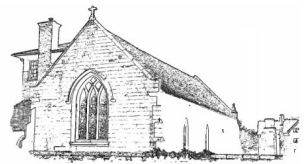


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## **MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)**

**Sunday 13 April**

**Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord**

8.30am  
10.30am

*Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*  
Mass intention for: *David Bradley R.I.P.*  
Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

**Monday 14 April**

**Monday of Holy Week**

No Mass today

**Tuesday 15 April**

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

**Wednesday 16 April**

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

10.00am

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

**Thursday 17 April**

**Thursday of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday)**

7.00pm

**Mass of the Last Supper:**

**Watching at the Altar of Repose** until 10.00 pm:

*A list is on the table in the church porch for people to commit to watching at the Altar of Repose in 15 minute blocks. There should always be a minimum of two people present at all times.*

**Friday 18 April**

**Good Friday**

3.00pm

The Liturgy: Reading of the Passion,  
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

A collection for The Holy Places will be taken on this day.

**Saturday 19 April**

**Holy Saturday**

10.00-11.00am

**Confessions**

7.00pm

**Vigil of Easter:** Blessing of the Fire, Paschal Candle and Font, followed by the First Mass of Easter  
*Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

**Sunday 20 April**

**Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord  
(Easter Sunday)**

8.30am  
10.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*  
Mass intention for: *Stephen Brown R.I.P.*

**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), David Bradley (2024).

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

**STEPHEN BROWN**

who died on Wednesday 9th April.

**May he Rest In Peace.**

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

Deirdre Brookes, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Columb and Merryn Howell, Elizabeth Howell, Darren Jaye, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Catherine Neale, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.

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... for all your offerings and donations.



**Contributions to the Parish: 30 March - 6 April 2025:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£190.00
Loose cash: .....	£271.37

**EASTER OFFERINGS to Fr John.**



Labelled envelopes are available from the table in the porch should you wish to make an offering to Fr John during the Easter Season. They may be placed either with the collections taken in church or given to him directly.

**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 via: [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.



## **Oppose the Bill on Assisted Suicide ahead of the Third Reading.**

Pastoral Letters from Bishops across England and Wales were recently read out at Masses. The letters focused on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

Catholics are asked to contact their MPs, even if they have done so already, and urge them to oppose the Bill that seeks to legalise assisted suicide.

A personal letter is preferable but there are also postcards on the table in the church porch that may be completed and posted to your MP.

The Bill's Third Reading and vote are likely on or around 16 May.

Cardinal Nichols has expressed his dissatisfaction regarding the "deeply flawed" parliamentary process.

"It is a fundamental duty of every MP," he writes, "to ensure that legislation is not imposed on our society which has not been properly scrutinised, and which will bring about damaging consequences."

Find Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter on the Diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/cardinal-to-catholics-urge-your-mp-to-vote-against-the-deeply-awed-and-under-scrutinised-bill-on-assisted-suicide>



## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION**

Children who will be **8 years old by June this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist with a series of weekly, group lessons in order to take the **Sacraments of RECONCILIATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**.

The children will receive each of the sacraments for the first time on the **weekend of 7th & 8th of June** this year.

Parents or guardians are asked to complete a relevant form, available from the table in the porch. As the forms will give personal details about children **please post these in the secure, slotted box on the same table**. To allow time for a sufficient number of preparation sessions, **APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY 13TH APRIL**.

Children who will be **11 years old by September this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist to receive the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**. Parents or guardians of these children, are asked to complete the relevant form, available from the table in the porch to **post these in the labelled, secure, slotted box on the same table** as soon as possible in order to arrange a date for the sacrament to take place.



# Holy Week

**HOLY THURSDAY** - at the beginning of the Easter Triduum the Church recalls the Last Supper, in which the Lord Jesus offered to the father his Body and Blood under the form of bread and wine, gave them to the apostles as spiritual food, and commanded them and their successors in the priesthood to perpetuate this offering.

**GOOD FRIDAY** - on this day the Church meditates on the Passion of the Lord and Spouse, venerates the Cross, commemorates her origin from the side of Christ on the Cross, and intercedes for the salvation of the whole world.

**HOLY SATURDAY** - today the Church is, as it were, at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent to the dead, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting. Mass is not celebrated. Before the Easter Vigil, Holy Communion may be given only as Viaticum. No sacraments are celebrated, save, as necessary, Penance and Anointing of the Sick.

**THE EASTER SEASON** - the celebration of Easter begins at the Easter Vigil and is prolonged throughout the Easter Season. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast, the "Great Sunday" The Easter Vigil by ancient tradition this night is 'one of vigil for the Lord', to commemorate the resurrection: the 'Mother of all holy vigils', when the Church waits for the Resurrection and celebrates it with the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. The full meaning of this Vigil is a waiting for the coming of the Lord. Easter Sunday - is to be celebrated with great solemnity. The Renewal of Baptismal Promises will take the place of the Creed. The stoops are filled with the water blessed at the Vigil. The Easter Candle is placed near the altar and remains there until Pentecost Sunday inclusive.