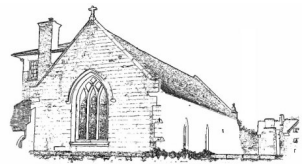


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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**Clocks go forward at 1.00am on Sunday 29 March 2026**

## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

### Sunday 29 March

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments  
Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*  
Mass intention for: *Gail Brown (birthday thanksgiving)*

8.30am  
10.30am

### Monday 30 March

### Monday of Holy Week

No Mass today.

### Tuesday 31 March

### Tuesday of Holy Week

Requiem Mass for *Christine Spencer R.I.P.*

11.00am

### Wednesday 1 April

### Wednesday of Holy Week

No Mass today as Fr John will be attending the Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral

### Thursday 2 April

### Thursday of Holy Week

### Mass of the Last Supper

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

7.00pm

### 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 3 April

### Good Friday

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.

3.00pm

### Saturday 4 April

### Holy Saturday - Vigil of Easter:

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

7.00pm

### Sunday 5 April

### Solemnity of The Resurrection of The Lord Easter Sunday

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*  
Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

8.30am  
10.30am

# The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available by appointment.

**Anniversaries in March:** Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Lucy Moran (1988), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013) Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018), Vincent Glynn (2019), Michael Bianco (2019), Tony Davenhill (2022), Jane Young (2022), John Weston (2023), Anne Sharples (2024), John Harvey (2024), Barbara Knott (2025).

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

**PETER HANDLEY** who died on Monday 9th March

Peter's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's at 12 noon on Wednesday 29th April. and for

**MAUREEN BREWER** who died on Tuesday 17th March.

Maureen's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's at 12 noon on Friday 1st May.

**May they Rest in Peace**

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

Deirdre Brookes, Averil Crofton, Norma Fox, Denise Grant, Shirley Grant, Jane Handley, Columb and Merryn Howell, Elizabeth Howell, Darren Jaye, Angela Magaro, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Catherine Neale, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry, Bill Townsend.

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... for all your offerings and donations.



**Contributions to the Parish: 15 –22 March 2026:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£110.00
Loose cash: .....	£350.32

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**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH.** 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.

**\*\* 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 Richard or Fr John or put the Priest's House letterbox.

**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: 01212306240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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



Our friends from **St Cassian's Church** in Chaddesley Corbett have invited us all to an All Age Worship Service at **10.00am on Good Friday**. The event includes the Good Friday story acted out by their "Open the Book" team and lasts about 30 minutes. It will be followed by refreshments including hot cross buns. If you are able to attend it will be a wonderful opportunity to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**The Good Friday service here at St Mary's begins at 3.00pm.** This year once again, at the point in the service when the Cross is venerated, the congregation will be asked to remain in the pews and show their reverence by a bow or genuflection rather than the traditional invitation to approach the sanctuary steps to kiss the crucifix. At the same time, individuals may wish to kiss a personal crucifix, for example the one on a set of rosary beads.



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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be selling their hand crafted goods in the Stable after both Masses on **Sunday 29th March**. An ideal opportunity to buy presents or to treat yourself!

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**EASTER OFFERINGS FOR THE CLERGY**



Labelled envelopes for our clergy are available from the table in the porch should you wish to make an offering during the Easter Season.



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Our annual **Summer Fete and Grand Raffle** draw will be held in the garden of the Priest's House here at St Mary's during the afternoon of **Saturday 4th July** this year. We would be glad to have new ideas for stalls and attractions as well as keeping some of the tried and tested elements too. Please email the parish office: (stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk) with your ideas and/or to volunteer your help.



# 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 stoups are filled with the water blessed at the Vigil. The Easter Candle is placed near the altar and remains there until Pentecost Sunday inclusive.