



## DIVINE MERCY – A BRIEF HISTORY

The Devotion to Divine Mercy began spreading throughout the 1930's from the visions and conversations that a young, uneducated nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska had with Jesus Christ. As a visionary she was given some powerful messages for mankind. These she documented in her diary. The first of these experiences occurred in Feb 1931. Jesus told her that He desired the image she saw of Him to be painted with the words "Jesus I Trust in You" written underneath. St. Faustina, as she is now known recorded in her diary that He said: "The Graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only that is TRUST. The more a soul trusts the more it will receive. Sooner would Heaven and Earth turn into

nothingness than would My Mercy not embrace a trusting soul." Jesus taught St Faustina to pray a Chaplet and a Novena saying, "Unceasingly recite this chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death, priests will recommend it to sinners as a last hope of salvation. Even the most hardened sinner if he were to recite the Chaplet even once will receive grace from My infinite mercy. Oh, what great graces I will grant souls who will recite this Chaplet. By means of it you can ask and obtain anything if what you ask for be compatible with My will. I want the whole world to know my infinite mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My mercy"

He also said "When the Chaplet is prayed for a dying person I will stand between that person and My Father as their merciful Saviour". Jesus' commanded that the Feast of Divine Mercy be established on the first Sunday after Easter. Such was Pope John Paul 11's belief in St. Faustina's authenticity that on the first Sunday after Easter 2000, he canonised St. Faustina and declared that henceforth this Sunday would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

<https://english-martyrs.co.uk/adults/divine-mercy/>

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

### Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR C Readings)

#### Sunday 28 April

8.30 am -  
10.30 am -

#### Monday 29 April

9.00 am -

#### Tuesday 30 April

9.00 am -

#### Wednesday 1 May

9.00 am -

#### Thursday 2 May

8.30 am -

#### Friday 3 May

11.30 am -

#### Saturday 4 May

10.00 am -

#### Confessions after Mass and on call

#### Sunday 5 May

8.30 am -  
10.30 am -

#### Second Sunday of Easter

*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
For the People of The Parish  
Leonard Eynsham R.I.P.

#### Feast of St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Dr of the Church, Patron of Eurpoe

Private Intention

#### Solemnity of St George

Frank David R.I.P.

#### Easter Feria

Gail & Stephen Brown, Golden Wedding Anniversary

#### Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Dr of The Church

Doreen Millard R..I.P.

#### Feast of Ss Phillip & James, Apostles

Private Intention

#### Feast of the English Martyrs

Mr & Mrs Spalding R.I.P.

#### Third Sunday of Easter

For the People of The Parish  
Nora Gallagher R.I.P.

### The Feast of the Divine Mercy, Sunday 28 April.

There will be an hour of prayer, readings, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction **at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Redditch starting at 3.00 pm**



**The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets** are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>

**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)

**Prayers for the sick:** Denis Conway, Kathleen Clark, Anthony Mitchell, Jeanie Morrison, Michael Bird, Lucinda Robinson.

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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**Sunday 28 April** Michael Jones, Paul Walmsley  
Mary Meese, Jean Lloyd

**Sunday 5 May** Eddie Picardo, Helen Raphael  
Elizabeth Mountford, Carla Tucker

**READERS:**

**Sunday 28 April** Jane Handley  
Jenny Wilcox

**Sunday 5 May** Bridget Kelly  
Terry Mayne

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

**Friday 3 May** Jill Finch & Jenny Lockyer  
**Friday 10 May** Audrey Myerscough & Anne Taylor

**MONEY COUNTERS:**

**For the 28 April collection** Mr & Mrs T Greenfield  
**For the 5 May collection** Mr J W Bradley

**Contributions to the Parish:**

**Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 21 April**

Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00  
Gift Aid Envelopes £102.00  
Loose cash £39.69  
Good Friday retiring collection for The Holy Places £263.40

**Father John is most grateful for your generous Easter Offerings to him.**



Our collected donations to the **FOODBANK** on Sunday 14 April amounted to £375 and 39.3 kgs of groceries and were mostly gratefully received by the local organisers. Our **next collection** will be on **Sunday 19 May**.

**ESSENTIAL PARISH INFORMATION:**

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:** Mrs J Lloyd - 01562 754448

- If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**.
- If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0800 800 5000**.

**HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER:** Mr P Bosko (Our thanks to Peter for taking on this role)

**EMERGENCY EXIT:** Via sacristy and through the house



**St Mary's Social Committee's 'BLUEBELL WALK'** is on **TUESDAY 30 APRIL**. Leaving Harvington at 10.00am joining up with others in Chad-desley at 10.45am, arriving at Rowberry's Tea rooms 12.30/1.00pm approx. when others are welcome to join the walkers for refreshments. Please add your name to the list on the clip board in the porch if you are planning to walk from either Harvington or Chaddesley so the organisers know who to expect!

We are grateful to **THE HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** who raised £155 for parish funds with their sale of Easter crafts, plants and flowers on Palm Sunday. The group will resume their regular meetings on **Tuesday 30 April at 7.00 pm** in the stable.

**THE PARISH SUMMER FETE** will take place on **Saturday 29 June**. We invite all parishioners to attend a planning meeting in the stable **TODAY, Sunday 28 April at 11.30**. The **Annual Summer Raffle** will be drawn on Fete Day and once again we are asking for your ideas and donations of attractive prizes in order to attract maximum sales. All offers gratefully received. Thank you in advance!

A reminder about **'TROPIC SKINCARE' PAMPER EVENT** to be held in the Stable on **Tuesday 7 May, 7-9pm** and **Tuesday 14 May, 10.30am-12.30pm**. Please see the folder on the table in the porch for further details.

**The Parish 100 CLUB** for 2019-2020 commences on 1 May 2019.



The Club raises funds for the church and provides a little fun at the same time. Membership must be renewed or started each year and the fee remains at £12 per year. Application forms are on the table in the porch. Please return the form together and remittance (cheques payable to 'St Mary's, Harvington') as soon as possible.



The Social Committee are planning a **PARISH OUTING to Halfpenny Green Vineyard and Craft Centre at Bobbington** in the afternoon of **Tuesday 20 August**. As a group we will be given a guided tour of the vineyard with wine tasting (4 still wines). The tour will be followed by a cream tea in the café. The visit, including tour, tasting and cream tea is a bargain at only **£15 per person**. Parishioners are welcome to bring friends as guests (we are limited to a maximum of 50 people in total).

Do sign the list on the table in the porch today if you are interested (we must commit to at least fifteen people to secure the booking before the end of April). At the next opportunity please place cash or a cheque, made payable to 'St Mary's Harvington', for the appropriate sum and placed in the labelled envelope (available in the porch) marked with your name and the names of your guests and hand it to Fr John or post through the letter box in the presbytery door.



**The Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Committee** seek to appoint a full-time Office Administrator, who will be based in its Birmingham office with Cathedral House, St. Chad's Queensway. Please see the poster on the notice board in the porch for further details