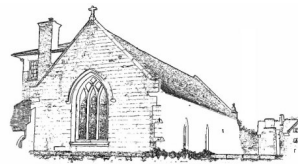


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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday 3 September

8.30am

10.30am

3.00pm

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Parishioners of the Parish*

Mass Intention for: *Joan Lewis R.I.P.*

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Mass to Harvington Hall,
Shrine of the English Martyrs

Monday 4 September

No public Mass today

Memorial of St Cuthbert, Bishop.

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Tuesday 5 September

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 6 September

11.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Joan Lewis R.I.P.*

Thursday 7 September

11.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 8 September

11.00am

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Saturday 9 September

10.00am

Memorial of St Osburg, Abbess

Memorial of St Peter Claver, Priest

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 10 September

8.30am

10.30am

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Education Day

Mass intention for: *Parishioners of the Parish*

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



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)



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.

*A vigil Mass for Joan will take place at St Mary's at 7.00pm on Monday
 11th September and her funeral at 12 noon on Tuesday 12th September.

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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 20-27 August

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£120.00
Loose cash:	£235.37

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.

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St Mary's parish is again privileged to invite the faithful from across the whole of the Archdiocese to a
Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of The English Martyrs.

This year the Hall is marking the centenary of its rescue from ruin when, in 1923 Mrs Ellen Ferris, generously gave Harvington Hall to the Archdiocese of Birmingham. To mark this milestone, **His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley** will be the principal celebrant of the **Pilgrimage Mass on Sunday 3 September 2023 at 3.00pm.**

- There is no charge for this pilgrimage event.
- Harvington Hall will open at 12 noon.
- Free timed tours of the Hall can be booked at the table in the courtyard upon arrival.
- Priests will be available to hear confessions in St Mary's Church from 1.45pm until 2.30pm.
- Pilgrims are welcome to bring their own lunch/picnic.
- Tea and coffee will be available to purchase at the Hall's Moat House café before Mass.
- Tea, coffee and fruit squash will be provided to pilgrims by the parishioners of St Mary's in the garden of the Priest's House, following the Pilgrimage Mass.
- Parking for all vehicles is free.
- Please note, this is an outdoor event.
- Pilgrims **MUST BRING THEIR OWN CHAIRS** as we are unable to provide any seating.

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The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** will meet on Monday 11 September, at 9.30 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 debate, with or without reading the book.

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Our donations to the **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** this week were gratefully received by the coordinators who work to support local families in extreme need.

COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK



FRIDAY 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

SATURDAY 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.