ST MARY'S CHURCH **HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR**

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Registered Charity No: 234216 The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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 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 our website for further details.



MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 11th April Second Sunday of Easter **Divine Mercy Sunday**

8.30am (booking essential) Mass intention for: The People of The Parish Mass intention for: Margaret Bradley R.I.P. 10.30am (in the garden)

Monday 12th April **Easter Feria**

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

Tuesday 13th April Easter Feria

Memorial of St Martin I, Pope, Martyr Mass intention for: Private Intention

Wednesday 14th April **Easter Feria**

Mass intention for: Michael Millard R.I.P.

Thursday 15th April Easter Feria

11.00am (booking essential) Mass intention for: Private Intention

Friday 16th April Easter Feria

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

Saturday 17th April **Easter Feria**

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Sunday 18th April Third Sunday of Easter

8.30am (booking essential) Mass intention for: Private Intention

10.30am (in the garden) Mass intention for: 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), Margaret Bradley (2020) Sylvia Florence Waling (2020)

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

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 given over Easter 1st - 4th April

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: £63.50
Loose cash: £442.55
Holy Places: £116.00
Food Bank*: £16.00

- Parishioners who donate using Gift Aid Envelopes are ask to collect their next boxful from one of the Stewards when leaving the church or garden during the coming week.
- If you were in Gift Aid scheme in the year 2019-2020, the Archdiocese advise us they are unable to produce confirmation certificates 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.
- If you wish to 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? 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



EASTER OFFERINGS to Fr John.

Fr John thanks everyone who kindly sent him good wishes for Easter. He is most grateful for the gifts and Easter offerings received.



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 Liquori



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.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS' campaign continues throughout 2021.



The focus in APRIL is on the Glory of Easter with an article on the women's reactions at the tomb of Jesus by Fr Michael Winstanley SDB, a modern art reflection on the resurrection by Fleur Dorrell, and a look at what the Book of Proverbs can teach us today with Fr John Deehan. www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/easter-glory/

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 Treasurer20 Whitehill Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY11 6JJ

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND, need your help to support Christians ▶FHL Iving in the Holy Land. To find out more visit:

www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk To make a contribution please send it to FHL, Farmer Ward Rd, Kenilworth, Warks CV8 2DH



DIVINE MERCY – A BRIEF HISTORY

The Devotion to Divine Mercy began spreading throughout the 1930's from the visions and conversations that a young, uneducated nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska had with Jesus Christ. As a visionary she was given some powerful messages for mankind. These she documented in her diary. The first of these experiences occurred in Feb 1931. Jesus told her that He desired the image she saw of Him to be painted with the words "Jesus I Trust in You" written underneath. St. Faustina, as she is now known recorded in her diary that He said: "The Graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only that is TRUST. The more a soul trusts the

more it will receive. Sooner would Heaven and Earth turn into nothingness than would My Mercy not embrace a trusting soul." Jesus taught St Faustina to pray a Chaplet and a Novena saying, "Unceasingly recite this chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death, priests will recommend it to sinners as a last hope of salvation. Even the most hardened sinner if he were to recite the Chaplet even once will receive grace from My infinite mercy. Oh, what great graces I will grant souls who will recite this Chaplet. By means of it you can ask and obtain anything if what you ask for be compatible with My will. I want the whole world to know my infinite mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My mercy"

He also said "When the Chaplet is prayed for a dying person I will stand between that person and My Father as their merciful Saviour". Jesus' commanded that the Feast of Divine Mercy be established on the first Sunday after Easter. Such was Pope John Paul 11's belief in St. Faustina's authenticity that on the first Sunday after Easter 2000, he canonised St. Faustina and declared that henceforth this Sunday would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.