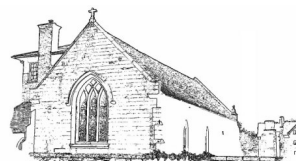


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 26 April	Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i> Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> <i>There will be a second collection on this day for the Clergy Training Fund</i>
Monday 27 April No Mass today.	Easter Feria
Tuesday 28 April	Memorial of St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr Memorial of St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Priest. Mass intention for: <i>Charlie Reen R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday 29 April	Feast of St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe <i>Requiem Mass for Peter Handley R.I.P.</i>
Thursday 30 April	Memorial of St Pius V, Pope, Religious Mass intention for: <i>Theresa Callaghan</i>
Friday 1 May	Easter Feria <i>Requiem Mass for Maureen Brewer R.I.P.</i>
Saturday 2 May #	Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 3 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i>

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

May they Rest In Peace

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, Bozena Tommy, Bill Townsend.

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 ... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 12-19 April 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£110.00
Loose cash:	£258.15
Contributions to the Food Bank:	£321.00

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 or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 01212306240 / 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.



“Dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church prays especially for vocations to the priesthood. I want to ask you to join me in praying today that all those whom Our Lord is calling will respond with courage and generosity to his invitation to serve their brothers and sisters as priests in our Archdiocese.

If you feel that the Good Shepherd might indeed be calling you - and if you are 18 or over - I would ask you to write to me directly at archbishop@rcaob.org.uk.

I shall be happy to meet you, with our Vocations Director, Fr Craig Szmidt, and to hear your story as you try to discern what the Lord is asking of you today and in the years ahead. Please pray for me and for all our priests.

With my prayers and kindest wishes.

*+Bernard Longley
Archbishop of Birmingham”*

VOCATIONS SUNDAY PRAYER

God our Loving Father,

you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross ‘I thirst’

and respond to the call

‘Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations’.

Guide us in every step we take in life

and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call.

Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son,

who was always close to those in need.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

SAINTS REMEMBERED THIS WEEK



28th April

St Peter Chanel (1803 - 1841) was born in France a Marist missionary active in South West Pacific. He is called the apostle of Oceania where he spread the Gospel. He was martyred in 1841 for attempting to convert the king's son. Peter was canonised in 1954

St Louis Marie Grignion de Montford (1673 –1716) was a French diocesan priest with a great devotion to the Virgin Mary; he was noted for his fervent and enthusiastic preaching and apostolate. He founded an order of missionary priest, the Company of Mary, and an order of nuns, the Daughters of Wisdom. He is best known for his book *'True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary'* which like most of his writing was not properly published until the nineteenth century. St Louis was canonised in 1947.

29th April

St Catherine (1347 –1380) entered the Third Order of St Dominic whilst a teenager. She was a leader in the renewal of the Religious Life, challenged Popes and was a mystic. She was a responsible instrument for the return of Pope Gregory XI from Avignon to Rome. In deed and in truth, she showed her love for God's church and the Roman Pontiff. With her short life she gave us a lesson in courage; the courage of telling the truth for love of the Church and souls. She was proclaimed patroness of Italy on 18th June 1939. In 1970 Blessed Pope Paul VI proclaimed her doctor of the Church.

30th April

Michael Ghislieri (1504 - 1572) was of a poor noble family. He was taken in by the Dominicans of Voghera, where he received a good education and was trained in the way of solid austere piety. He was ordained in 1528, and taught theology and philosophy for sixteen years. He was elected Pope in 1566, and his pontificate was one of the most glorious in the sixteenth century. He was a key figure of the Council of Trent, the Counter-Reformation and bringing about harmony within the liturgy. He is, perhaps, also remembered as the Pope who excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I.

2nd May

St Athanasius (295 – 373) was Bishop of Alexandria in Egypt for forty five years. He was a great theologian and is considered on the Fathers of the Church. He chiefly fought against the heresy of Arianism, which says that Jesus is created and, therefore, less than the Father. He suffered persecution and was exiled for seventeen years for resisting compromise in essentials of the Faith. He wrote many works on apologetics.