

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday 16 April

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

8.30am

10.30am

Monday 17 April

Easter Feria

Mass intention for: Private Intention

No Public Mass today

Tuesday 18 April

Easter Feria

Mass intention for: Martin Davies R.I.P.

10.00am

Wednesday 19 April

Easter Feria

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

10.00am

10.30am

Discussion Group in the stable (#See note below)

Thursday 20 April

Easter Feria

No Mass today

Friday 21 April

**Memorial of St Anselem, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church**

Mass intention for: Private Intention

11.00am

Saturday 22 April

Easter Feria

Mass intention for: Private Intention

10.00am

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

Sunday 23 April

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass intention for: Charles Cantillon R.I.P.

Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

8.30am

10.30am



The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the **GROUP DISCUSSION** on **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**. 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

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 Thursday 23rd March.

(John's Requiem Mass will be held at St Peter's, Bromsgrove on Monday 17th April at 10.45am)

Bishop David McGough who died on Saturday 25th March

(Bishop David's funeral will be held at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham on Thursday 20th April)



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, Sean Kirk, 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: 2-9 April

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£ 50.00
Loose cash:	£82.10

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.

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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.

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Valerie Nolan, 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 0808 800 5000.

PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Peter Boszko, 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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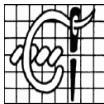
... to be held in the garden of the Priest's House here at St Mary's on **Saturday 24th June**. We would be glad to have new ideas for stalls and attractions as well as keeping some of the tried and tested elements too. Offers of major prizes for the Grand Raffle would also be very welcome. Please email the parish office: (stmary.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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Thank you to the **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUPT** who made and sold the beautiful products of their work after Masses on Palm Sunday. Their efforts were very much appreciated by their customers and we are grateful for the magnificent amount of £100 they raised for parish funds.

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Events being organised by **CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCILLORS**:

- Saturday 6 May – Live broadcast of the Coronation at the Village Hall from 11:00 to 3:00 pm including afternoon tea. Free by ticket only, available from the florist and butchers in the village.
 - Sunday 7 May – Coronation Songs of Praise 9:30 am St Cassian's Church
 - Monday 8 May – Volunteer Day – St Cassian's Church
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FOR SALE:

- 'Livewell' folding mobility scooter (Red), 11 months old, bought in May 2022 for, £1,099 - hardly used. **£450.00**
- Selection of golf clubs and golf bag, also a motorised golf trolley (with batteries) **£100.00**

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In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.