

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 27 April

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

8.30am

Mass intention for: *Neil Summerfield*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Monday 28 April

Solemnity of St George,

Martyr, Patron of England

10.00am

Mass intention for: Charles Alfred Reen R.I.P.

Tuesday 29 April

**Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin,
Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe.**

Day of Prayer for Europe

10.00am

Mass intention for: Private Intention

Wednesday 30 April

Memorial of St Pius V, Pope, Religious

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Aurelia Ang*

Thursday 1 May

Memorial of St Joseph the Worker

12.00 noon

Requiem Mass for *Stephen Brown R.I.P.*

Friday 2 May

Memorial of St Athanasius,

Bishop, Doctor of the Church

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 3 May

Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Frannie Legaspi & Manuel Pan*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

Sunday 4 May

Third Sunday of Easter

8.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

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 souls of

Pope Francis

who died on Monday 21st April 2025

and

STEPHEN BROWN

who died on Wednesday 9th April.

May they Rest In Peace.

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 Magaro, 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: 13 - 20 April 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: £TBC



EASTER OFFERINGS to Fr John.

Fr John thanks everyone who kindly sent him good wishes for Easter. He is most grateful for the generous gifts and Easter offerings received.

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 via:

sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 0121 2306240 / **saferguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concern.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Peter Boszko - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

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



The two Bank Holidays during the month of May, are likely to put pressure on many families whose children will not be at school on those days and who normally receive free breakfasts and/or lunches. Our local **FOOD BANK** will be supporting these families and other service users.

If you want to donate food and other essentials, please bring them to church next weekend and we will deliver them 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 'KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK' and put it in the Offertory collection. Please fill in a **Gift Aid form, available from the church porch**, so the **Food Bank can claim 25% of your monetary gift from HMRC.**

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- ◇ **Wednesday 30th April: The Harvington CRAFT GROUP** are meeting at Rowberry's Tea Room in Chaddesley Corbett at 1.30pm. Even if you have never been to one of these Craft Group meetings before, come along and try your hand at a new skill or just join in for a cup of tea and a chat!
- ◇ **Monday 12th May** The **Harvington BOOK GROUP** will be meeting in the stable at St Mary's at 9.30am following their reading of Colm Tóibín's novel, *Brooklyn*. Whether you have read the book or not, you are most welcome to join the Group when they meet to discuss the work
- ◇ **Sunday 1st June: Archbishop Bernard Longley** will celebrate Mass at 11.00am at St Mary's to mark the **bicentennial of our parish church**. His Grace will consecrate the 'new' graveyard field and plant a commemorative mulberry tree. This will be followed by an opportunity for you all to enjoy the rest of the day by relaxing in the garden of the Priest's House with your own picnic. For children, there will be traditional games to play such as those enjoyed 200 years ago when the church was first opened. Please make plans to join in with this unique parish event!
- ◇ **Saturday 5th July: St Mary's Parish Summer Fete** in the garden of the Priest's House from 1.00pm to 5.00pm.
- ◇ **Sunday 7th September: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, Harvington Hall hosted by St Mary's Parish.



Prayer for Francis

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Canticle of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

Luke 2:29-32

At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace, according to your promise.
For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.