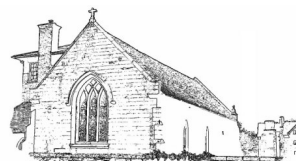


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

**Sunday 5 September**      **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.30am

*Mass intention for: People of the Parish*

10.30am\*\*

*Mass intention for: Bernard Myerscough R.I.P.*

**\*\*In the garden, please bring your own chair as seating is not provided.**

**Monday 6 September**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**

*Mass intention: Thomas Costanzo R.I.P.*

**Tuesday 7 September**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**

*No Mass at St Mary's today as Fr John is conducting a funeral in Worcester.*

**Wednesday 8 September**      **Feast of the Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.00am

*Mass intention for: Doreen Millard R.I.P.*

**Thursday 9 September**      **Memorial of St Osburg, Abbess  
Memorial of St Peter Claver, Priest**

11.00am

*Mass intention for: Private Intention*

**Friday 10 September**      **Memorial of Blessed Agnellus of Pisa  
Memorial of St Egwin, Bishop**

11.00am

*Mass intention for: Mr & Mrs Spalding R.I.P.*

**Saturday 11 September**      **Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday**

10.00am\*

*Mass intention for: Margaret Bradley R.I.P.*

**\*At Harvington Hall in the Georgian Chapel**

**Sunday 12 September**      **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Education Day (There will be a Second Collection today  
for the Catholic Education Service)*

8.30am

*Mass intention for: People of the Parish*

10.30am\*\* (St Mary's garden)

*Mass intention for: Confirmandees*

3.00pm \*\* (Hall garden)

*Pilgrimage Mass in Harvington Hall grounds for  
the Deaneries of Kidderminster, Dudley and Worcester*

**\*\*Please bring your own chair as seating is not provided.**

**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), Patsy Mullins (2017), Michael Bird (2020)

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In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently.

**Peter Rowberry, Trudy Woodhall and Chris Meacham**  
May they Rest In Peace

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**In your prayers please remember parishioners and friends who are sick:**  
Deirdre Brookes, Elizabeth Causer, Kathleen Clark, Liz and Lionel Cornish, Bob Grant, Jane and Peter Handley, Kay Hildebrandt, Sean McDermott, Lucinda Robinson.



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... for all your offerings and donations. They are always gratefully received and enable Fr John to maintain our parish and to minister to our community.

**Contributions to the Parish: 23rd-30th August**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£153.50
Loose cash:	£183.43

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Our local **FOOD BANK** [www.kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk) appreciate all donations. Please make cheques payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank' and post to: Mrs Denise Carson, Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer, 20 Whitehill Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY11 6JJ

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**WELCOME TO ST MARY'S!**

We ask everyone attending our premises to take note of the following:

- 'Track and Trace': It is no longer a legal requirement to provide contact details at a venue. If someone attends our premises who is found to be a Covid positive case, we will inform everyone on our parish email database. If you are not on our database and you want to be alerted you may provide us with your contact details or scan the displayed NHS QR code on your phone.
- When inside church, the congregation are strongly recommended to wear face coverings.
- The congregation are asked to spread out and not to kneel if someone is sitting down on the pew in front of them.
- If members of the congregation would like to ensure social distancing they may use a 'Please Leave Space' sign (available in the porch) and place it on the seat beside them in their pew.



A reminder to please put these dates in your diary and come along if you can!

- **ROOT AND BRANCH** Inclusive Synod, 5-12 September 2021 (Zoom/Live), as described in last week's newsletter. Tickets for Zoom and Live participation are now available at [www.rootandbranchsynod.org](http://www.rootandbranchsynod.org)  
[hello@rootandbranchsynod.org](mailto:hello@rootandbranchsynod.org) +44 7968 390420
- **The PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL, Shrine of the English Martyrs will take place on Sunday 12th September with Mass at 3.00pm**, presided over by Bishop David Evans. For this year, pilgrims are invited from just three Deaneries of Dudley, Kidderminster and Worcester. The Pilgrimage will also be live-streamed via :  
<https://youtu.be/PSf52Lw33pU>
- **The ST MARY'S HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are reading *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett and will discuss their thoughts on it when they meet in the Priest's House Garden at 9.30am on **Monday 13th September**.
- Those with email addresses on our Parish database will have received the invitation which is of course extended to **all St Mary's parishioners** to a **'DIY PARISH PICNIC LUNCH PARTY'** on **Sunday 19th September** following the 10.30am Mass to celebrate Fr John's 80th birthday and retirement as a Parish Priest. (... don't worry, Fr John **IS** staying at Harvington!)

## COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK



Giotto's *The Birth of the Blessed Virgin*



### WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8

date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

[www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary)

### THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

**Memorial of St Osburg, Abbess** (c1016) St Osburg was the first abbess of the nunnery founded by King Canute at Coventry. She worked to care for the poor and vulnerable of the city. Her cult was confirmed in the fifteenth century, but she may be a saint of a much earlier date.

**Memorial of St Peter Claver, Priest** (1580-1654) St Peter Claver was born at Verdu in Catalonia, Spain, and entered the Society of Jesus. In 1610 he was sent to Columbia and began his life's work among the slaves. He cared for them and baptised more than 300,000 during his thirty-three years of tireless ministry.

### FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

**Memorial of Blessed Agnellus of Pisa** (1194-1236) Blessed Agnellus was born at Pisa, Italy, and received by St Francis himself among the Friars Minor and sent by him to open a house in Paris. He was later appointed by St Francis the first Provincial of the Order in England. Agnellus arrived at Dover in 1224 and founded houses at Canterbury and Oxford. He worked also for some time in London. At Oxford he established a school which became famous and it was in this city he died. His cult was confirmed in 1892.

**Memorial of St Egwin, Bishop** (717) the foundation of the abbey at Evesham is attributed to an eighth century Bishop of Worcester called Egwin.  
*Diocesan Ordo 2019-2020 Archdiocese of Birmingham. Evesham, John F Neale 2020/2021*