

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

**Sunday 16 June**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Day for Life

Mass intention for: *The People of the Parish*

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

8.30am

10.30am

*There will be a second collection today for Day for Life.*

**Monday 17 June**

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

No Mass today

**Tuesday 18 June**

**Dedication of the Cathedral**

1.00pm

Mass intention for: *Pupils of St Mary's School, Studley*

**Wednesday 19 June**

**Memorial of St Romuald, Abbot**

10.00am #

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

**Thursday 20 June**

**Memorial of St Alban, Martyr**

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

**Friday 21 June**

**Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**

11.30am

Requiem Mass for *Michael Pakes R.I.P.*

**Saturday 22 June**

**Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bishop  
and Thomas More, Martyrs**

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

**Sunday 23 June**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass intention for: *The People of the Parish*

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

8.30am

10.30am



# 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 charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of

**MICHAEL PAKES**

who died on Friday 17th May

**May he Rest In Peace.**

Michael's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's on Friday 21st June at 11.30am

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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.

*Thank you!*

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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: .....	£153.00
Loose cash: .....	£263.85

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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.

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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**.

We don't have room to store donations too far in advance of the fete and so would be grateful if, at home, you could **PUT 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, bottles for the tombola, bottles for the 'Whiskey Galore' game.**



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.**



Please start planning your contributions to the '**CAKE STALL**'. It doesn't have to be 'cakes'; all home made baked goods, preserves etc are always popular with customers.



**The Refreshment Stall** will be serving scones with jam and cream. This popular treat relies on your donations of **PLAIN** (not fruit) **large, sweet SCONES**. Please sign the list on the porch table so the organisers know how many are pledged.



**RAFFLE TICKETS** for the Grand Draw to be taken at the end of the **Summer Fete** are available 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. Completed stubs and payments may be placed in an envelope labelled **RAFFLE 2024** or use one of the labelled envelopes on the table in the porch. Please hand these to Fr John or Fr Richard, 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.**

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**The HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will meet in the upper room of **Rowberry's Tea Rooms** in Chaddesley Corbett on **Wednesday 19 June at 1.30pm**. The aim of the Craft Group is to be creative using a wide range of materials, including textiles to profit the parish either through sales of the finished products or directly by making items to

enhance the fabric of the church. Past projects include the patch work cover on the Lady altar. An ongoing project is the creation of tapestry pew cushions. You are warmly invited to come along to any of the meetings for a coffee, a chat and a relaxing afternoon.



The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year.

This year it falls on **16 June**. The theme is:

***The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.***

Bishop John Sherrington, the Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Church in England and Wales, along with Bishop Kevin Doran (Ireland), and Bishop John Keenan (Scotland) commend this year's theme in their message:

There has been much discussion in the media recently about 'assisted suicide', whereby people who feel they are overburdened by suffering will be facilitated in bringing their lives to a premature end by a change in legislation. The Catholic Church opposes this.

As Catholics, along with many people of other faiths and none, we share a different vision about what it is to be fully human, especially when we are suffering and approaching death in the hope of eternal life. People who are coming towards the end of their lives can feel vulnerable, and recent research shows that many consider themselves a burden on their loved ones and wider society. Jesus shows us that life always has dignity and that there is no such thing as a useless life. We are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. We support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

Jesus did not send the sick away. Our Lady remained at the foot of the Cross to the very end as Her Son, Jesus, died. Mary is the model of compassionate presence and prayer whom we are called to imitate. People close to death and their loved ones, often go through similar darkness and pain but can come to a more complete acceptance and find peace in those treasured last moments accompanied by spiritual care.



### **Prayer of St John Henry Newman**

O Lord,  
support us all the day long of this troublous life,  
until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.  
Then, Lord, in thy mercy,  
grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest,  
and peace at the last.  
Amen.