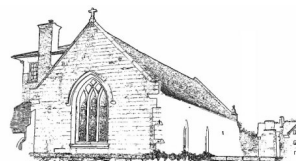


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 4 September **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
A second collection will be taken this morning for the Pakistan Floods Appeal.
8.30am *Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish*
10.30am *Mass intention for: Private Intention*
1.45pm-2.30pm the **Sacrament of Confession** is available in church given by several priests of the diocese.
3.00pm **Diocesan Pilgrimage Mass** in the grounds of Harvington Hall.

Monday 5 September **Feria in Ordinary Time**
No public Mass today *Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

Tuesday 6 September **Feria in Ordinary Time**
No public Mass today *Mass intention: Private Intention*

Wednesday 7 September **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am *Mass intention: Private Intention*

Thursday 8 September **Feast of the Nativity
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
11.00am *Mass Intention for: Doreen Millard R.I.P.*

Friday 9 September **Memorial of St Osburg, Abbess
Memorial of St Peter Claver, Priest**
11.00am *Mass Intention for: Private Intention*

Saturday 10 September **Memorial of Blessed Agnellus of Pisa
Memorial of St Egwin, Bishop**
10.00am* *Mass Intention for: Thomas Costanzo R.I.P.*

* 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 11 September **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
EDUCATION DAY**
There will be a Second collection for the Catholic Education Service today.
8.30am *Mass intention for: Stan Robson R.I.P.*
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 Parrish, Clare Saich, Karen Wright, Elizabeth Howell.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
James Purcell
Who died recently



Thank You!

... for all your offerings and donations.
Contributions to the Parish: 22-29 August

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£73.00
Loose cash:	£217.80

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.

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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 0808 800 5000.



The **PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON HALL, Shrine of the English Martyrs** takes place on **Sunday 4th September with Mass at 3.00pm**, presided over by the Very Reverend, Canon Richard Walker, Vicar General.

Food and drinks may be purchased from the Café in the grounds of the Hall. Pilgrims are invited to use the Priest's House garden to enjoy their own picnics. Free drinks (tea, coffee, squash) will be provided after Mass in the Priest's House garden. Friends of The Holy Land and the Parish Piety Shop will both have stalls set up in the garden of the Hall. Free tours of Harvington Hall may be booked on arrival.



The **CRAFT GROUP** will be having a sale of their handiwork on **Sunday 11th September after both Masses**. Please make a note of the date and bring along your cash/cheque book so you can buy some of the unique pieces of craftwork to either give as presents or as a treat for yourself!



The **BOOK GROUP** are reading Erebus by Michael Palin and will meet to discuss the book on **Monday 12 September at 9.30am** in the Priest's House garden. Come and join in! Choose a book you'd like the group to read!



The local **FRIENDS of the HOLYLAND** group are holding a Fashion Show at M&CO in Lombard St, 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 Mass on Sundays from Jim and Anne Quinn (01299 851021)



DEC PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/give and/or in the **second collection taken at Masses on Saturday and Sunday morning this weekend (3rd/4th Sept)**.

COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK



THURSDAY 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

FRIDAY 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.

SATURDAY 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. Angelus 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 2021-2022 Archdiocese of Birmingham. Evesham, John F Neale 2021/2022*