

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## ..... MASSES THIS WEEK

### Sunday 2 April

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord**

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

*Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish*

*Mass intention for: Gerard O'Shea R.I.P.*

8.30am

10.30am

### Monday 3 April

### **Monday of Holy Week**

*Mass intention for: Private Intention*

No Public Mass today

### Tuesday 4 April

### **Tuesday of Holy Week**

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

10.00am

### Wednesday 5 April

### **Wednesday of Holy Week**

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

### Thursday 6 April

### **Thursday of Holy Week**

Mass of the Last Supper,

*Mass intention for: Bishop David McGough R.I.P.*

7.00pm

Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00 pm:

*A list is on the table in the church porch 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 7 April

### **Good Friday**

The Liturgy: Reading of the Passion,

Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

Stations of the Cross

3.00pm

6.00pm

### Saturday 8 April

### **Holy Saturday**

Vigil of Easter:

Blessing of the Fire, Paschal Candle and Font,

followed by the First Mass of Easter

*Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

7.00pm

### Sunday 9 April

### **Solemnity of The Resurrection of The Lord**

### **Easter Sunday**

*Mass intention for: Donal O'Mahony R.I.P.*

*Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish*

8.30am

10.30am

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The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available by appointment.

**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) Patricia Kelly (2022)



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of  
**John Weston** who died on Wednesday 22nd March  
**Bishop David McGough** who died on Saturday 25th March



**In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:**

Deirdre Brookes, Beth Downing, Shirley Grant, Jane & Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, Pamela Mortiboy, John & Ellen Mottram, Patricia Newton, Ann Parry, Bridget Rochford, Karen Wright.



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 ... for all your offerings and donations.

**Contributions to the Parish: 19-26 March**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£84.00
Loose cash: .....	£277.10



**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.

**Direct Debit, gift aid 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** on **SUNDAYS** will be taken in the pews. On **OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK** offerings may be placed **in the basket on the sanctuary step in front of the altar.**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH.** If you should wish to make a donation when Mass is not taking place and the church is otherwise empty, please post your offering (in an envelope) in the letterbox in the door of the Priest's House.

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**COVID PRECAUTIONS:** 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, [sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

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 0800 800 5000.

**PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER:** Peter Boszko, [hs.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:hs.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

**EMERGENCY EXIT from the church:** is via the sacristy and through the house.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION



Children who will be **8 years old by June this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist to take the **sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**. The children will receive each of the sacraments for the first time on the weekend of 10th & 11th June.

Children who will be **11 years old by September this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist to receive the **sacrament of Confirmation**.

Parents or guardians of these children are invited to complete a relevant form, available from the table in the porch. 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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... to be held in the garden of the Priest's House here at St Mary's during the afternoon of **Saturday 24th June**.

We would be glad to have new ideas for stalls and attractions as well as keeping some of the tried and tested elements too.

Please email the parish office:

(stmmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk) with your ideas and/or to volunteer your help.

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The Harvington **BOOK GROUP** are reading *Tales of a Country Parish* by Colin Heber-Percy and will meet to discuss the book on **Monday 17 April at 9.30am in the Stable**. Newcomers welcome

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**SPRING SALE** - The **CRAFT GROUP** will be selling their current stock of hand crafted goods **in the Stable after both Masses on Sunday 2nd April**. An ideal opportunity to buy presents or to treat yourself!

The Group are meeting again at Rowberry's Tea Rooms on **Wednesday 12th April 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!

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**The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets** may be downloaded from: [www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm](http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm) (click on The Parish Version)

The **DISCUSSION GROUP** usually meet on **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS** following Mass but for the next couple of weeks the meetings are suspended to **resume on Wednesday 19 April**. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a coffee and an exchange of ideas!



"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."  
Matt 18:20



# 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.