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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

- Sunday 18 September** **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
HOME MISSION DAY
There will be a Second collection for the Catholic Evangelisation today.
8.30am *Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish*
10.30am **CONFIRMATION MASS conducted by**
 Bishop David Evans.
 Mass intention for: Confirmandees
- Monday 19 September** **Memorial of St Theadore of Canterbury, Bishop**
 Memorial of St Januarius, Bishop
No public Mass today *Mass Intention for: HM, Queen Elizabeth II. R.I.P*
- Tuesday 20 September** **Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,**
 Paul Chong Ha-sang, and companions,
 Martyrs
10.00am *Mass intention: Hilary Fernades R.I.P.*
- Wednesday 21 September** **Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist**
10.00am *Mass intention: Private Intention*
- Thursday 22 September** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
11.00am *Mass Intention for: Bernard McKay R.I.P.*
- Friday 23 September** **Memorial of St Pius of Pietreleina**
11.00am *Mass Intention for: Tony & Ann Blackman*
 (Golden Wedding anniversary)
- Saturday 24 September** **Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham**
10.00am* *Mass Intention for: Private Intention*
* In the Georgian Chapel in the grounds of Harvington Hall
The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available in church following this Mass and by appointment at other times.
- Sunday 25 September** **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest
There will be a Second collection for Fr Hudson's Society.
8.30am *Mass intention for: Private Intention*
10.30am *Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish*

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)

In your prayers please remember parishioners and friends who are sick: Deirdre Brookes, Kathleen Clark, Liz & Lionel Cornish, Bob & Shirley Grant, Jane & Peter Handley, Siward James-Moore, Bernard Millard, John & Ellen Mottram, John & Patricia Newton, Ann Parry, Clare Saich, Karen Wright, Elizabeth Howell, Bill Riley.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of recently deceased parishioners

James Purcell and Siward James-Moore

and for

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.



... for all your offerings and donations.

Thank You!

Contributions to the Parish: 29 August-12 September

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £316.00

Gift Aid Envelopes: £150.00

Loose cash: £242.20

Second collection for the Catholic Education Service: £172.25

Direct Debit, forms are available from the table in the porch. Please complete and either hand to Fr John or post through his house letterbox.

For **OFFERTORY DONATIONS** on **SUNDAYS** please place your offering in the 'bin' on the entrance table. On **OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK** offerings may be placed **in the basket on the sanctuary step in front of the altar.**

COVID PRECAUTIONS: Whilst there is no legal requirement to wear a face covering the government suggests that we still 'Consider wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces'. In addition, 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.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Valerie Nolan,
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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.

PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Peter Boszko,
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Our **CRAFT GROUP** wish to thank everyone who supported their sale of work last Sunday. Funds raised will go towards the ongoing project of making pew cushions for the church. If anyone has been working on the canvas pieces for this project please return them to Janet Rowe at the earliest opportunity whether they are complete or not.

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The local **FRIENDS of the HOLYLAND** group are holding a Fashion Show at M&CO in Lombard Street Stourport on **SUNDAY 25th September at 3.00pm**. Come along and sort out your Autumn wardrobe at this popular event.

Tickets are £5.00 each available in store or after Sunday Masses or from Jim and Anne Quinn (01299 851021)

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VACANCY, HEAD OF SAFEGUARDING

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking a Head of Safeguarding. The post holder will manage the operations of the safeguarding team, who operate in accordance with the statutory framework and the Catholic Church's safeguarding policies and procedures.

Following a period of significant change and improvement, now is an exciting time for an experienced safeguarding professional to join this friendly and creative team to further develop and embed excellence in safeguarding practice.

This will be a rewarding role for an experienced safeguarding professional. Closing date 3 October.

To find out more, please go to www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs

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Our local **FOOD BANK** appreciate all the help they can get. If you would like to donate food and other essentials please bring them to church and we will deliver them on your behalf to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster on **Monday 26th September**.

Currently there is a particular need for: coffee, tinned fruit, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, tinned meat (cold eg ham, corned beef, hot eg chicken curry, stewed steak), squash, tinned carrots and peas, jam, peanut butter, fruit juice, rice pudding, tinned potatoes, toilet rolls, deodorant, razors, shaving foam, shower gel, toothpaste, shampoo.

If you would prefer to donate money, please make cheques payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank' or put cash in an envelope marked '**KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK**' and put it in the Offertory collection.

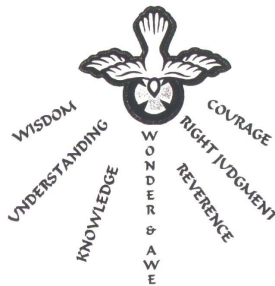
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Baptism, the sacrament of Confirmation and the Eucharist constitute the 'sacraments of Christian initiation.' Confirmation represents the completion of baptismal grace: by confirmation, the baptized are 'more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1285). In short, the sacrament of confirmation completes the sacrament of baptism: it is a coming of age.

"Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:14-17)

Every baptized person who has not received confirmation can and should receive the sacrament of Confirmation. *The Code of Canon Law* states 'the faithful are obliged to receive this sacrament at the appropriate time' (*Code of Canon Law*, can 889 no1).

http://stthomasofcanterbury.com/?page_id=118



We are honoured to welcome **Rt Rev David Evans** Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30 am Mass at St Mary's today.

The three candidates are: **Ethan, Isobel and Lucas.**

Their parents and the whole parish are indebted to **Marie Hesketh** who prepared the candidates in readiness to receive this Sacrament.