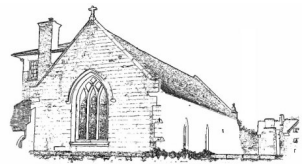


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 10 May*

8.30am

10.30am

*On this day there will be a Second Collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass intention for: *John Mottram R.I.P.*

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Monday 11 May

No Mass here today.

Easter Feria

Tuesday 12 May

10.00am

Memorial of Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

Memorial of St Pancras, Martyr

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 13 May

10.00am

Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 14 May

11.00am

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 15 May

11.00am

Easter Feria

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 16 May

10.00am

Easter Feria

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Sunday 17 May**

8.30am

10.30am

**On this day there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Communications

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Mass intention for: *Eddie Picardo R.I.P.*

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



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, 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, Bozena Tommy, Bill Townsend.

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... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 26 April –3 May 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£65.00
Loose cash:	£236.66

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.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Peter Boszko - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

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



Our annual **SUMMER FETE** will be held in the garden of the Priest's House at St Mary's on **Saturday 4th July**.

We don't have room to store donations too far in advance of the fete and so would be grateful if you could start putting to one side items you think will be suitable for the stalls selling bric-a-brac, handbags, costume jewellery, good quality used toys, saleable paperback or hardback books (e.g. modern literature, children's books, reference books. No magazines please.), bottles for the tombola, bottles for the 'Whiskey Galore' game.

Please email the parish office: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk with new ideas for stalls and attractions and/or to volunteer your help.

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If you have a **Red Mission Box** please bring it to church to be opened by our parish representative Moira Mauger from now until the end of May. The boxes may be given to her directly or via a steward on Sundays. **Please do not leave boxes containing money in the porch.** Moira will send your donation to Missio and return your box to you for reuse.

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Stephen Myers, who spent several weeks assigned to St Mary's last year as part of his training and studies, **is to be ordained as a deacon in St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 19th July at 3.00pm**. If you would be interested in going as a group we may be able to provide coach transport, depending on numbers. Please sign the list in the porch without commitment, so we can assess the level of interest before a coach is commissioned.

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The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are reading *Akenfield* by Ronald Blythe, a profoundly beautiful depiction of traditional English rural life, which in living memory has nearly disappeared. If you have already read it, or would like to do so, you will be very welcome to come to the discussion in the Stable, at **9.30am on Monday 11 May**.

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will meet at **1.30pm on Wednesday 13 May** at Rowberry's tea rooms. You are warmly invited to bring your own craft projects to work on or just come along for a cup of tea of coffee, a chat and a relaxing afternoon.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



The Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord will take place on
Thursday, 14 May 2026.

On this day, the Church celebrates the moment in which Jesus ascended up to heaven in his resurrected body, to take his place at the right hand of the Father, as he promised he would.

“Because Jesus died, rose, and now ascended, the gates of Heaven are open, the gates of eternal life. The “cloud of faith” that envelops our lives today is not an obstacle, but a way through which we can have a living and true experience of Jesus, since we have the certainty that if he has risen and ascended into heaven, the same destiny awaits us, since he is the first fruit (see 1 Cor. 15:20).” (Taken from Vatican News)

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/solemnity-of-the-ascension-of-the-lord.html>
<https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/voices/solemnity-of-the-ascension-2024/>

The Solemnity of the Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation,
therefore if you are a Catholic, you are required to attend Mass.

Mass at St Mary’s will take place at 11.00am

Alternatively, Mass times at churches elsewhere in the area are noted in their newsletters and may be found on their websites:

St Wulstan’s, Stourport – www.stwulstanstourport.org.uk

St Ambrose, Kidderminster – www.stambrosekidderminster.org.uk

Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge – www.olas.org.uk

St Peter’s, Bromsgrove – www.stpetersbromsgrove.co.uk