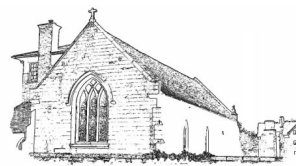


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

**** PLEASE NOTE the additional Mass on Monday and the change of time on Friday, for this week only.**

Sunday 7 April

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

8.30am

Mass intention for: *People of The Parish*

10.30am

Mass Intention for: *Daniel Osborne R.I.P.*

Monday 8 April **

Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Tuesday 9 April

Easter Feria

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 10 April

Easter Feria

10.00am #

Mass intention for: *Mary Collins R.I.P.*

Thursday 11 April

Memorial of St Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Pauline O'Kelly R.I.P.*

Friday 12 April **

Easter Feria

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 13 April

Memorial of St Martin I, Pope, Martyr

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Sunday 14 April

Third Sunday of Easter

8.30am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.30am

Mass Intention for: *People of The Parish*

Every **Wednesday after the 10 o'clock Mass**, you are all warmly invited to a friendly group meeting, lead by Fr John to do as Pope Francis suggests and consider the basics of prayer and praying.

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), Maureen (Mo) Fox (2023).

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of

Jeanne Round who died on Thursday 29th February.

John Harvey, Annick's husband, who died on Thursday 14th March.

May they Rest In Peace.

◇ Fr John will preside at John Harvey's cremation ceremony at Waseley Hills Crematorium Chapel at 1.00pm on Monday 15th April.

◇ Jeanne's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's at 12 noon on Tuesday 16th April.

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

David Bradley, Deirdre Brookes, Stephen Brown, Beth Downing, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Patricia Newton, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.

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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 24-31 March:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£95.00
Loose cash:	£280.70

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EASTER OFFERINGS to Fr John.

Fr John thanks everyone who kindly sent him good wishes for Easter. He is most grateful for the generous gifts and Easter offerings received.

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PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH.

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.

If you 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: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Valerie Nolan**. She can be contacted at:

sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 0121 2306240 / **safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concern.

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Peter Boszko - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

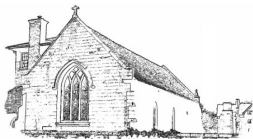
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The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.

ST MARY'S BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY



On 29th May 1825, our church opened its doors for the first time. Very few churches within the Birmingham Archdiocese can lay claim to have been celebrating Mass in the same building for two hundred years. Therefore, we mustn't let this momentous occasion pass us by. All parishioners are

cordially invited to an 'open forum' meeting to be held in the **Stable at 6.30pm on Monday 15th April** to share initial thoughts for commemorating this magnificent anniversary. Please indicate whether you'll be able to attend by sending an email to Maggie Skinner: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk and we'll look forward to hearing from you.

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Our annual **SUMMER FETE** will be held in the garden of the Priest's House at St Mary's on **Saturday 6th July**.

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: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk with your ideas and/or to volunteer your help.

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The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are reading *The Magus* by John Fowles and will meet to discuss the work on Monday 8th April at 9.30 am, as usual in the Stable.

'Reality and illusion intertwine on a remote Greek island as a young Englishman is caught up in the psychological games of a master trickster.'

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** are meeting again at Rowberry's Tea Rooms on **Wednesday 10th April at 1.30pm**. Even if you have never been to one of these Craft Group meetings before, come along and try your hand at a new skill!

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CAN YOU SING? If you have sung in a Choir before, St Mary's choir would welcome some additional members to sing with us on Sundays at the 10.30am Mass and on other occasions such as Christmas, Easter and the annual Pilgrimage Mass. If you are interested, talk with one of the Choir or just pop up to the choir loft after a 10.30am Sunday Mass for a chat.



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.