29th May**

**Memorial of St Paul VI, Pope**

Arthur & Sally Millard R.I.P.

**Saturday 30th May**

**Easter Feria**

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

**Sunday 31st May**

**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

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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**Contributions to the Parish:**

**Weekly Offertory received for Sunday 17th May**

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£426.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£110.00

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>



CONGRATULATIONS to the **100 CLUB WINNERS** for **APRIL:**  
James Benoist, June Waterhouse, Michael Jones.

This was the final draw for the 2019/20 season.  
A new '100 Club' will start again in September.



You are invited to an online **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**, starting **Sunday 24 May** with Archbishop Bernard's opening Mass at 3pm live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral.

The week features daily Mass, liturgy and Rosary 'processions'.

Find the full programme on [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage)



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**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND**

**AN URGENT APPEAL FROM YOUR LOCAL WYRE FOREST GROUP**

Dear Parishioners

In your charity please remember Christians in the Holy Land. The impact of the virus on is a devastating one for them as so many rely on the income from pilgrimages and tourists which are 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. <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/> . **We are currently about £18,000 short** of the £100,000 target that will be match funded by three very generous benefactors 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.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

Thank you.

Stephen Brown, Chairman, Wyre Forest FHL Group



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Here in Kidderminster, the **local FOOD BANK** continue to support those in need. The organisers 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



## **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2020**

falls on 24 May as much of the world remains in lockdown as we attempt to recover from the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The way we communicate in situations of self-isolation and separation has shifted from hand shaking, hugging and close contact to encounters through phone, tablet and computer screens. The virtual has replaced the physical.

Coronavirus has had a profound impact on our prayer and worship. We are currently unable to pray in our churches. As lockdown eases, we will return to kneel in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It may be second best to worshipping in church, but over 400 parishes in England & Wales are streaming Catholic Mass live online.

### **Pope Francis**

On 1 April Pope Francis invited us to pray for “those who work in the media, who work to communicate today so that people are not isolated... who help us to bear this time of isolation.” He recognises that given a growing digital culture throughout the world, the media must become a primary platform for spreading the Gospel. He also said: “Studying new ways and means to communicate the Gospel of mercy to all people, in the heart of different cultures, through the media that the new digital cultural context makes available to our contemporaries is something that is very much in my heart.”

### **Theme**

The theme of the day, decided prior to the global challenge that has gripped us, is devoted to storytelling.

### **“That you may tell your children and grandchildren” (Ex 10:2)**

The Pope’s World Communications Day message focuses on storytelling, truth and who we are in God’s eyes. He looks to the Bible as “the great love story between God and humanity” with Jesus at its centre.

Pope Francis encourages us to remember “who and what we are in God’s eyes” and invites us to entrust ourselves to the Virgin Mary “who knew how to untie the knots of life with the gentle strength of love.”

The full message for the 54th World Communications Day may be downloaded using this address: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/01/Pope-Francis-WCD-2020.pdf>



## **PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNICATION SUNDAY**

**O Mary, woman and mother, you wove the divine Word in your womb,  
you recounted by your life the magnificent works of God.**

**Listen to our stories, hold them in your heart and make your own the stories  
that no one wants to hear.**

**Teach us to recognise the good thread that runs through history. Look at the  
tangled knots in our life that paralyse our memory.**

**By your gentle hands, every knot can be untied. Woman of the Spirit, mother of  
trust, inspire us too.**

**Help us build stories of peace, stories that point to the future. And show us the  
way to live them together.**

**Amen**

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/wcd20/wcd20-prayer/>

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The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. If you wish to donate to the CBCEW directly please copy and paste this address:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/wcd20/donate-world-communications-day-2020/>



## COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

### **Monday 25th: Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

Bede died in 573, a monk of Jarrow. He was a great scholar and wrote the Ecclesiastical History of the English People, gaining him the title 'The Father of English History'. He is patron of English writers and historians. Bede was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1899 by Pope Leo XIII

### **Tuesday 26th : Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest**

Philip died in 1559. Having undergone a profound conversion he became a priest in Rome. He founded the Congregation of the Oratory and had a great love for all people, no matter their status in life.

### **Wednesday 27th: Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

Augustine was sent by Pope Gregory the Great to establish the Faith in England. Though previous missionaries had evangelised in England, notably the Celtic saints, it was Augustine who has become known as the Apostle of England. He was the first Archbishop of Canterbury. He died in 605. In 2010 this celebration was raised to the rank of Feast.

### **Friday 29th: Memorial of St Paul VI, Pope**

St. Paul VI was canonized and added to the liturgical calendar on January 25, 2019, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Giovanni Battista Montini was born on September 26, 1897, in a village near Brescia Concesio. On May 29, 1920, he was named Archbishop of Milan. He became Pope on June 21, 1963. He presided over the completion of the Second Vatican Council. He died on August 6, 1978.

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

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2019-05-29>