

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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Following a two month closure, we are pleased to reopen
St Mary's church for Masses on Thursdays and Sundays.

As spaces are limited inside the church, attendance at

indoor Masses must be booked in advance either by email at any
time or by phone, on Monday or Friday morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon.

To attend Mass in the garden advance booking is not required but you must
bring your own chair as seating is not provided. Please see Page 4 of this
newsletter for further details.

MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 21 March

8.30am (booking essential)
10.30am (in the garden)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass intention for: The People of The Parish
Mass intention for: Jean & Tom Wilcox R.I.P.

Monday 22 March

Lent Feria

Mass intention for: Anthony Francis-Flores R.I.P.

Tuesday 23 March

Memorial of St Turibus of Mongrovejo, Bishop National Day of Reflection for COVID-19

Mass intention for: Maria Costanzo R.I.P.

Wednesday 24 March

Lent Feria

Mass intention for: Ernest Godwin R.I.P.

Thursday 25 March

11.00 am (booking essential)

Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord

Mass intention for: Margaret Pakes R.I.P.

Friday 26 March

Lent Feria

Day of prayer for the survivors of sexual abuse.

Mass intention for: Brenda Smith R.I.P.

Saturday 27 March

Lent Feria

Mass intention for: Stan Robson R.I.P.

Sunday 28 March

8.30am (booking essential)
10.30am (in the garden)

Palm Sunday

Mass intention for: Private Intention
Mass intention for: The People of The Parish

Anniversaries in March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013) Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018), Vincent Glynn (2019), Michael Bianco (2019)

In your prayers please remember parishioners and friends who are sick:
Kathleen Clark, Jane and Peter Handley, Lucinda Robinson,
Liz and Lionel Cornish, Bob Grant, Jenny Lockyer

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Gerard Anton McEvelly who died on 4th March 2021. **May he Rest In Peace.**

THANK YOU!



... for all your offerings and donations. They are always gratefully received and enable Fr John to maintain our parish and to minister to our community.

Contributions to the Parish: 8th –14th March:

Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£40.00
Loose cash:	£50.00

Each week parishioners kindly donate **via Direct Debit or planned giving envelopes** to St Mary's. This money attracts Gift Aid benefit, a government scheme which returns the tax you had paid on the money you give to St Mary's. Those of you who are already in the scheme will be awaiting their usual, annual certificates of donation from the Archdiocese. We have been advised by their Gift Aid office they are unable to produce these letters this year. If you are unsure of the amount you have donated to St Mary's in the year 2019-2020 please contact the Parish Office and we will be able to provide you with that figure.

Our weekly income is substantially lower during our closure but at the same time our expenditure has only partly reduced. If you have not already set up a planned giving arrangement to St Mary's would you consider doing so now by setting up a standing order using the form on the Diocesan website:

[https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=90f11d7d-ebb4-4d07-b64e-9f38e324225b)

[IDMF=90f11d7d-ebb4-4d07-b64e-9f38e324225b](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=90f11d7d-ebb4-4d07-b64e-9f38e324225b) Once the form is downloaded please print, complete and sign it then send it for the attention of:

**Amalia Costanzo, Parish Secretary (Finance), St Mary's RC Church,
Harvington Hall Lane, Harvington Worcs. DY10 4LR**



The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation remains suspended. All the faithful are asked to make an Act of Spiritual Communion:

***My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.***

Saint Alphonsus Liguori



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is difficult to conduct in these times of strict personal distancing. We have always known that an act of contrition with the intention of attending Confession as soon as possible is sufficient for receiving God's forgiveness. Absolution may not be given remotely but if you wish to talk about these circumstances to Fr John in person please telephone: 01562 777319.

stations
of the
cross



ON OUR WEBSITE: www.stmarysharvington.org.uk

To assist your Lenten journey one of our parishioners, professional photographer Michael Jones, has captured the images of the Stations of the Cross, displayed on the walls at St Mary's and collated them with the prayers by St Alphonsus Liguori.



'**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**' campaign continues throughout 2021.

The focus in March is on the Holy Family: godwhospeaks.uk/the-holy-family

Lent at Home: A dedicated space with lots of great online resources: godwhospeaks.uk/lent-at-home

CHARITIES WITH A SPECIAL CONNECTION TO OUR PARISH:



Our local **FOOD BANK** appreciate monetary gifts to buy supplies on behalf of the service users. www.kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk. If you wish to make a donation by sending supermarket gifts cards and/or a cheque made payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank' post it to:
Mrs Denise Carson, Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer
20 Whitehill Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY11 6JJ



FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND, need your help to support Christians living in the Holy Land. To find out more visit: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk To make a contribution please send it to FHL, Farmer Ward Rd, Kenilworth, Warks CV8 2DH



THANK YOU everyone for patiently observing the guidelines that allow us to gather inside the church or in the garden at St Mary's.

- As space is limited, please book in to attend Masses **IN CHURCH** on **Sunday at 8.30am and/or Thursdays at 11.00am**, preferably by email (stmarysrc.harvington@gmail.com). Or alternatively by phone (01562 777316) on either Monday or Friday mornings 10.00am -12 noon
- To comply with the '1 metre plus' advice for safe social distancing try to maintain this space but preferably a **two metre distance** from members of other households at all times, especially on arrival and departure.
- **Wear a face mask or similar face covering (these will not be provided, please bring your own)**
- **Use the hand sanitiser provided on entry.**
- When planning any visit to St Mary's in the coming weeks please be aware, **we are unable to allow the use of the lavatory.**
- In order to track and trace, should a case of Covid-19 be found, **all visitors** to either the inside of St Mary's or the garden **will be asked to leave their name and contact details with us**. These will be held securely in accordance with GDPR rules.
- Attendance to Masses **IN THE GARDEN does not need** advance booking.
- Everyone who attends Mass in the garden are asked to please:
 - **not arrive before 10.00am**
 - **provide their own chair**, preferably with a low back to avoid blocking sight lines. Visitors may wish to stand or sit on the ground/ their own rug or mat. For reasons of hygiene, **no parish seating will be provided.**