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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 10 April

Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

8.30am

Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

10.30am

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

Monday 11 April

Monday of Holy Week

No public Mass today

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Tuesday 12 April

Tuesday of Holy Week

10.00am

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

Wednesday 13 April

Wednesday of Holy Week

No public Mass today, as Fr John will be attending the Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral

Thursday 14 April

Thursday of Holy Week

7.00pm

Mass of the Last Supper,

Mass intention for: Keith Park R.I.P.

Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00 pm

A list is at the back of the Church for people to commit to watching at the Altar of Repose in 15 minute blocks. There should always be a minimum of two people present at all times.

Friday 15 April

Good Friday

3.00pm

The Liturgy: Reading of the Passion,

Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

6.00pm

Stations of the Cross

Saturday 16 April

Holy Saturday

6.00pm

Vigil of Easter:

Blessing of the Fire, Paschal Candle and Font,
followed by the First Mass of Easter

Mass Intention for: Private Intention

Sunday 17 April

**Solemnity of The Resurrection of The Lord
Easter Sunday**

8.30am

Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

10.30am

Mass intention for: George Oakes R.I.P.

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:

Deirdre Brookes, Kathleen Clark, Liz and Lionel Cornish, Bob Grant, Jane and Peter Handley, Ann Parry, Clare Saich, Karen Wright.

... for all your offerings and donations. They are always gratefully received.



Contributions to the Parish: 28 March-4 April

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£122.50
Loose cash:	£177.64



OFFERTORY DONATIONS are no longer collected in the pews. If you wish to make a donation on **SUNDAYS** please place your offering in the 'bin' on the porch table. On **OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK** offerings may be placed **in the basket on the sanctuary step in front of the altar.**

EASTER OFFERINGS to Fr John.

Labelled envelopes are available from the table in the porch should you wish to make an offering during the Easter Season. They may be placed either with the collections taken in church or given directly to Fr John.



WELCOME TO ST MARY'S!

- Ours is a small church with just one central aisle and with limited ventilation. Whilst there is no legal requirement to wear a face covering the government suggests: '... that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet. Social distancing in a place of worship is now a personal choice. People are encouraged to respect other attendees and those working who may wish to adopt a more cautious approach.'
- www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship
- If members of the congregation would like to ensure social distancing they may use a 'Please Leave Space' sign (available in the porch) and place it on the seat beside them in their pew.



Please support **ST MARY'S, CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP**, with CAFODs Walk Against Hunger to raise money for the 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk of malnutrition. You can support the Children's Liturgy Group by donating on their Justgiving page: walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-harvington-childrens-literyg, or by adding your details to the sponsorship form available at the back of church.



Our local **FOOD BANK** appreciate all donations. Your donations of food and other essentials will be delivered to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster on your behalf on Monday 11th. If you would prefer to donate money, please make cheques payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank' or put cash in an envelope marked 'KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK' and put it in the Offertory collection.



The **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** is an ecumenical charity, set up in the Wyre Forest 13 years ago, and now national, to raise funds to help the disadvantaged Christians living in the Holy Land in Israel, the West Bank, Gaza and Jordan. The Wyre Forest Group are organising a **PILGRIMAGE WALK TO HARVINGTON ON ST GEORGE'S DAY ON SATURDAY 23rd APRIL**. Sponsored Pilgrims will start from different locations – Stourport, Stourbridge, Bromsgrove, Cutnall Green, including St George's Church, Kidderminster. Starting at 10.30am they will converge on (or arrive at) Harvington from noon onwards for a picnic, followed by a short ecumenical service at St Mary's at Harvington. If you would like to join the walk, sponsored by your friends, family, colleagues etc , please contact either Stephen Brown on 01562 753422, e-mail: gailstephen@blueyonder.co.uk or David Mills 01299 253035, e-mail: mills669@btinternet.com



Meeting in the Tea Rooms at **ROWBERRY'S** this week:

The **BOOK GROUP** on Monday 11th at 9.30am to discuss *An Experiment in Love* by Hilary Mantel.



The **CRAFT GROUP** on Wednesday 13th at 1.30pm to continue working on the church pew cushions project.

You are very welcome to go along to either or both of these sociable groups even if you haven't read the book or know how to thread a needle!



Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY - at the beginning of the Easter Triduum the Church recalls the Last Supper, in which the Lord Jesus offered to the father his Body and Blood under the form of bread and wine, gave them to the apostles as spiritual food, and commanded them and their successors in the priesthood to perpetuate this offering.

GOOD FRIDAY - on this day the Church meditates on the Passion of the Lord and Spouse, venerates the Cross, commemorates her origin from the side of Christ on the Cross, and intercedes for the salvation of the whole world.

HOLY SATURDAY - today the Church is, as it were, at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent to the dead, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting. Mass is not celebrated. Before the Easter Vigil, Holy Communion may be given only as Viaticum. No sacraments are celebrated, save, as necessary, Penance and Anointing of the Sick.

THE EASTER SEASON - the celebration of Easter begins at the Easter Vigil and is prolonged throughout the Easter Season. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast, the "Great Sunday" The Easter Vigil by ancient tradition this night is 'one of vigil for the Lord", to commemorate the resurrection: the 'Mother of all holy vigils", when the Church waits for the Resurrection and celebrates it with the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. The full meaning of this Vigil is a waiting for the coming of the Lord. Easter Sunday - is to be celebrated with great solemnity. The Renewal of Baptismal Promises will take the place of the Creed. The stoups are filled with the water blessed at the Vigil. The Easter Candle is placed near the altar and remains there until Pentecost Sunday inclusive.