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MASSES THIS WEEK

PRISONS WEEK

Sunday 8 October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Mass intention for: *Parishioners of the Parish*10.30am Mass Intention for: *John Townsend R.I.P.*

Today there will be a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Feast

Monday 9 October Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest

No public Mass today Mass intention for: Private Intention

Tuesday 10 October Memorial of St Paulinus of York, Bishop

Memorial of Ss Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs

Memorial of St John Leonardi, Priest

10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 11 October Memorial of BI William Howard, Layman, Martyr

Memorial of St John XXIII

10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.30am # Discussion Group will meet in the stable.

Thursday 12 October Memorial of St Wilfrid, Bishop

11.00am Mass intention for: Bernard & Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Friday 13 October Memorial of St Edward the Confessor

11.00am Mass intention for: *The Handley family*Saturday 14 October Memorial of St Callistus I. Pope, Martyr

Saturday 14 October Memorial of St Callistus I. Pope, Mar

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 15 October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am Mass intention for: Parishioners of the Parish

10.30am Mass Intention for: Lydia & Jimmy Murray R.I.P.

A second collection on this day for PACT, prayer and action for prisoners & their families # 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 October: Rev Robert Heydon (1718),

Rev Charles Fitzwilliams (1750), Mary Brownlow (1852), Anne Spink (1894),

Mary Leonie Pedley (1957), Betty Grant (1970), Sidney Rochford (1979),

Dermot Higgins (1983), Bernard Campbell (2001), Dorothy Green (2001), Maureen Riley (2002), David Phillips (2005), Stanley Robson (2009),

Betty Sanders (2012), Albin Gordon (2012) Ian Challand (2013), Maria Costanzo (2013),

Michael Grant (2015), Doreen Millard (2016), Michael Butler (2017),

James Arbuthnott (2018), Paul Hoban (2018), Maureen Ribbins (2018),

Denis Conway (2020), Josephine Hardwick (2020), Kathleen Clark (2022),

Bernard Millard (2022), Rudi Tschak (2022), Bob Grant (2022)

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

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

Karen Wright.

... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 24 September-1 October

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

Loose cash: £287.20

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 - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Peter Boszko hs.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk PARISH SECRETARY (Finance): Amalia Costanzo - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk PARISH SECRETARY (Admin): Maggie Skinner - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.



News from the Catholic Bishops' Conference

Two years after Pope Francis gave all Catholics the opportunity to make their views known on the mission of the Church in the 21st Century, the first of two Synod

meetings started in Rome on Wednesday 4 October on the theme 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'.

The Synod of Bishops includes, for the first time, non-Bishop voting members, comprising of a number of laymen and laywomen.

The Catholic Church in England and Wales are well represented. Archbishop John Wilson, the Archbishop of Southwark, and Bishop Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds, were elected by their brother bishops to attend. Joining them is Bishop Nicholas Hudson, an Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster, chosen by Pope Francis, and Professor Anna Rowlands and Austen Ivereigh chosen as expert facilitators. Father Timothy Radcliffe, the Dominican preacher, led a retreat for all Synod members prior to the official opening.

In a 20-minute conversation linked below, Father Jan Nowotnik, who will attend as a voting member and whose doctoral thesis focused, in part, on the preparation for a Synodal Church, joins theologian Professor Anna Rowlands to preview the Synod. Both will be in Rome, and both will have a key role in proceedings.

To open the link, if you are reading this newsletter online, right click here:

Previewing the Synod - An historic moment in the life of the church

... or find your way to the video through this web address:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chLXUpsADeM

The Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group is meeting on Saturday 21st October, 11am to 2pm at the Bridge Centre, Evesham Road, Headless Cross, Redditch B97 4JX. They will look at the life of St Teresa of Avila, through reading a chapter of the book 'To Live is Pray' in which the author (Elizabeth Ruth Obbard) imagines St Teresa's

own words about her life. For more information or to be included in future mailing about forthcoming meetings and the 2024 programme, contact Dr Susan Porter (group convener email ingeva@btinternet.com or phone 07789741900.

- The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** will meet to discuss *Kilvert's Diary* in the stable at 9.00am on Monday 9th October.
- The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will meet to work on craft projects at Rowberry's Tea Rooms, at 1.30pm on Wednesday 11th October.



FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER.

By having had a simple meal on the day and by giving what you saved in the **second collection on Sunday**, (or using a CAFOD labelled envelope in any collection at Harvington this

weekend) you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by the global food crisis.

CAFOD stands for the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development. They are an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

CAFOD works with people living in poverty whatever their religion or culture in communities across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, helping people to tackle the poverty and injustice. Wherever the need is greatest, **CAFOD** works to support people of all faiths and none.

CAFOD works without prejudice and without preaching as it believes our Catholic values are best shown through working for justice and an end to poverty. As well as asking supporters to donate and campaign, CAFOD places equal importance on prayer. Prayer informs and underpins their work.

Generous God, we thank you for the gifts you have given for all people to share.

We plant seeds of hope and nurture them as we seek a harvest of plenty for all.

Forgive us for the times these seeds fail to take root in our hearts.

We grieve when homes and crops are washed away by floods, when lives are uprooted by disaster, or trampled by fear and greed.

Living God, you lead us to a new way of being. Move us to help one another in our times of need, to care for the earth and to love one another, sharing your harvest with all.

Amen.