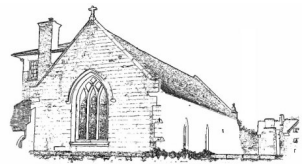


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 3 May

8.30am
10.30am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass intention for: *Patricia Godwin R.I.P.*
Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Monday 4 May

10.00am

Feast of the English Martyrs

Mass intention for: *Private intention..*

Tuesday 5 May

12 noon

Easter Feria

National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse

Requiem Mass for John Mottram R.I.P.

Wednesday 6 May

No Mass here today.

Easter Feria

Thursday 7 May

11.00am

Easte Feria

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 8 May

11.00am

Easter Feria

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 9 May

10.00am

Easter Feria

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Sunday 10 May*

8.30am
10.30am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass intention for: *John Mottram R.I.P.*
Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

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

This 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 charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of:

JOHN MOTTRAM who died on Sunday 29th March
John's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's at 12 noon on Tuesday 5th May

May he 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, Bozenna Tommy, Bill Townsend.

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... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 19-26 April 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£85.00
Loose cash:	£223.67
Second Collection for the Clergy Training Fund:	£684.96

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.



Many of us have a **Red Mission Box** in our homes for occasional or regular donations to the work of **Missio** (formerly the APF), the organisation that co-ordinates the Pope's missionary charities. The income from the boxes is shared 60/40 between Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries.

- Missio's share supports faith communities and the sharing of the Gospel message in dioceses where the Church is still young or poor overseas.
- The Mill Hill Missionaries' share goes towards the formation of young men studying to become Mill Hill Missionaries, and also to support the society's missionary works in Asia and Africa.

If you have a **RED 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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THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

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.** Fr Richard would like to organise a coach, for parishioners from St Mary's and St Wulstan's to attend the ordination service. If you would be interested in going as a group, please sign the list in the porch. At this point there is no commitment, however, we do need to have an estimate of numbers so that we can assess costs, size of coach etc.

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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 when we next meet in the Stable, at **9.30am on Monday 11 May.**



The National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse takes place every year on the fifth Tuesday of Easter. In 2026, the day is marked on Tuesday, 5 May.

Jesus said, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

The theme for this year’s Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse looks at the scourge of domestic abuse which causes pain and fear that prevent its victims from living the life Jesus came to bring.

Immediately before the much-loved part of this verse from the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus’s words: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.” This is how abuse feels to those who experience it; their dignity and value as a unique child of God is stripped away and destroyed. The physical danger domestic abuse presents to life is clear. A woman is murdered by a partner or ex-partner every five days in the UK. Between three and 10 women die by suicide each week due to domestic abuse. Abusers can also perpetrate spiritual and coercive abuse, disrupting their victims’ relationships with God and the Church. This can lead victims, adults and children, to feel guilt and shame that push them away from the support that the Church has to offer. At its best, the Church can and should be a safe haven where support is available for victims and survivors so that they can live life without fear and begin to experience the life in abundance Jesus came to bring. This hope is what we pray for this year.

Come Holy Spirit upon hearts and spirits that are broken and bruised by the abuse which has been perpetrated against them. Give them the comfort only you can give; touch their hearts in places no light but yours can reach; offer them safe places in which to experience healing and hope and affirm them as your temples – precious and worthy of a dignity they may not yet feel. Give all of us deeper compassion and listening hearts so that, together, we hear their stories and build communities with safe spaces in which our sisters and brothers who have known so much pain are able to heal.

Some support resources can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/03/Safe-In-faith-Signposting-Toolkit.pdf>
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2026/04/NDoP-Survivors-2026-Safe-in-Faith-Prayers.pdf>