

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday 23 April

8.30am
10.30am

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass intention for: Charles Cantillon R.I.P.
Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

Monday 24 April

No Public Mass today

Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Tuesday 25 April

11.00am

Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

Requiem Mass for Richard Seymour R.I.P.

Wednesday 26 April

10.00am
10.30am

Easter Feria

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Discussion Group in the stable (#See note below)

Thursday 27 April

11.00am

Easter Feria

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Friday 28 April

11.00am

Memorial of St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr Memorial of St Louis Marie, Grignon de Montford, Priest

Mass intention for: Charles Alfred Reen R.I.P.

Saturday 29 April

10.00am

Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe.

Day of Prayer for Europe

Mass intention for: Private Intention

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

Sunday 30 April

8.30am
10.30am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

Mass intention for: Private Intention

* *Second collection for the Clergy Training Fund*

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!

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 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: 9-16 April

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£210.45
Loose cash:	£187.40

Direct Debit, gift aid forms are available from the folder on the notice board in the church 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,
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EMERGENCY EXIT from the church: is via the sacristy and through the house.

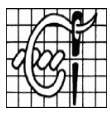


... to be held in the garden of the Priest's House here at St Mary's on **Saturday 24th June**. We would be glad to have new ideas for stalls and attractions as well as keeping some of the tried and tested elements too. **Offers of major prizes for the**

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.



The organisers of the Fete's ever popular **BOOK STALL** are happy to take your donations of books from now onward. Please put them on the table in the stable from where they will be taken away, sorted and stored. Do use this opportunity to have a good clear out!



The Harvington **CRAFT GROUP** are meeting at Rowberry's, Chaddesley Corbett on **Wednesday 26 April at 1.30pm**. You are warmly invited to come along for a coffee, a chat and a relaxing afternoon.



The three bank holiday during the month of May, are likely to put pressure on many families whose children will not be at school on those days and who normally receive free breakfasts and/or lunches. Our local **FOOD BANK** will be supporting these families and other service users.

As ever, the organisers and those they serve appreciate all the help they can get from those of us who can contribute. 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 during the week commencing **Monday 1st May**.

Currently there is a particular need for: coffee, tinned fruit, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, tinned meat (cold eg ham, corned beef, hot eg chicken curry, stewed steak), squash, tinned carrots and peas, jam, peanut butter, fruit juice, rice pudding, tinned potatoes, toilet rolls, deodorant, razors, shaving foam, shower gel, toothpaste, shampoo. They have plenty of baked beans and pasta in stock, so please avoid those items.

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. It will be passed directly to the Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer.

MEMORIALS and FEASTS COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK

23rd April (transferred from 23rd April)

Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England

Popular tradition presents **St George** as the knight who killed the dragon making him a symbol of a triumph of faith against the forces of evil. St George, lived shortly before Constantine's I reign. He was born into an illustrious family in Cappadocia and at a young age was raised to the ministry during Emperor Diocletian's reign. When the emperor promulgated an edict against the Christians, St George professed his faith publicly, for which he was martyred. During the crusades Richard Coeur de Lion impressed by the cult of St George, so popular in the east, made St George the Protector of England. He is a patron saint of England, Portugal, Germany, Aragon, Genoa, & Venice. His tomb is in Lod, near Tel Aviv, in Israel.

25th April - Feast of St Mark, Evangelist St Mark was one of the four writers of the Gospels, who provide us with a clear account of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. We know St. Mark, therefore, mostly through his authorship of the second Gospel - the Gospel according to St. Mark. From elsewhere in Scripture, he is also known to have accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their journeys. From tradition, he is known to have been the secretary of St. Peter and the founder of the Church in Alexandria, Egypt.

28th April - Memorials

St Peter Chanel (1803 - 1841) was born in France a Marist missionary active in South West Pacific. He is called the apostle of Oceania where he spread the Gospel. He was martyred in 1841 for attempting to convert the king's son. Peter was canonised in 1954

St Louis Marie Grignion de Montford (1673 –1716) was a French diocesan priest with a great devotion to the Virgin Mary; he was noted for his fervent and enthusiastic preaching and apostolate. He founded an order of missionary priest, the Company of Mary, and an order of nuns, the Daughters of Wisdom. He is best known for his book *'True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary'* which like most of his writing was not properly published until the nineteenth century. St Louis was canonised in 1947.

29th April - Feast of St Catherine of Siena,

St Catherine (1347 –1380) entered the Third Order of St Dominic whilst a teenager. She was a leader in the renewal of the Religious Life, challenged Popes and was a mystic. She was a responsible instrument for the return of Pope Gregory XI from Avignon to Rome. In deed and in truth, she showed her love for God's church and the Roman Pontiff. With her short life she gave us a lesson in courage; the courage of telling the truth for love of the Church and souls. She was proclaimed patroness of Italy on 18th June 1939. In 1970 Blessed Pope Paul VI proclaimed her doctor of the Church.