

EDUCATION SUNDAY is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in this country's liturgical calendar. Established by the Bishops in 1848, originally on the feast of the Sacred Heart in

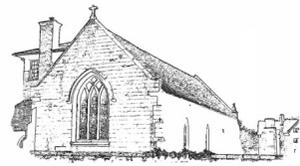
June, and now celebrated at the beginning of the academic year. Although long associated with the annual collection for the work of the Catholic Education Service, its main purpose is to celebrate the work of Catholic education and to enable it to continue to flourish with the support of the whole Catholic community. Catholic education is a precious legacy from our forebears, and a testament to their courage and foresight. In the mid-nineteenth century the Catholic Church in this country was a mainly poor and immigrant community, emerging from centuries of persecution. Education was rightly seen as the principal means of handing on the faith and improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of the next generation. The Bishops made the education of the poor their top priority and, making huge sacrifices, Catholics set about raising funds and fighting for the right to re-establish a national network of schools and universities which we enjoy today. Catholic education is a tremendous achievement to be celebrated. The Catholic Church is this country's largest provider of secondary schools and second-largest provider of primary schools. Catholic education is by far the largest charitable endeavour of the Church in this country: we give thanks for the many thousands of teachers, lecturers, academics, support staff, leaders, governors, advisers and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this endeavour would be impossible. Catholic schools continue to be true to their mission: they are more diverse than any other type of school, they recruit disproportionately more children from the poorest areas of the country and still consistently manage to be the highest performing schools in the country. For Catholic education to continue to flourish, it needs to rely on the continued support of the whole Catholic community. As in previous generation, all Catholics need to be prepared to do their bit to support, promote and defend Catholic education. There are many ways to do this: whether by praying for vocations to Catholic education, responding to consultations or letting your elected representatives know your views, or encouraging a young person to teach in a Catholic school. In that way, we can all ensure together that our Catholic schools and universities will be there to form the next generation.

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<https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/education-sunday>

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 8 September	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am -	Education Day
10.30 am -	For the People of The Parish
<i>Today Sunday, 8 September we welcome Canon David Oakley, Rector of Oscott College who is saying both Masses in Father John's absence.</i>	
<i>* There will be a second collection today for the Catholic Education Service</i>	
Monday 9 September	Feria in Ordinary Time
No Mass today	
Tuesday 10 September	Feria in Ordinary Time
No Mass today	
Wednesday 11 September	Feria in Ordinary Time
No Mass today	
No Discussion Group this week.	
Thursday 12 September	Feria in Ordinary Time
No Mass today	
Friday 13 September	Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
11.00 am -	Private Intention
Saturday 14 September	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
10.00 am -	Thomas Costanzo R.I.P.
<i>(At Harvington Hall in the Georgian Chapel)</i>	
Sunday 15 September	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am -	Home Mission Day
10.30 am -	Stan Robson R.I.P.
For the People of The Parish	
<i>* There will be a second collection on Sunday 15 Sept for Home Mission Day</i>	

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>

The leaflets are useful to read in anticipation of the readings for the coming Sunday with commentary and notes by Dom Henry Wansbrough.



Anniversaries in September: Rev William Thompson (1726), Rev Francis Parker (1779), Rev Richard Cornthwaite (1803), William Parkes, Thomas Parkes (1895), Ellen ~Ryan Ferris(1955) Rev John Love (1961), Bernard McKay (1985), Catherine Dawson (1992), Patrick Dawson (1998), Faye Bullock (1999), Violet Grove (1999), Joseph Haydon (2000), Mgr James Crighton (2001), John Keenan (2002), Michael Broadbent (2006), Leonard Bernard Myerscough (2010), Frank Verlic (2014), Peter Stubbins (2016)

Prayers for the sick: Michael Bird, Kathleen Clark, Denis Conway, Peter Handley, Jeannie Morrison, Kirsty Mottram, Lucinda Robinson.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sunday 8 September Stephen Fox, Helen Raphael
Elizabeth Mountford, Denise Grant
Sunday 15 September Michael Jones, Bridget Robson
Joan McKay, Jean Lloyd

READERS:

Sunday 8 September Biddy Goodyear
Ruth Whittle
Sunday 15 September Liz Cornish
Joan McKay

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Friday 13 September Marie & Peter Hesketh
Friday 20 September Jill Finch & Jenny Lockyer

MONEY COUNTERS:

For the 8 Sept collection Marie Hesketh & Julie Charuk
For the 15 Sept collection John Bradley

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 1 September

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£159.50
Loose cash	£161.20

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: Peter Boszko

EMERGENCY EXIT: Via sacristy and through the house

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON



Thank you to everyone who so very generously gave their time, talents and energy to make the Pilgrimage such a success this year. Approximately 620 pilgrims attended in addition to the Bishop, clergy, dignitaries, students from Oscott College, members of the Catholic Men's Association, altar servers, choir members and musicians and other assistants. Our efforts have been fully appreciated by everyone involved. Same time and place next year? Sunday 6 Sept 2020!



Bishop David McGough was pleased to confer the sacrament of Confirmation on three members of our community last Sunday. Congratulations again to **Evie, Lilian and Olivia**. As a Parish we are indebted to **Marie Hesketh** for guiding through their preparation and thank her most sincerely for her dedication in this task.



THE BOOK GROUP are meeting at **9.30am** in the stable on **Monday 9 September** to exchange ideas on the book *A Pair of Blue Eyes* by Thomas Hardy. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether or not you have read the book. We have already chosen our next book for our conversation in October: *Mrs Palfrey at The Claremont* by Elizabeth Taylor (no, not that one, the other one, the author!).



Another chance to join in a **PARISH WALK** is scheduled for **Tuesday 10 September** starting at the Lychgate, Chaddesley Corbett at **2.15pm**. The walk will take about an hour and finish at the Tea Rooms in Chaddesley where anyone not able to do the walk is most welcome to join the group for afternoon tea at around 3.30. Please add your name to the list on the clip board in the porch if you are planning to walk so the organisers know who to expect!



Don't forget the **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** fashion show with an opportunity to buy at discounted prices at M&Co Stourport on **Sunday 15 September**, commencing at **3.00pm**. Tickets are £5 each, available from FHL members.



We are having a **PARISH LUNCH** on **Sunday 13 October** at Hogarth's Stone Manor. It is an opportunity to socialise with old and new friends in our parish community. The charge for a three-course meal is £29.00 or £25 for a choice of two courses. The menu and booking form (on the reverse side) may be found on the porch table. We ask for an initial deposit of £10.00 per person in cash or by cheques payable to 'St Mary's Harvington'. Please don't leave money in the porch, hand your payment in an envelope to either Maggie Skinner or Amalia Costanzo or post it through the letter box in the Priest's House front door.