

Anniversaries in July: Rev Arthur Vaughan (1792),
Sir George Throckmorton (1826), Joseph Ilsley (1874), Helen Chare (1899),
Katherine Drinkwater (1939), Winifred Mewburn Crook (1980),
Clive Grant (1980), Veronica Webster (1992), Eric Thomson (1995),
Dorothy Tweddell (2000), Margery Thomas (2001) Elizabeth Medicott (2011).

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In your prayers please remember parishioners and friends who are sick:
Michael Bird, Kathleen Clark, Denis Conway, Peter Handley, Jeannie Morrison,
Lucinda Robinson, Marie Packwood.

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Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory received for Sunday 28th June

Gift Aid Direct Debits £426.00

Whilst not being able to attend St Mary's in person, parishioners who normally use Gift Aid envelopes may wish to:

- save donations in cash until we return
- **or** write a cheque and deliver/post your donation along with the remaining Gift Aid envelopes for this financial year
- **or** set up a standing order using the form on the Diocesan website . Download, print, complete and sign by hand then send it for the attention of Amalia Costanzo, St Mary's RC Church, Harvington Hall Lane, Harvington Worcs. DY10 4LR

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If you wish to donate to the **local FOOD BANK** you may do so by sending supermarket gifts cards and/or a cheque made payable to:

The Kidderminster Foodbank

and send it to:

Mrs Denise Carson

Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer

20 Whitehill Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY11 6JJ



In a bid to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the doors of St Marys were locked to visitors from Sunday 22nd March 2020. It was with great joy that the doors were reopened 99 days later, on Monday 29th June to allow visitors an opportunity for private, individual prayer. An even greater blessing is that from Saturday 4th July we have permission to attend the celebration of Mass and, with limitations, funeral services in churches throughout England.

EVERY DAY IS SUNDAY!

During these times of restriction, the obligation to attend Mass each Sunday is suspended. We are encouraged by the Church to stagger our attendance at Mass to include weekdays to avoid over-capacity on Sunday.

- Please book in to attend Mass **IN CHURCH** on **Saturday and Sunday** only. (stmarysrc.harvington@gmail.com).
- Masses in church **on other days** or in the garden **do not need to be booked** in advance.

In order to make attendance a comfortable and safe experience we all need to follow some basic guidelines.

- To comply with the '1 metre plus' guidance advice for safe social distancing, everyone who attends St Mary's (church or garden) must
 - maintain a **one metre distance** from members of other households and
 - **wear a face mask or similar face covering (these will not be provided, please bring your own)**.
 - For your safety and the safety of others we ask all visitors **use the hand sanitiser provided on entry and exit**.
 - When planning any visit to St Mary's in the coming weeks please be aware, **we are unable to allow the use of the lavatory**.

- In order to track and trace, should a case of Covid-19 be found, **all visitors** to either the inside of St Mary's or the garden **will be asked to leave their name and contact details with us**. These will be held securely in accordance with GDPR rules.
- Everyone who attends Mass in the garden is asked to please
 - **not arrive before 10.00am**
 - **provide their own chair**, preferably with a low back to avoid blocking sight lines. Visitors may wish to stand or sit on the ground/their own rug or mat. For reasons of hygiene, **no parish seating will be provided**.

MASS will not be the same as before; there will be no singing, no bidding prayers, a shorter homily and no offertory procession. Offerings, cash/envelopes may be placed in the receptacle on the table as you enter or exit the church or garden.

HOLY COMMUNION

After the Lamb of God ... Fr John will raise the Host and say, "The Body of Christ" to which the response will be, "Amen". As Fr John is over 70 years of age, he is not permitted to distribute the Holy Eucharist to the congregation; it will be distributed **IN SILENCE, ON THE HAND only** by a Minister of the Eucharist. Stewards will guide people forward for Holy Communion. As one approaches, remove face covering, stretch out hands, receive Holy Communion, move across, consume, re-apply face covering.

We are indebted to the **volunteers** who are making the reopening of the church possible. Without their attendance we may not open the church or garden for Mass or Private Prayer. Volunteers steward and clean the premises and help to ensure the safety of everyone present. According to the guidelines, volunteers should ideally be under 70 years of age and with no underlying health conditions. If you are a parishioner and meet these requirements the parish needs your help. Training will be given in order to comply with the Risk Assessment and guidelines. Please volunteer your services by email: stmarysrc.harvington@gmail.com

COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

Monday 6 July

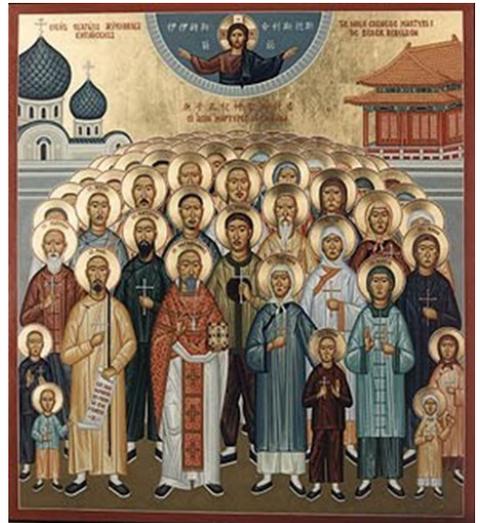
Memorial of St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

Maria Goretti (1890 - 1902) was born near Ancona, Italy. The daughter of a poor peasant family, St Maria was well known to her neighbours for her cheerfulness and piety. When she was twelve she became a victim of aggression. She preferred to die rather than to lose her virginity.

Thursday 9 July

Memorial of Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

This feast commemorates 120 Chinese martyrs, who suffered between 1648 and 1930. They include European missionaries such as St Gregory Grassi (1823 - 1900), the Italian born bishop of North Shanxi martyred during the Boxer rebellion, and indigenous Christians, such as St Augustine Zhao Rong, a diocesan priest put to death in 1815. They were canonised by St John Paul II in 2000.



Saturday 11 July *Day of Prayer for Europe*

Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

St Benedict (480 - 547) was born at Norica, Italy, and was sent to Rome to be educated. He chose to live a solitary life at Subiaco and eventually organised a form of monastic life in twelve monasteries. The monks who joined St Benedict devoted themselves to work and prayer. In the great abbey on Monte Cassino, which he founded, he wrote his Rule in which are wonderfully combined the Roman genius and the monastic wisdom of the Christian East. He was proclaimed Patron of Europe by Pope St Pius VI because of his wonderful influence in the formation of Christendom in the Middle Ages.