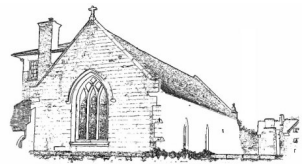


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

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.*

Monday 18 May

No Mass here today.

Easter Feria

Tuesday 19 May

10.00am

Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 20 May

10.00am

Memorial of St Bernadine of Sienna, Priest, Religious, Missionary.

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 21 May

11.00am

Memorial of Ss Christopher Magallanes Priest, and companions, Martyrs

Mass intention for: *Peter Handley R.I.P.*

Friday 22 May

11.00am

Memorial of St Rita of Cascia, Religious

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

Saturday 23 May

No morning Mass today as Fr John will be celebrating a Nuptial Mass here in the afternoon.

Easter Feria

Sunday 24 May

8.30am

10.30am

Solemnity of Pentecost

Day of Prayer for the Church

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Mass intention for: *John Townsend 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, Bozenna Tommy, Bill Townsend.

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 ... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 3-10 May 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£80.00
Loose cash:	£298.40
Second collection for Poor Parishes of the Diocese:	£391.78

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.



FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND is a charity that has been active in Worcestershire since the Charity was founded by, then, Archbishop Vincent Nichols in 2008. The Charity has now grown to provide £1.5m annually by way of desperately required support to the Christian community in the Holy Land. Its website displays how it achieves this and its ambition for the future of the churches in the Holy Land.

The activity of the Charity in this area has been reviewed now that the Groups have been active for 18 years. The Worcester & Dudley Group, whose new chairman is Archdeacon Emeritus Robert Jones, is relaunching its activities when the CEO of Friends of the Holy Land, Brendan Metcalf will be coming to speak at **St Andrew's Church in Ombersley on Monday 8 June at 7pm.**

Brendan will talk about the parishes in the Holy Land and how we are able to give hope to vulnerable Christians there. He has been the Chief Executive of the Friends of the Holy Land ecumenical charity since 2019 and he visits the Holy Land regularly, even in the most difficult and hazardous of conditions. His knowledge of the area is extensive. If you have ever been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land or have a heart for the land where Jesus lived and walked, this is an opportunity to hear how the tiny and often beleaguered Christian communities in Palestine and Israel are coping.

(A poster giving further details of this event is displayed in our church porch.)

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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.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK



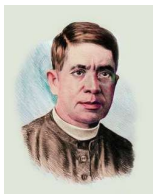
ST. DUNSTAN (909 -988) was educated by Irish monks at Glastonbury and as a young man spent time in the household of his uncle Athelm, the archbishop of Canterbury. He was ordained a priest by Alphege, the Bishop of Winchester. Eventually he became the Abbot of Glastonbury and this marked the beginning of the rebirth of English monastic life, after the Scandinavian invasions. Dunstan set about rebuilding and enlarging the abbey and he adopted a strict Benedictine rule. Thanks to the politics of the time, he was for a while exiled to northern Europe but later recalled to become Bishop of Worcester and later Archbishop of Canterbury. He worked closely with the king to revive English monasticism. He died in 988. He is traditionally regarded as a craftsman and several bells, organs, tools and pictures are claimed to be his. He is often shown in art holding the devil by the nose with a pair of tongs, or playing his harp or his goldsmiths' tools.



SAINT BERNARDINO OF SIENA (1380 - 1444)

Bernardino ("Little Bernard") was born in Tuscany. His parents died when he was a child. While still a student at the University of Siena he took charge of the hospital there when an epidemic killed most of the staff. Later, at the age of

22, he became a Franciscan. He was an energetic and popular preacher, spending years travelling on foot through Italy preaching to enormous audiences. He denounced usury, promoted peace among the warring Italian cities, and worked hard for the reform and discipline of the Franciscan order, and for church unity. Bernardino's achievements before he became a Franciscan show what the young can achieve if given the chance.



SAINT CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES AND HIS COMPANIONS

This feast recalls the martyrdom of twenty-two priests and three laymen in Mexico between 1915 and 1937 including St Christopher Magallanes (1869-1927) who as a priest, founded a seminary in his home town of Totatiche and ministered zealously in the face of persecution. He was heard to shout from his cell 'I am innocent and I will die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico.'



St Rita of Cascia (1381-1457)

St Rita was born near Spoleto and, despite wanting to enter religious life, spent nearly twenty-two years in a difficult marriage. After the deaths of her husband and her two sons, she joined the Augustinian House in Cascia, Umbria. She is known as the 'saint of the impossible'.