

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

### Sunday 5 May

8.30am  
10.30am

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

International Day of Prayer for Christians of the East.  
Mass intention for: *The People of the Parish*  
Mass Intention for: *Charles Reen R.I.P*

### Monday 6 May

**NO MASS HERE TODAY**

### Easter Feria

### Tuesday 7 May

10.00am

### Easter Feria

Mass intention for: *Margaret Gallacher R.I.P.*

### Wednesday 8 May

10.00am #

### Easter Feria

Mass intention for: *Phillipa Crossley*

### Thursday 9 May

11.00am

### Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### Friday 10 May

11.00am

### Memorial of St John of Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Mass intention for: *Gabby & Will Silsby*

### Saturday 11 May

10.00am

### Easter Feria

Mass intention for: *Sean Kirk R.I.P.*

### Sunday 12 May

8.30am  
10.30am

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

World Communications Day.  
Mass intention for: *Private Intention*  
Mass Intention for: *The People of the Parish*

Second collection on this day for Catholic Communications



# 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 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), Margaret Gallacher (2023)



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

**DAVID BRADLEY**

who died on Tuesday 16th April

**May he Rest In Peace.**

David's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's on Tuesday 14th May at 10.30am

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

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: 21-28 April:**

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| Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....      | £316.00 |
| Gift Aid Envelopes: .....                         | £131.95 |
| Loose cash: .....                                 | £229.05 |
| Second collection for the CAFOD, Sudan emergency: | £495.09 |

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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.

**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.

**PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN:** Peter Boszko - [stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

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



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.

If you would prefer to donate money, please make cheques payable to '**The Kidderminster Foodbank**' or put cash in an envelope marked '**FOOD BANK**' and put it in the Offertory collection. Please fill in a Gift Aid form (available from the church porch) and include it in the envelope so the Food Bank can claim 25% of your monetary donation from HMRC.

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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 don't have room to store donations too far in advance of the fete and so would be grateful if you could start putting to one side items you think will be suitable for the stalls selling

bric-a-brac, handbags, costume jewellery, good quality used toys, saleable paperback or hardback books (e.g. modern literature, children's books, reference books), bottles for the tombola, bottles for the 'Whiskey Galore' game. Please email the parish office: [stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk) with new ideas for stalls and attractions and/or to volunteer your help.

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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](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk) or complete one of the yellow **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 Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord will take place on  
**Thursday, 9 May 2024.**

On this day, the Church celebrates the moment in which Jesus ascended up to heaven in his resurrected body, to take his place at the right hand of the Father, as he promised he would.

“Because Jesus died, rose, and now ascended, the gates of Heaven are open, the gates of eternal life. The “cloud of faith” that envelops our lives today is not an obstacle, but a way through which we can have a living and true experience of Jesus, since we have the certainty that if he has risen and ascended into heaven, the same destiny awaits us, since he is the first fruit (see 1 Cor. 15:20).” (Taken from Vatican News)

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. That means that, if you are a Catholic, you are required to attend Mass today.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/solemnity-of-the-ascension-of-the-lord.html>

<https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/voices/solemnity-of-the-ascension-2024/>