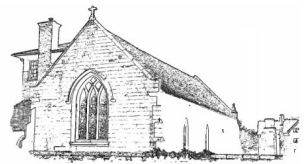


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK

### Sunday 30 April

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8.30am

*Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish*

10.30am

*Mass intention for: Private Intention*

\* *Second collection for the Clergy Training Fund*

### Monday 1 May

#### Memorial of St Joseph the Worker

No Public Mass today

*Mass intention for: Private Intention*

### Tuesday 2 May

#### Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

10.00am

*Mass intention for: Private Intention*

### Wednesday 3 May

#### Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles

10.00am

Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III

10.30am

*Mass intention for: Patricia Godwin R.I.P.*

Discussion Group in the stable (#See note below)

### Thursday 4 May

#### Feast of the English Martyrs

11.00am

Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III

*Mass intention for: Nora Gallagher R.I.P.*

### Friday 5 May

#### Easter Feria

11.00am

Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III

*Mass intention for: Private Intention*

### Saturday 6 May

#### Easter Feria

10.00am

*Mass intention for: King Charles III*

\* 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 7 May

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.30am

*Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish*

10.30am

*Mass intention for: Private Intention*

# **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 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 mercy, please pray for the response of the soul of **Maureen (Mo) Fox**, who died on Monday 24th April. May she Rest In Peace.



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

Deirdre Brookes, Beth Downing, Shirley Grant, Jane & Peter Handley, Maryann & Dennis Hayes, 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: 16-23 April**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£ 85.00
Loose cash: .....	£ 300.89

**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:**

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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 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.**

### DONATIONS PLEASE:

Due to our limited amount of storage space, the stall holders would be happy to receive your donations stage by stage over the coming weeks.

**For the time being, only donations of BOOKS and TOYS** can be received. Please place them in the boxes and marked spaces downstairs in the stable from where they will be collected and taken away to be sorted.



If you are cultivating **PLANTS** of any description and have any to spare, please put them to one side for the Plant Stall holders who will be happy to **receive them nearer to the Fete Day in June.**

**Bric-a-Brac, Handbags, Scarves, Baubles, Bangles and Beads**

(or any other items of jewellery) you may wish to donate to the fete will be collected in the coming weeks (**not just now**) so please remember us if you are having a declutter.



Our collection for the Kidderminster Foodbank takes place this weekend. Donations of food and other essentials will be delivered on your behalf to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster during the week commencing **Monday 1st May.** If you would

prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank' please place in an envelope marked 'KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK', and put it in the Offertory collection. Donations will be passed directly to the Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer. If you wish the Foodbank to benefit from the tax paid on your monetary donation please complete the **GIFT AID** form (available from the table top in the porch) and include it in the envelope.



If you have an **APF Mission RED BOX** at home please bring it to church asap to be opened by our parish APF representative, Moira, who will send your donation to the Association for the Propagation of the Faith charity on your behalf.



The Harvington **BOOK GROUP** are reading *The Time Machine* by H G Wells, some late Victorian sci-fi which would have been quite epoch-making when it came out. The Group will meet to discuss the book on **Monday 15 May at 9.30am in the Stable.**



**SEVERN TRENT WATER** have informed us that access from the A448, Bromsgrove Road, into Harvington Hall Lane will be blocked from **Tuesday 9th May** for several weeks. Access to St Mary's will be via the turning into Park Lane/Harvington Hall Lane road from the A450 (nearly opposite The Dog pub). The essential work will 'roll'

from this junction up to Dobbes Lane, Chaddesley Corbett until 24th July. The Harvington Hall Lane junction will not be closed for the whole period but temporary traffic lights on the A448 will cause delays.



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.

The second collection today supports the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund, through which the Diocesan Vocations Office support seminarians and men in formation to be permanent deacons, as well as providing for the ongoing formation of clergy.

The Vocations Office also administer the diocesan Guild of St Stephen, supporting altar servers in their commitment to God and his people.