

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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

**Sunday 20 September**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Home Mission Day*

8.30 am \***Please email to book a place IN CHURCH** *The People of the Parish*

10.30 am Mass IN THE GARDEN

*Bernard McKay R.I.P.*

(No appointment necessary. **Please bring a chair**)

**Monday 21 September**

**Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist**

11.00 am Mass IN CHURCH (No appointment necessary)

*Private Intention*

**Tuesday 22 September**

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

*Michael Millard R.I.P.*

**Wednesday 23 September**

**Memorial of St Pio or Pietrelcina**

*Private Intention*

**Thursday 24 September**

**Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham**

11.00 am Mass IN CHURCH (No appointment necessary)

*Mary Chambers-Millard R.I.P.*

**Friday 25 September**

**Feria in Ordinary Time**

*Thomas Costanzo R.I.P.*

**Saturday 26 September**

**Memorials of Ss Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs**

10.00 am \***Please email to book a place IN CHURCH**

*Private Intention*

**Sunday 27 September**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Day of Prayer in thanksgiving for the harvest*

8.30 am \***Please email to book a place IN CHURCH** *Private Intention*

10.30 am Mass IN THE GARDEN

*The People of the Parish*

(No appointment necessary. **Please bring a chair**)

**Second collection on Sunday 27th for Fr Hudson's Care charity.**



## '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 and regard 'Every Day as a Sunday'!

**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)

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

Kathleen Clark, Denis Conway, Peter Handley, Lucinda Robinson, Lionel Cornish.

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Michael Bird**  
Who died on Tuesday 8th September.  
May he Rest In Peace

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**Contributions to the Parish:**

**Weekly Offertory received for Sunday 13th September**

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£426.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£163.50
Loose cash	£229.95

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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We have been asked by the Archdiocese to take a collection in addition to the offertory donations, for **'THE HOLY PLACES'** on the weekend of **19th/20th September**. As you leave the church or garden this weekend there will be a separate receptacle available for your donations of cash, or cheques made payable to St Mary's with the words 'HOLY PLACES' written on the reverse and we will forward your donations to the Archdiocese for them to process.

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**KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK** Donations of money are welcomed by this local charity. Cheques made payable to 'Kidderminster Food Bank' may be sent to: **Mrs Denise Carson, Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer, 20 Whitehill Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY11 6JJ**

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**Thank you!**



... to everyone for patiently observing the guidelines that allow us to gather inside the church or in the garden at St Mary's.

To comply with the '1 metre plus' advice for safe social distancing please:

- maintain a **one metre distance** from members of other households
- **wear a face mask or similar face covering**
- **use the hand sanitiser provided on entry.**
- 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.**
  - **MAINTAIN A 2 METRE DISTANCE FROM OTHER 'HOUSEHOLDS'**
- As space is limited, please book in to attend Mass **IN CHURCH** on **Saturday and Sunday** only. ([stmarysrc.harvington@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysrc.harvington@gmail.com)). For these two Masses you will be allocated a place on a seating plan.
- For Masses in church on other days or in the garden there is no need to book advance.

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## **COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:**



### **Monday 21 September, Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist**

Saint Matthew: born at Capernaum. He was a tax-gatherer when called by Jesus. He wrote his Gospel in the Hebrew language, and tradition has it that he preached the Faith in the East.

### **Wednesday 23 September, Memorial of St Pio or Pietrelcina**

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina: Born on 25 May 1887, at the age of sixteen he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars and was ordained priest in 1910. His ministry displays a remarkable devotion to prayer and the sacraments. He also committed himself to relieving the pain of many families, chiefly through the foundation of the "House for the Relief of Suffering". He died in 1968.

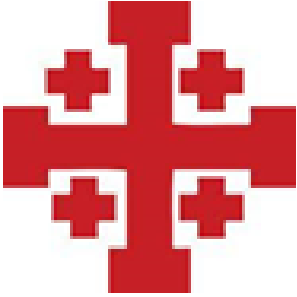
### **Thursday 24 September, Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham**

The lady of the manor of Walsingham, Richeldis de Faverches, was instructed by a vision of the Virgin Mary to build in her village an exact replica of the house of Nazareth in which the Annunciation had taken place. The vision occurred, according to tradition, in 1061. The original house was destroyed at the Reformation, but during the 19th and early 20th centuries pilgrimage to Walsingham was revived.

### **Saturday 26 September, Memorials of Ss Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs**

Saints Cosmas & Damian: according to ancient tradition, Cosmas and Damian were doctors who were martyred in Syria around 300. There is evidence that their tomb was at Cyrrhus, where a basilica was built in their honour.

## COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES:



Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches around the world to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. However, this year due to the coronavirus pandemic measures in place throughout the world, many people could not attend Holy Week liturgies, causing the postponement of the collection until September. Pope Francis has said that within the context the world is living, [the donation] is a "sign of hope and

solidary nearness to the Christians who live in the land where God became man, died and rose for us."

The annual collection, one of the main sources of support for the mission of the Custody of the Holy Land, is used for schools and to support Christians, creating job opportunities and providing them with a welcoming home. In this way, local Christians are helped to remain in this land, to live their faith with courage.

The Franciscan friars also work to preserve and maintain the Holy Sites where the Incarnate Lord lived during his earthy life, and to allow Christians from all parts of the world to come to these places to pray and revive their faith, and to be blessed by the stones and the earth that Jesus Christ touched.

Speaking about the current situation since the outbreak of Covid-19, the Custos of the Holy Land, Fr Francesco Patton, OFM, said "unfortunately, since the beginning of the pandemic there are no pilgrims... we are a small minority here in the Holy Land and, in fact, we live thanks to the help and support of the whole world. And I repeat the pandemic has in a certain way cut off that normal relationship with Christians from around the world that comes about through pilgrimages." The Custos explained that because pilgrimages have suffered as a result of the pandemic, Christians who work in the hospitality and tourism sectors, as well as those who run gift shops that sell souvenirs in olive wood, have been hard hit by the present situation. He expressed the hope that pilgrims would be able to return to the Holy Land soon, so that these Christian workers can return to their jobs.

### **The Lord loves a cheerful giver**

Fr Patton said it was important people give according to their means, but also with a generosity of heart. "It's true the Lord loves a cheerful giver, and it's also true, as is recalled in the Acts of the Apostles, that there's more joy in giving than in receiving", he said.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-09/fr-patton-holy-land-collection-vital-for-local-christian-commun.html>