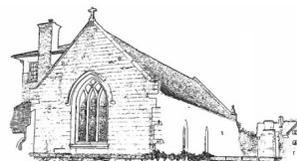


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

**Sunday 8 May**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8.30am

*Mass intention for: Colin Litchfield*

10.30am\*\*

*Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish*

**\*\*In the garden, please bring your own chair as seating is not provided.**

*SECOND COLLECTION today, 8th May for the CLERGY TRAINING FUND*

**Monday 9 May**

**Easter Feria**

*No public Mass today*

*Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

**Tuesday 10 May**

**Memorial of St John of Avila, Priest,  
Doctor of the Church**

10.00am

*Mass Intention: Private Intention*

**Wednesday 11 May**

**Easter Feria**

10.00am

*Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

**Thursday 12 May**

**Memorial of Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs  
Memorial of St Pancras, Martyr**

11.00am

*Mass intention for: Private Intention*

**Friday 13 May**

**Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima**

11.00am

*Mass Intention for: Margaret Pakes R.I.P.*

**Saturday 14 May**

**Feast of St Matthias, Apostle**

10.00am

*Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

\* In the Georgian Chapel in the grounds of Harvington Hall

The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available in church following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

**Sunday 15 May**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8.30am

*Mass intention for: Jane Young R.I.P.*

10.30am\*\*

*Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish*

**\*\*In the garden, please bring your own chair as seating is not provided.**

**Anniversaries in May:** Rev Samuel Smallman (1613), George Griffin (1919), 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).

**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.

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



**Contributions to the Parish: 25 April-2 May**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£158.50
Loose cash: .....	£217.35
Second Collection for The Holy Places: .....	£88.60

If you would prefer to make regular donations via Direct Debit, forms are available from the table in the porch. Please complete and either hand to Fr John or post through his house letterbox.



**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.**



**WELCOME TO ST MARY'S!**

Whilst there is no legal requirement to wear a face covering the government suggests that we still 'Consider wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces'. In addition, 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.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:** Valerie Nolan,  
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If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240.

If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

**PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER:** Peter Boszko,  
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**EMERGENCY EXIT:** This is via the sacristy and through the house.



... to be held in the garden of the Priest's House here at St Mary's during the afternoon of **Saturday 25th June**. We would be glad to have new ideas for stalls and attractions as well as keeping some of the tried and tested elements going too. Please email the parish office ([stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)) to volunteer!

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Our local **FOOD BANK** appreciate all the help they can get.. If you would like to donate food and other essentials please bring them to church and we will be deliver them on your behalf to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster on **Monday 16th May**. Currently there is a particular need for: Coffee, Deodorant, Shampoo, Men's shaving foam and razors, Washing powder, Washing up liquid, Tinned cold meat, Squash, Instant noodles/pasta. 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.

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION



Children who will be **8 years old by June** of this year are eligible to be prepared to take the **sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** from now onwards. The children will receive the sacraments for the first time on the weekend of 18th & 19th June.

Children who will be **11 years old by September** of this year are eligible to be prepared to receive the **sacrament of Confirmation**.

Parents or guardians of these children are invited to complete a relevant form, available from the table (either in the porch or the garden). As the forms will give personal details about children please post these in the labelled, secure box provided on the table.

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The **BOOK GROUP** are meeting at **9.30am on Monday 9th May** in the garden of the Priest's House to discuss *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* by Milan Kundera. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the discussion, whether you have read the book or not.

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The **CRAFT GROUP** are meeting at Rowberry's Tea Rooms on **Wednesday 11th May at 1.30pm** to continue working on the church pew cushions project. 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!



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as **Vocations Sunday** or **Good Shepherd Sunday**, and is marked as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest*" (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people - vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

## **Diocesan Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father,  
we ask you to send  
labourers into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,  
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate  
and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,  
so that those whom you call  
have the courage to give themselves  
to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.