

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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..... MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday 14 May

8.30am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

PLEASE NOTE: This is the only Mass being said at St Mary's today.

Monday 15 May

No Mass today

Easter Feria

Tuesday 16 May

No Mass today

Easter Feria

Wednesday 17 May

No Mass today

Easter Feria

Vigil of the Solemnity

Thursday 18 May

11.00am

Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass intention for: *Private Intention requested by
Nick & Francis Price*

Friday 19 May

11.00am

Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop

Mass intention for: *George Hesketh*

Saturday 20 May

10.00am

**Memorial of St Bernardine of Siena,
Priest, Religious, Missionary**

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 21 May

8.30am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

World Communication Day

Mass intention for: *Parishioners of the Parish*

10.30am

Mass Intention for: *John Townsend R.I.P.*

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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>

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),

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In your mercy, please pray for the response of the soul of Fr John's sister, **Margaret**, who died on Sunday 7th May. May she Rest In Peace.

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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: 30 April-7 May

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£143.00
Loose cash:	£241.87

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.

 **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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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.



RAFFLE TICKETS for the Grand Draw to be taken at the end of the **Summer Fete on Saturday 24th June** are available for you to collect from the table in the porch. Please take as many as you are able to sell to family, friends, neighbours and

colleagues and, of course, buy some for yourselves too! Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and local businesses there are some amazing prizes to be won as you may see from the display in the church porch. Completed stubs and payments may be placed in the pre-printed envelopes are on the table in the porch. Please hand these to Fr John or put them through the letter box in the door of the Priest's House but **please don't leave cash/cheques in the porch when it is not supervised.**

SUMMER FETE stall holders would appreciate your **DONATIONS in stages please. For now only donations of BOOKS and TOYS** can be received. Please place them in (or beside) the boxes on the table downstairs in the stable from where they will be collected and taken away to be sorted.



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Please bring your **APF Mission RED BOX** to church asap. Your donations will be forwarded by Moira, our APF representative, to the charity on your behalf.
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ARE YOU MISSING OUT? Every Friday, a PDF copy of the weekly newsletter is sent by email to everyone on our database who has requested it. Along with a message from Fr John, it gives recipients a chance to see the newsletter before, or instead of, picking up a paper copy on Sundays. If you are not yet getting a copy via this route each week it is likely you are not on our database, and you are missing out on the additional information sometimes included in the covering letter.

If you would like to be included on the Parish database, please contact us by email: **stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk** or complete one of the **PARISH FAMILY INFORMATION FORMS**, to be found on the table in the porch and post it in the box provided there.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



The Feast of the Ascension is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, which commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:2. In the Eastern Church this feast was known as analepsis, "the taking up", and also as the episozomene, the salvation, denoting that by ascending into His glory, Christ completed the work of our redemption. The terms used in the West, ascensio and, occasionally, ascensa, signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. The feast falls on Thursday. It is one of the Ecumenical feasts ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter and of Pentecost among the most solemn in the calendar. The feast has a vigil and, since the fifteenth century, an octave which is set apart for a novena of preparation for Pentecost, in accordance with the directions of Leo XIII.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/feast-of-the-ascension-244>