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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

- Sunday 12 November** **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Remembrance Sunday
8.30am Mass intention for: *For the People of the Parish*
10.30am Mass Intention for: *John Newton R.I.P.*
There will be a Second Collection today for the FHL
- Monday 13 November** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
No public Mass today Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Tuesday 14 November** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Colin Atwell R.I.P.*
- Wednesday 15 November** **Memorial of St Albert the Great,
Bishop, Doctor of the Church**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Deceased members of the
Gallagher family.*
- Thursday 16 November** **Memorial of St Margaret of Scotland,
Memorial of St Gertrude, Virgin
Memorial of St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop**
11.00am Mass Intention for: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*
- Friday 17 November** **Memorial of St Hilda, Abbess
Memorial of St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop
Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Saturday 18 November** **Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of
Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Deceased members of the
Pakes/Taylor family.*

The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available in church following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

- Sunday 19 November** **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
World Day of the Poor
8.30am Mass intention for: *Pat Townsend R.I.P.*
10.30am Mass Intention for: *For the People of the Parish*

The Wednesday Discussion Groups have been discontinued for the time being. **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 November: Isabella Ilsley (1866), Laurence Ruck (1916), John Munster (1916), Rev Philip Roskell (1930), Rev Dr Charles Eagle (1947), Cuthbert Watts (1965), Denis Lovekin (1984), Edna Mercer (1983), Ivor Mortiboy (1998), Harold Sanders, Katherine Martin (2002), Sarah Millard (2002), Marie Baylis (2003), Min Young (2003), Grace Haydon (2004), Siobhan James-Moore (2005), Gerard Fox (2007), Rev David Higham (2008), Stephen Pritchard (2008), Julian Davies (2008). James William Finney (2009), Gertrude Mary Savage (2011), James O'Brien (2012) Colin Atwell (2014), Roger Adey (2016), Veronica Mitchell (2018), Oliver Donaghey (2019), Sean McDermott (2021), Roger Ephraims (2021), John Newton (2022), Andrea Barker (2022)



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

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

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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 29 October-5 November

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£75.00
Loose cash:	£284.36
Second Collection for the Johnson Association:	£448.93

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

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The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.



Update from "Friends of the Holy Land" as at 01.11.23

Through the media, we are all aware of the terrible situation that the citizens of Gaza are enduring.

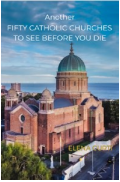
The **FHL** are doing what it can to help. On October 23rd we were able to transfer money through our Bank of Palestine Account in Bethlehem to the Gaza Branch. That money was then distributed to the "Holy Family" Latin Church and the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Porphyrius to help support the hundreds of Christian and Muslim families sheltering there. Supplies of food and medicine were bought and, although they had stockpiled some of the latter, more was needed. We already give help to both these churches regularly.

When this war is over, there will be much to do in reconstruction and to persuade the Christians to stay. There are now only 47000 left in the whole of the Holy Land, the land where Our Lord walked, taught and preached. The FHL Mission is to keep that presence there.

There will be a Second Collection at Masses on Sunday, 12th November to help the FHL continue its support for the people of Gaza.

Gail and Stephen Brown, Wyre Forest FHL

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Another Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die

Is a follow up to the bestselling volume, *Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die* in 2020. Elena Curti, a journalist at The Tablet for many years, has chosen fifty more personal favourites taken together to provide the backdrop to the story of Catholicism in England and Wales.

As St Mary's is included in Elena's list, we have been able to secure copies at the discounted price of just **£12**. On sale each Sunday at St Mary's until stocks run out or, to reserve a copy email the parish office: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

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Our Address Book and digital records held in the Parish Office needs updating!

Regular attendees to St Mary's, and occasional visitors we like to keep in touch with, have either moved home,

changed, or added phone numbers and/or email addresses. We ask everyone who wants to be kept on our records to PLEASE email the parish office,

stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk, with your name, postal address, telephone number/s and email address (if you have one) along with the names of everyone in your household ... OR, if you would prefer to just write all of that information on paper, please post it in the little 'wooden' box on the table in the porch. There are pre-printed slips and pens next to the box to make it even easier for you!



GEORGE GRIFFIN 1897-1919

Buried at St Mary's, Harvington on the 10th May 1919. Awarded a Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) headstone.

In the 1911 census George is listed as 14 years of age, working with his father on their farm. His younger brother, Thomas aged 11, was at school. His grandmother Sarah had died and was buried here at St Mary's in 1906.

George joined the Army on 21st February 1916, he was a private with the Royal Warwickshire 1/7th battalion. He was posted for duty on 5th May 1916 and saw service in France and Italy.

On 11th November 1918 the war ended but George succumbed to influenza. He was initially hospitalised in Genoa and from there transferred to Marseilles. Finally, he arrived in the UK on the hospital ship Aberdonia and admitted to hospital in Cardiff. Having been diagnosed with influenza, bronco- pneumonia and pleurisy he convalesced in Cardiff.

George Griffin was medically discharged from the army on 12th January 1919 as it was recognized that he would never be fit enough to re-join the ranks. Sadly, George died, at home, on the 5th May 1919, aged 22 – three years to the day when he was first posted for duty with the Royal Warwickshire's.

Purshall Green, the address given variously as Rushock or Elmbridge, is off Clattercut Lane on the way to Droitwich. It is within the Roman Catholic parish of St Mary's but it is outside the parish of Chaddesley Corbett, so George Griffin's name does not appear on the war memorial at St Cassian's church. Instead he is commemorated on the war memorial at St Mary's Church, Elmbridge. This takes the form of a stained-glass window inside the church.

His father Henry died in 1931 aged 68 and was buried here at St Mary's next to his son – this is the last record we have at St Mary's. However, his family still continue at the farm.

Research, courtesy of Elizabeth Mountford.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On this day we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those left behind to grieve and mourn.

**Eternal rest, grant unto them, O LORD,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.**

Amen

