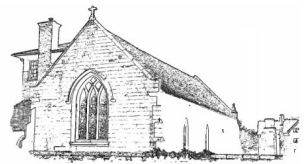


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 23 June

8.30am

10.30am

A retiring collection will be taken after both Masses for Home Start

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *The People of the Parish*

Mass Intention for: *Peter Fernihough R.I.P.*

Monday 24 June

No Mass today

Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

Tuesday 25 June

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday 26 June

10.00am #

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 27 June

11.00am

Memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Martyr.

Mass intention for: *Ronald Kearney R.I.P.*

Friday 28 June

11.00am

Memorial of St Irenaeus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Mass intention for: *Jeanne Round R.I.P.*

Saturday 29 June

10.00am

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Sunday 30 June

8.30am

10.30am

Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

Mass intention for: *The People of the Parish*

Mass Intention for: *The Newton family*

There will be a second collection on this day for Peter's Pence



The Discussion Group resume their meetings this week on **Wednesday after the 10 o'clock Mass**. You are all warmly invited to come along to this friendly meeting, lead by Fr John to do as Pope Francis suggests and consider the basics of prayer and praying.

Anniversaries in June: Lady Mary Yate (1696), Rev George Hartley (1806), Hugh Arbuthnott (1982), Kate Cantillon (1988), MarieTeresa Rochford (1990), Rev Lawrence Jones (1993), Mary Kumeta (1994), Rev Geoffrey Tucker (1999), James Gould (2002), Marie Teresa Shingler (2006), Michael Robinson (2008) Patrick Sharkey (2010), Kate Ludlow (2011), Terry Pearcehouse (2011), Peter Fernihough (2014), Pat Twyman (2016), Frank Collins (2019), Peter Riley (2019), Margaret Pakes (2020), John Townsend (2022), Pamela Mortiboy (2023).

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: 2-9 June:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£90.00
Loose cash:	£275.45
Second Collection for <i>Life</i> :	£291.45

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



Our annual **SUMMER FETE** will be held in the garden of the Priest's House at St Mary's on **Saturday 6th July from 1.00 until 5.00pm.**

To help us stock some of the stalls, please **bring your DONATIONS** and leave them in the **STABLE.**

- **Bottles** of all shapes and description for the bottle tombola.
- **Books saleable paperback or hardback books** (no magazines please)
- **Bric-a-Brac** (sorry, no bedding, clothes, or anything electrical please)
- **Costume jewellery and scarves.**
- **Handbags** of all shapes and sizes.
- Bottles of all sizes for the **Whiskey/Whisky Galore** game.
- **Cakes, baked goods, homemade food stuffs** for the Home Produce Stall (please bring these on Fete Day).
- **PLAIN** (not fruit) **large, sweet SCONES** (for the refreshment stall (***please sign the list** on the clip board and bring your scones on Fete Day).
- **Plants** for the Plant Stall (please bring them on or near to the Fete Day)



RAFFLE TICKETS for the Summer Fete Grand Draw can be found on the table in the porch. Completed stubs and money may be placed in an envelope and handed to Fr John or Fr Richard, or put 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.**



HOMESTART WYRE FOREST have been supporting children and struggling parents in the local area for 25 years. They have changed the lives of many families. Unfortunately, their funding for Family Groups is coming to

an end on 30th June 2024. Home Start have made the difficult decision to pause the groups and all new referrals from 1st July, until decisions about potential staff redundancies have been made. The difficult truth is that big sponsors, like the *National Lottery* and *Children in Need* have extended their funding as far as they can go and are leaving a massive funding gap. The people of St Mary's can help bridge that gap. **Please give what you can in the retiring collection at church on Sunday or go to the website:**

www.homestartwyreforest.org.uk and click on "Donate" in the orange banner towards the top of the home page. You'll be transferred to PAYPAL where you can pay by any card or PayPal.

**Monday 24 June: Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist**

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, and on 29 August, we will celebrate the memorial of

his martyrdom. There is no other saint for whom the Church celebrates both of these moments. Generally, it celebrates only their “birth into heaven”, with the exception, of course, of Jesus, the Son of God (25 December – his birth; and Good Friday – his death) and the Virgin Mary (8 September – her birth; and 15 August – her Assumption into heaven). Jesus himself said, “Amen, I say to you, among those both of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist” (Mt. 11:11). He was the last of the great prophets of Israel, the first to testify to Jesus, who initiated a baptism for the forgiveness of sins and, in this context, baptized Jesus; he was a martyr who died defending the Judaic law.

As early as the 4th century, we find a liturgical commemoration for Saint John the Baptist celebrated on a variety of dates. The date of 24 June was established based on Lk 1:36a where speaking of Elizabeth it says, “this is the sixth month for her who was called barren”, therefore, six months before Christmas. Since the 6th century, this Feast also had a vigil.

Thursday 27 June: Memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria

St Cyril (370-444) was the Patriarch of Alexandria in Egypt. He was the most acute and profound theologian. As bishop and doctor, he became the glory of the the Church in Egypt. During the Council of Ephesus, he defended the oneness of the person in Jesus Christ and the divine maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary against the heresy of Nestorius.

Friday 28 June: Memorial of St Irenaeus

St Irenaeus ((130-202) was a disciple of St Polycarp of Smyrna. At a time when Gnostic sects threatened to undermine Christianity by a perversion of Christian thought, St Irenaeus vigorously denounced all heresies and safeguarded unity of belief. He succeeded the martyred St Pothinus in the See of Lyons.