

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

### Sunday 6 April

8.30am

10.30am

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*

Mass intention for: *Margaret Bradley R.I.P.*

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

### Monday 7 April

No Mass today

### Commemoration of St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

### Tuesday 8 April

10.00am

### Lent Feria

Mass intention for: *Darren*

### Wednesday 9 April

10.00am

### Lent Feria

Mass intention for: *Chris & Margaret Blackman*

### Thursday 10 April

11.00am

### Lent Feria

Mass intention for: *Mary Angela*

### Friday 11 April

11.00am

### Commemoration of St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### Saturday 12 April

10.00am

### Lent Feria

Mass intention for: *Maria & Thomas Costanzo R.I.P.*

### Sunday 13 April

8.30am

10.30am

### Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

*Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*

Mass intention for: *David Bradley R.I.P.*

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

**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).

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

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



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... for all your offerings and donations.

**Contributions to the Parish: 23-30 March 2025:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£57.00
Loose cash: .....	£274.60

**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.

**PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN:** Peter Boszko - [stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

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



The **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** send their sincere thanks to everyone who gave so generously to the recent collection from St Mary's parishioners. Along with the very welcome donations of groceries and other items, £713 in cash and cheques has given significant encouragement to the Foodbank organisers and benefit to those in our community in need of support.

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*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



**ST AMBROSE PARISH, KIDDERMINSTER** invite us to join them in their Parish Centre (Adams Lounge) at 7.00pm on Tuesday **April 8th** for a talk: *A Journey to Listening* by Maggie Wolloshin.

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be selling a small selection of Easter goods in the **Stable** after both Masses on **Sunday 13th April**. An ideal opportunity to buy presents or to treat yourself!

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The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are reading *Staying On* by Paul Scott and will meet to discuss the work on **Monday 14 April** at 9.30 am, as usual in the Stable.

"This is a tale set in the twilight of the Raj, and is indeed a sequel to the much admired Raj Quartet series."

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### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

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**.



## SERVICES AT ST MARY'S FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025

### 17<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday)

**7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper:**

Procession, Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

### 18<sup>th</sup> April, Good Friday

**3.00pm The Liturgy:**

Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

### 19<sup>th</sup> April, Holy Saturday

**7.00pm Vigil of Easter:**

Blessing of the Fire, Paschal Candle and Font, First Mass of Easter

### 20<sup>th</sup> April, Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

**8.30am Mass**

**10.30am Sung Mass**

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Plans are gathering pace for our **BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION on Sunday 1st June**. There will be just one Mass at St Mary's on that day at 11.00am,

celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. As there is a limit to the number of people who can be accommodated inside the church, parishioners are also invited to bring chair to sit in the garden of the Priest's House to hear Mass via a sound transmission relayed from the church. To gauge how many people are likely to attend we will be asking for a show of hands at both **Masses on Sunday 6th April**, so be prepared!

