

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

<b>Sunday 24 April</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> <i>Mass intention for: Jane Young R..I.P.</i>
8.30am	
10.30am	<i>Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish</i>
<b>Monday 25 April</b>	<b>Feast of St Mark, Evangelist</b> <i>Mass Intention for: Private Intention</i>
<i>No public Mass today</i>	
<b>Tuesday 26 April</b>	<b>Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England</b> <i>Mass Intention for: Holy Souls</i>
10.00am	
<b>Wednesday 27 April</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b> <i>Mass Intention for: Keith Park R.I.P.</i>
10.00am	
<b>Thursday 28 April</b>	<b>Memorials of St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr and of St Louis Marie Grignion de Montford, Priest</b> <i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
11.00am	
<b>Friday 29 April</b>	<b>Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe</b> <i>Mass Intention for: Private Intention</i>
11.00am	
<b>Saturday 30 April</b>	<b>Memorial of St Pius V, Pope, Religious</b> <i>Mass Intention for: Private Intention</i>
10.00am	
* In the Georgian Chapel in the grounds of Harvington Hall	
<b>Sunday 1 May</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish</i>
8.30am	
10.30am	<i>Mass intention for: Nanto Reynolds R.I.P.</i>
<i>Postponed SECOND COLLECTION on 1st May for THE HOLY PLACES</i>	

**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 & Lionel Cornish, Bob & Shirley Grant, Jane & Peter Handley, Siward James-Moore, Bernard Millard, John & Ellen Mottram, John & Patricia Newton, Ann Parrish, Clare Saich, Karen Wright.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Patricia Kelly** who died recently.  
May she Rest In Peace.



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



**Contributions to the Parish: 4-11 April**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£60.05
Loose cash: .....	£137.52



**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.

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

**WELCOME TO ST MARY'S!**

- 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](http://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.



**ST MARY'S, CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP**, would like to thank all the parishioners who have generously donated money, and gave words of encouragement, to their

**CAFOD WALK AGAINST HUNGER APPEAL.** The children are very proud that, at the time of writing, the totals on the Justgiving Website (walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-harvington-childrens-litergy) are £650 and 366 KM walked. This has well exceed the conservative aim of raising £200 and walking 200km. This has been a special time for the children who have all worked so wonderfully together to support this chosen charity during Lent. Any outstanding sponsorship money can be left in the named collection bin on Sunday or placed in an envelope marked '**CAFOD WALK**' in the Offertory basket during the week.

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The **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** Wyre Forest Group, organised a **PILGRIMAGE WALK TO HARVINGTON** on **Saturday 23rd April**.

At the time of writing, the pilgrims are still limbering up but by the time you see them at Mass on Sunday they will, hopefully, be bragging of their success in achieving their goal. If you have sponsored the walkers, or would like to do so now, please place your donations in the named collection bin on Sunday or placed in an envelope marked '**FHL WALK**' in the Offertory basket during the week.

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**A 'PITCH' TO WILLING VOLUNTEERS!**

Please contact Michael Jones if you can help him check the gazebos on **Saturday 7th May @ 10.00am** in preparation for this year's Summer Fete (to be held on Saturday 25th June).

email: michaeljonesinbromsgrove@btinternet.com or phone: 07580 136641.

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**VOLUNTEERS** are also needed to join one of our Church Cleaning Teams. We are indebted to the generous men and women who clean our church once a week.

Their work would be made easier, and less frequent, if more parishioners joined them. Please consider offering your time and energy to this cause. 'In house training' will be given! Please email the parish office:

stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or leave your contact details with Maggie, Amalia or Audrey after Mass on Sunday.

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**THE HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be meet on **Wednesday 27th April @ 1.30pm** in Rowberry's tearooms, to create items for sale at our next Craft Fair. Even if you have never been to one of these Craft Group meetings before, come along on Wednesday and try your hand at a new skill!



## **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.

<https://english-martyrs.co.uk/adults/divine-mercy/>