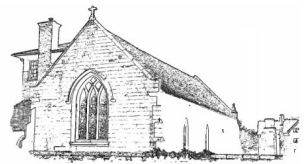


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

<b>Sunday 28 July</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly</i>
8.30am	Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i>
10.30am	Mass intention for: <i>Briege Grant R.I.P.</i>
<b>Monday 29 July</b>	<b>Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus</b>
No Mass today	
<b>Tuesday 30 July</b>	<b>Memorial of St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b>
10.00am	Mass Intention: <i>Lewis Family Birthdays</i>
<b>Wednesday 31 July</b>	<b>Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</b>
10.00am	Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
10.30am#	Discussion Group
<b>Thursday 1 August</b>	<b>Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church.</b>
11.00am	Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Friday 2 August</b>	<b>Memorial of St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop Memorial of St Peter Julian Eymard</b>
11.00am	Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Saturday 3 August</b>	<b>Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</b>
10.00am	Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Sunday 4 August</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8.30am	Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i>
10.30am	Mass intention for: <i>Michael Rosser R.I.P.</i>

**Anniversaries in July:** Rev Arthur Vaughan (1792), Sir George Throckmorton (1826), Joseph Ilsey (1874), Helen Chare (1899), Katherine Drinkwater (1939), Winifred Mewburn Crook (1980), Clive Grant (1980), Veronica Webster (1992), Eric Thomson (1995), Dorothy Tweddell (2000), Margery Thomas (2001), Elizabeth Medlicott (2011), Christine McAviney (2019), Ann Hirons (2020), Joseph Gallagher (2020), Bernadette Parish (2021), Dorothy Atwell (2023), Pat Foster (2023), Michael Rosser (2023)

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

**Patricia Newton**

who died on Wednesday 17th July

**May she Rest In Peace.**

Patricia's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's at 1.00pm on Monday 19th August.

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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, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.

*Thank you!*

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 ... for all your offerings and donations.

**Contributions to the Parish: 14-21 July:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£99.00
Loose cash: .....	£228.35

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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](mailto:sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)** or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 0121 2306240 / **[safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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.



On **Wednesdays after the 10 o'clock Mass**, a friendly group meeting takes place in the stable at St Mary's to which you are all warmly invited.

The discussion is initially lead by Fr John, followed by free flowing conversation and comment. Topics for discussion are generally agreed at the previous meeting. Examples of the range of subject discussed include Church teaching, practice and history; the practice of prayer; moral and theological issues, and the Bible.

Come along on any Wednesday ... give it a try!

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Home Start, Wyre Forest, made an urgent appeal to us last month and, as ever, St Mary's parishioners responded with tremendous generosity. The good news is that Home Start, Wyre Forest have been given a grant from the lottery community fund, not enough to avoid redundancies but sufficient for now to keep them running and serving families in our community who are in need of their support.

For more information, or to donate to this charity visit their website:

[www.homestartwyreforest.org.uk](http://www.homestartwyreforest.org.uk)

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**The Harvington Craft Group** meet at **1.30pm** on alternate Wednesdays upstairs in Rowberry's Tea Rooms in Chaddesley Corbett. Their next get-together is on **Wednesday 31st July**.

You are warmly invited to come along for a coffee, a chat and a relaxing afternoon crafting items to enhance the church and raise money for the parish.

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**ARE YOU MISSING OUT?** Every Friday, a PDF copy of the weekly newsletter is sent by email to everyone who has requested it, listed on our database. 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 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.



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2024

## **The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.**

*"Do not cast me off in my old age"* c.f. Psalm 71:9

In 2021, Pope Francis declared a special day celebrating Grandparents and the Elderly was to be held annually on the fourth Sunday of July, the date close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Here is the opening paragraph of the 2024 Papal Message:

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

*God never abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. God does not regard appearances (cf. 1 Sam 16:7); he does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant. God discards no stone; indeed, the "oldest" are the firm foundation on which "new" stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5).*

The whole of the Papal Message may be found on the website of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/popes-message-to-grandparents-and-the-elderly-2024/>

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Lord, faithful God,  
You who created us in your image,  
You who never leaves us alone  
and who accompanies us through every season of life,  
Do not abandon us, take care of us,  
And grant us, once again,  
The ability to discover ourselves  
and recognise that we are your children.  
Renew our hearts with your word  
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.  
May your Spirit of love fill us with your tenderness  
And teach us to say:  
"I will not abandon you!"  
To those we meet on our journey.  
With the help of your beloved Son,  
may we not lose the taste for fraternity  
And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.  
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,  
And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
A day without loneliness, and a day abundant  
with the first-fruits of your peace.

Amen.

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