

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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**Times of Holy Mass and Intentions  
(YEAR A Readings)**

**Sunday 30 August**                      **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8.30 am \*Please email to book a place IN CHURCH *The People of the Parish*  
10.30 am Mass IN THE GARDEN     *Gioconda & Alfonso Salsano R.I.P.*

**Monday 31 August**                      **Memorial of St Aidan, Bishop  
and the Saints of Lindisfarne**  
11.00 am Mass IN CHURCH (No appointment necessary)  
*Fr Brendan Kellehee SVD, R.I.P.*

**Tuesday 1 September**                      **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**  
*Private Intention*

**Wednesday 2 September**                      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
*Private Intention*

**Thursday 3 September**                      **Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope  
Doctor of the Church**  
11.00 am Mass IN CHURCH (No appointment necessary)  
*Stan Robson R.I.P.*

**Friday 4 September**                      **Memorial of St Cuthbert, Bishop**  
*Private intention*

**Saturday 5 September**                      **Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday**  
10.00 am \*Please email to book a place IN CHURCH  
*Ann Hirons R.I.P.*

**Sunday 6 September**                      **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8.30 am \*Please email to book a place IN CHURCH *The People of the Parish*  
10.30 am Mass IN THE GARDEN                      *Private Intention*

**Anniversaries in August:** Rev George Bishop (1768), Rev John Corne (1816), William Trafford (1829), Thomas Parkes (1872), Leo Herraty (1964), Elizabeth Grant (1987), Janet Arbuthnott (1989), Denis Grant (1990), Bunny Keenan (1995), Armando Agaran (2003), Joan Troy (2003), Barbara Mary Campbell (2012), Hilda Willetts (2017), Wendy Packwood (2017)

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**In your prayers please remember parishioners and friends who are sick:**

Michael Bird, Kathleen Clark, Denis Conway, Peter Handley, Lucinda Robinson, Lionel Cornish, Peter Whittle

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**Contributions to the Parish:**

**Weekly Offertory received for Sunday 23rd August**

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£426.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£125.00
Loose cash	£447.75
One off Gift Aid donation	£500.00

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  
<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=90f11d7d-ebb4-4d07-b64e-9f38e324225b>

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~ environmentally sustainable and ethical products.

Do take another look at the emails sent out to all parishioners with details of these products. Two parishioners have very generously donated their time and their profits to give St Mary's the chance to benefit with much needed funds.

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**ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE and PICNIC  
for the SEASON of CREATION**

SUNDAY 6th September at 3.00pm

In the spirit of Pope Francis' Encyclical 'Laudato Si', Our Lady of Mount Carmel's CAFOD Group invite you to this outdoor event in a private garden in Tutnall near Bromsgrove.

Starting at 3.00pm there will be a celebratory liturgy, including a guest speaker David McLoughlin, Emeritus Professor Newman University, followed by a picnic. Please bring your own chairs/picnic mat and refreshments.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, numbers will be strictly limited.

Please apply in advance by phone: 07789 741900 or 01527 872300 or email [ingeva@btinternet.com](mailto:ingeva@btinternet.com) Detailed directions to the venue will be supplied when booking is confirmed.



**COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED  
THIS WEEK**



**Monday 31 August  
Memorial of St Aidan, Bishop and the Saints of Lindisfarne**

St Aidan (+651) was an Irish monk who joined the community of Iona and went to preach the Gospel in Northumbria. He was consecrated bishop and settled on the island of Lindisfarne with the support of King St Oswald and his successor St Oswain. After St Aidan's death in 651, the 'Holy Island' of Lindisfarne continued to produce many saints instrumental in the evangelisation of northern England, until the monastery was devastated by Vikings. These saints include the bishops St Finian, St Colman, St Eata, St Eadfrith and St Cuthbert

**Friday 4 September  
Memorial of St Cuthbert, Bishop**

St Cuthbert (c634-687) worked as a shepherd in Northumbria until he joined the monastic community at Melrose under St Eata. He moved to Lindisfarne and did much to spread the Gospel in the area, before embracing life on the isle of Farne. In 684 he became Bishop of Hexham, but quickly exchanged Sees with St Eata, who was by now Bishop of Lindisfarne, He was known for his holiness of his life and his many miracles. Buried originally at Lindisfarne, his body was late moved to Durham and found to be incorrupt.

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**Thursday 3 September  
Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope Doctor of the Church**

Saint Gregory (540-604) was a Prefect of Rome and later became a monk. He was the papal legate at Constantinople. Five years after returning to his monastery, he was elected pope. He greatly influenced the life of the Church and unified the liturgy and compiled the Gregorian chant which was named after him. One of Gregory's most far reaching actions was to send missionaries to England. This was said to have been prompted by the sight of fair-haired Anglo-Saxon youths exposed to sale in the Roman slave market. He wrote many works on morals and dogma.

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Lindisfarne\\_StJohn\\_Knot2\\_3.svg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Lindisfarne_StJohn_Knot2_3.svg)



**THE SEASON OF CREATION** begins on September 1, the **World Day of Prayer for Creation**, and ends on October 4, the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi.

To assist all parishes and catholic communities to celebrate this season the **BIRMINGHAM JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION** suggest visiting the Vatican website <http://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/let-us-unite-in-the-celebration-of-the-season-of-creation.html>.

Since the last Season of Creation there has been a Synod on the Amazon followed by an Apostolic Exhortation 'Querida Amazona' by Pope Francis

This year we are celebrating the fifth anniversary of the publication of 'Laudato Si'; On Care For Our Common Home'. The Vatican have published a further guide to help us on our journey towards an Ecological Conversion. It is entitled '[On the Path to Caring for the Common Home: Five Years after Laudato Si](#)'. It is an initiative of the Vatican's department for Integral Human Development and is the product of an inter-departmental 'Table' on integral ecology established after Laudato Si's publication in June 2015.

Pope Francis has also declared a special Year of Laudato Si, from 24 May 2020 to 24 May 2021.

The United Nations talks on the Climate, COP26, have been postponed until November 2021. Our country will still chair these proceedings. These will be the most significant talks since Paris 2015.

The whole world has been in the grip of the pandemic caused by Covid-19. Some parts of the world have coped in a better way than others, but this pandemic has shone a spotlight on the inequalities which exist in our own country and its various communities and also the huge inequalities in the world between rich and poor.

As we begin, however tenuously, to recover from the effects of the pandemic, we must recognise opportunities to rebuild in a better way. A greener, more environmentally friendly future is possible. Making care for the poor, the most disadvantaged in our society and in the world a priority is possible.

The Season of Creation is an opportunity to reflect, to pray, and to act, so that we do achieve that ecological conversion that the Holy Father calls us to.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/season-of-creation-september-2020>