



## LADY MARY YATE

Mary was the eldest surviving daughter of Humphrey and Abigail Pakington, born at Harvington in November 1610. She and her younger sister Anne spent their childhood at Harvington and a great deal of this time would be spent in the nursery on the second floor in the care of a nurse. Here they would have played with dolls, known as rag babies, and an assortment of wooden toys. They would have learnt how to read, write, calculate, sew, embroider, dance and make music. As Mary and Anne grew up, they must have been aware of

the mysterious people who sometimes lived on that floor whilst pretending to be visitors, tutors or servants. They would also have been aware that at least one of those rooms was being used as a secret chapel for celebrating the illegal Catholic mass. Mary married Sir John Yate from Berkshire, a Catholic, when she was 20 years old and they had five children. Mary and her family often visited Harvington and two of her children were christened at Chaddesley. When her father died, Mary inherited the Worcestershire estates and Anne inherited the estates in Shropshire. When her husband died in 1659, Mary returned to Harvington and lived there as a widow for forty years. During her time at the Hall, priests were always welcome. One of these priests may well have been Father, now Saint, John Wall, a Franciscan who was well known in the area and who has been associated with her. A stained glass window in the nursery depicts her having communion from Father John Wall. In 1678, following the Titus Oates plot, Father Wall was arrested in the area and eventually executed at Red Hill in Worcester on 22 August 1679. Lady Mary continued to help priests until her death, setting up at least four charitable trusts: one was set up to fund £50 a year to support priests at Harvington and Buckland, one was to support the professors of Divinity at Douai, where priests were trained, one was for apprenticing local children and one provided the almshouses. From 1663, her mentally ill nephew, Thomas Audley, was sheltered by Lady Mary at Harvington, but in 1668 she was sued for allegedly trying to cheat him out of money and jewels said to be worth £3,000. An inventory of the contents of the Hall at the time of her death listed no less than eleven sets of priests' vestments, various altar cloths and a collection of plates which included a thurible, used for burning incense. Lady Mary Yate died on 20 June 1696 and is buried in the Church of St. Cassian in Chaddesley Corbett.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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

#### Sunday 5 May

8.30 am -  
10.30 am -

#### Third Sunday of Easter

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

#### Monday 6 May

No Mass today

#### Easter Feria

#### Tuesday 7 May

No Mass today

#### Easter Feria

#### Wednesday 8 May

No Mass today  
9.30 am -

#### Easter Feria

#Discussion Group in The Stable

#### Thursday 9 May

No Mass today

#### Easter Feria

#### Friday 10 May

No Mass today

#### Easter Feria

#### Saturday 11 May

No Mass today

#### Easter Feria

#### Sunday 12 May

8.30 am -  
10.30 am -

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations  
For the People of The Parish  
Jean & Tom Wilcox R.I.P.

On Sunday, 12 May we welcome Canon David Oakley, Rector of Oscott College who will be saying both Masses in Father John's absence.

\* There will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund



**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>

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**Anniversaries in May:** Rev Samuel Smallman (1613), 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)

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

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**Sunday 5 May** Eddie Picardo, Helen Raphael  
Elizabeth Mountford, Carla Tucker  
**Sunday 12 May** Greg Kelly, Bridget Robson  
Annick Harvey, Joan McKay

**READERS:**

**Sunday 5 May** Bridget Kelly  
Terry Mayne  
**Sunday 12 May** John Bradley  
Reuben Smith

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

**Friday 10 May** Audrey Myerscough & Anne Taylor  
**Friday May 17** Helen Burn, Stella Painter, Judith Smith

**MONEY COUNTERS:**

**For the 5 May collection** Mr J W Bradley  
**For the 12 May collection** Mrs B Goodyear & Mrs M Walmsley

**Contributions to the Parish:**

**Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 28 April**

Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00  
Gift Aid Envelopes £222.00  
Loose cash £212.80



Our next collection for the local **FOODBANK** 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

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



**St Mary's Social Committee's 'BLUEBELL WALK' on TUESDAY 30 APRIL** was a great success and may become a regular event (probably without the bluebells!)



The Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all those from across the Wyre Forest parishes who participated either as a walker or sponsor in the very successful Emmaus Walk last Saturday. Gail Brown will be available after both Masses this Sunday to collect any outstanding sponsorship monies.

An opportunity to enjoy a **PAMPER EVENT** with the benefit of **'TROPIC SKINCARE'** products will be held in the Stable on **Tuesday 7 May, 7-9pm** and **Tuesday 14 May, 10.30am-12.30pm**. A valuable raffle prize of Tropic products has been donated, with all proceeds to St Mary's Church funds and 15% of the value of all sales at the events will also be donated in cash. Please see further details in the folder at the back of church and add your name to the list provided if you can come. Everyone welcome!



**The Parish 100 CLUB** for 2019 -2020 commenced on 1 May 2019. **There is still time to join before the first draw of the year at the end of the month.** 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.



CONGRATULATIONS the April 2019 draw winners: Mrs E Mottram, Ms C Skinner, Mrs S Fernihough



**A PARISH OUTING is planned to visit Halfpenny Green Vineyard and Craft Centre at Bobbington on Tuesday 20 August.** A group tour, including the tasting of 4 still wines, will be followed by a cream tea in the café all for 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 and 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.

**Dame Mary Yate Charity** is looking to recruit a Trustee who has a particular interest in advising on and developing governance of the financial aspect of the charity with the Trustees currently in post, along with general trustee responsibilities. We are a small charity with 4 almshouses in Harvington, and as such have the benefit of advice and guidance from the Almshouse Association and the Charity Commission. If you believe that this might be of interest, please contact either Marian Trafford (01562 885616) or Jane Handley (01562 745158).