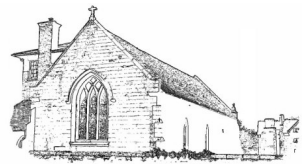


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

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| Sunday 11 May | Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
8.30am Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
10.30am Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i>
There will be a second collection on this day for the Clergy Training Fund |
| Monday 12 May | Memorial of Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs
Memorial of St Pancras, Martyr
No Mass today
<i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i> |
| Tuesday 13 May | Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima
10.00am
<i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i> |
| Wednesday 14 May | Feast of St Matthias, Apostle
10.00am
<i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i> |
| Thursday 15 May | Easter Feria
11.00am
<i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i> |
| Friday 16 May | Easter Feria
11.00am
<i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i> |
| Saturday 17 May | Easter Feria
10.00am
<i>Mass intention for: Private Intention</i>
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times. |
| Sunday 18 May | Fifth Sunday of Easter
8.30am Mass intention for: <i>Bianco Family</i>
10.30am Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i> |

Anniversaries in May: Rev Samuel Smallman (1613), George Griffin (1919), Anne Mary Hailes (1924), Rev Thomas Bagnall (1973), Rev Joseph Lacy (1978), Harold Sanders (1981), Teresa Fry (1985), Yvonne Beesley (1994), Raymond Doherty (2001), Jennifer Thompson (2002), Robert Hildebrandt (2002), Lynda Frith (2003), Joyce Jordan (2007), Edward Anthony (2007), Alicia Cox (2010), Patricia Godwin (2011). Marjorie Purcell (2014), Caroline Clist (2017), Margaret Gallacher (2023), Michael Pakes (2024)



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.



... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 27 April-4 May 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£83.00
Loose cash:	£215.31

The **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** send their sincere thanks to every one who gave so generously to the recent collection of goods and money.



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:

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Sunday, 11 May 2025

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched Vocations Sunday, which we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday.

As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind single people. Everybody is called! What is God calling you to? Along with the whole Church, let us pray for vocations today. Let us take time to stir the hearts and minds of the people around us to think about the topic of Vocation. The National Office for Vocation (NOV) invites you to talk and encourage children, young people, grandchildren, students, family members to respond generously to the calling of the Lord.

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,

we ask you to send labourers
into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,

so that those whom you call
have the courage to give themselves
to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Habemus papam! ... We have a Pope!

The Conclave has finished, and Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost has been elected Pope taking the name Pope Leo XIV. May the Holy Spirit be with him and unite us to him.

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Archbishop Bernard Longley is pleased to share the following statement on the election of our new Pope:

I welcome the wonderful news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As he prepared to give us his first blessing as Pope in St Peter's Square he also gave us a message of joyful encouragement, calling us to be bridge-builders who are the light of Christ in the world. As the first Pope from the United States of America he also remembered the people of Chiclayo in Peru where he had served as bishop until 2023.

I have just spent the last few days at Buckfast Abbey with all the Bishops of England and Wales as we prayed for the Cardinals in Conclave and as we waited to hear whom the Holy Spirit would identify as the Successor of Peter. It will be a great joy to serve the Church's mission inspired by the guidance of Pope Leo. All the lay faithful, the Religious and clergy of our Archdiocese are praying for our new Holy Father that he may serve the Church for many years and be richly blessed in his apostolate.

With my prayers and kindest wishes.

Yours devotedly in Christ

+ Bernard

✠Bernard Longley
Archbishop of Birmingham