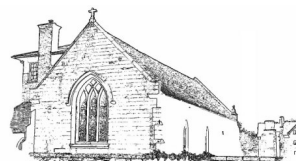


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

### Sunday 12 April

8.30am  
10.30am

### Second Sunday of Easter

#### Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*  
Mass intention for: *George Finn R.I.P.*

### Monday 13 April

No Mass today.

### Memorial of St Martin I, Pope, Martyr

### Tuesday 14 April

10.00am

### Easter Feria

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### Wednesday 15 April

10.00am

### Easter Feria

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### Thursday 16 April

11.00am

### Easter Feria

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

### Friday 17 April

11.00am

### Easter Feria

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

### Saturday 18 April #

10.00am

### Easter Feria

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

### Sunday 19 April

8.30am  
10.30am

### Third Sunday of Easter

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

# *This* Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following Mass on Saturdays and by appointment at other times.

**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), Stephen Brown (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.

**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.

**JOHN MOTTRAM** who died on Sunday 29th March

John's funeral will take place at St Mary's at 12 noon on Tuesday 5th May

**DENISE GRANT** who died on Saturday 4th April

Denise's funeral will take place at St Mary's at 11.00am on Friday 24th April

### **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, Shirley Grant, Jane Handley, Columb and Merryn Howell, Elizabeth Howell, Darren Jaye, Angela Magaro, Ann Murphy, Ellen Mottram, Catherine Neale, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry, Bill Townsend.

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**THANK YOU** for all your offerings and donations.

**Contributions to the Parish: 29 March - 5 April 2026:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£85.00
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places: .....	£500.00

**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.



Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems.

St Mary's parishioners have been long term supporters of the **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** ([kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk](http://kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk)).

If you want to donate food and other essentials this month, **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 put **cash or cheques payable to: 'The Kidderminster Foodbank'** 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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◇ **Monday 13th May The Harvington BOOK GROUP** will be meeting in the stable at St Mary's at 9.30am following their reading of *Every Man for Himself* by Beryl Bainbridge. Whether you have read the book or not, you are most welcome to join the Group when they meet to discuss the work.

- ◇ **Wednesday 15th 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!
- ◇ **Saturday 4th July:** St Mary's Parish **Summer Fete** in the garden of the Priest's House from 1.00pm to 5.00pm.
- ◇ **Sunday 6th September:** Annual Diocesan **Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, Harvington Hall hosted by St Mary's Parish.



In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her diary entry 699:

‘My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the

very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to me will contemplate my love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of my mercy’.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.