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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday 10 September

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Education Day

8.30am

Mass intention for: *Parishioners of the Parish*

10.30am

Mass Intention for: *William & Maureen Riley R.I.P.*

Today, 10 Sept, there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Monday 11 September

Feria in Ordinary Time

7.00pm

Vigil Mass for *Joan Lewis R.I.P.*

Tuesday 12 September

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

12.00 noon

Requiem Mass for Joan Lewis R. I. P.

Wednesday 13 September

Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Jeanne Round (Thanksgiving)*

Thursday 14 September

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*

Friday 15 September

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Liza Knight and family*

Saturday 16 September

Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Bianco Family*

* 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 17 September

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Evangelii Gaudium Day

8.30am

Mass intention for: *Parishioners of the Parish*

10.30am

Mass Intention for: *Private Intention*



The **Wednesday Word Trust** leaflets are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm (Parish Version) for your interest and study in preparation for Sunday Mass.

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), James Purcell (2022), Siward James-Moore (2022), John Murray (2022), Bill Riley (2022)

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In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:

Deirdre Brookes, Beth Downing, Shirley Grant, Jane & Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, Paul Morrison, John & Ellen Mottram, Patricia Newton, Ann Parry, Bridget Rochford, Jeanne Round, Karen Wright.

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In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the soul of

Joan Lewis

May she Rest In Peace.

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**THANK
YOU!**

... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 27 August-3 September

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £316.00

Gift Aid Envelopes: £63.40

Loose cash: £164.86

Direct Debit, gift aid forms are available from the folder on the notice board in the church porch. Please complete and either hand to Fr John or post through his house letterbox.



PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH. If you wish to make a donation when Mass is not taking place and the church is otherwise empty, please post your offering (in an envelope) in the letterbox in the door of the Priest's House.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Rep is **Valerie Nolan**. She can be contacted at: sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 0121 2306240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Peter Boszko

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EMERGENCY EXIT from the church: is via the sacristy and through the house.



St Mary's parish were pleased to welcome the faithful from across the whole of the Archdiocese to the annual **Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall** on Sunday 3 September.

Blessed with fine weather, approximately 750 pilgrims made their way to Harvington for the afternoon Mass celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley in honour of the English Martyrs. Prayers were also offered for Ellen Ferris who saved Harvington from ruin by buying and then giving the Hall to the Archdiocese in 1923.

Sunday's event was deemed a success, made possible by the leadership of Mike Jones, Chair of the Pilgrimage Committee with support from over fifty volunteers drawn from St Marys and Harvington Hall.

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The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** will meet on **Monday 11 September, at 9.30am** in the stable to talk about *Mr Pye* by Mervyn Peake; 'a sort of divine comedy, at least a witty debate about good and evil'. Everyone is welcome to come along and join the conversation, with or without reading the book.

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** are meeting at Rowberry's, Chaddesley Corbett on **Wednesday 13 September at 1.30pm**. You are warmly invited to come along for a coffee, a chat and a relaxing afternoon.

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The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a Director of Education. Details for this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies and the Archdiocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk websites.

The closing date is Monday 18th September. Please make anybody you feel may be qualified and interested aware of this important position within the Archdiocese.



EDUCATION SUNDAY is when Catholic Church congregations commemorate their predecessors of the 19th century, many of whom were living in poverty, paying for schools to be built.

Our parishioner forebears and their Bishops rightly saw education as the principal means of handing on the faith and improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of children and young people. Their sacrifices helped re-establish the 2,175 Catholic schools and four universities that we celebrate in church on Sunday 10 September.

Established by the Bishops in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. In the 175 years since then the Catholic Church has become the country's largest provider of secondary schools and second-largest provider of primary schools.

Catholic education is by far the largest charitable activity of the Church here, and we give thanks for the many thousands of teachers, lecturers, academics, support staff, leaders, governors, advisers and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this would be impossible.

Catholic schools continue to be true to their mission: they educate more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds; outperform national GCSE English and Maths averages by five percentage points; and are more ethnically diverse than other state-funded schools. For this success to continue, however, the help of the whole Catholic community remains essential. As throughout history, all Catholics need to be prepared to support, promote and defend Catholic education. There are many ways to do this: in prayer for vocations to Catholic education; asking your diocese about becoming a school foundation governor; or encouraging a young person to become a teacher in a Catholic school. In this way, we can hand on to the next generation the great educational legacy of those poor and immigrant Catholic communities of the Victorian era who built our schools and universities.

Catholic education is indeed a tremendous achievement to be celebrated -happy Education Sunday.

Paul Barber
Director of the Catholic Education Service