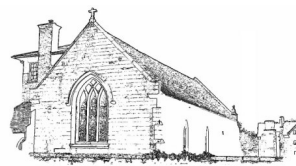


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 21 July

8.30am

10.30am

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *The People of the Parish*

Mass intention for: *Thanksgiving for Georgia's recovery*

Monday 22 July

No Mass today

Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Tuesday 23 July

10.00am

Feast of St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe

Day of Prayer for Europe

Mass Intention: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*

Wednesday 24 July

10.00am

Memorial of St Sharbel Makhluf

Mass intention for: *Spiteri family, thanksgiving.*

Thursday 25 July

11.00am

Feast of St James, Apostle

Mass intention for: *Pat Foster R.I.P.*

Friday 26 July

11.00am

Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass intention for: *John Blackman R.I.P.*

Saturday 27 July

10.00am

Memorial of Our Lady in Saturday

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Sunday 28 July

8.30am

10.30am

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

Mass intention for: *Briege Grant R.I.P.*

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

DISCUSSION
GROUP

The Wednesday morning Discussion Group, are not meeting this week as it coincides with events taking place at the Harvington Hall History Festival. The Group will resume on Wednesday 31st July.



THE HARVINGTON HISTORY FESTIVAL 2024 is taking place from July 24th to July 28th. This is a chance to immerse yourself in a week filled with captivating talks by renowned historians, authors, and broadcasters.

As you will see by visiting the Festival's Booking page on the Hall's website (<https://harvingtonhall.digitickets.co.uk/category/53517>), there are some tickets left for a few of the events. Priced at just £10 each, the following talks currently have spaces still available (as at 19.07.24):

Wed 24th July at 11.00am:

Matt Lewis - *The People of the Peasants' Revolt*

Wed 24th July at 4.00pm:

Nathen Amin - *The Rise of Henry Tudor*

Wed 24th July at 7.00pm:

Matt Lewis - *The Coronation of Richard III*

Thurs 25th July at 11am:

Gareth Russell - *Catherine Howard; The Rise and Fall of Henry VIII's Fifth Queen*

Thurs 25th July at 1.30pm:

Estelle Paranque - *Anne Boleyn & The French Betrayal?*

Fri 26th July at 1.30pm:

Joanne Paul - *The House of Dudley*

Sat 27th July at 11.00am:

Nicola Tallis - *Young Elizabeth: Princess. Prisoner, Queen*

Sat 27th July at 4.00pm:

Sarah Gristwood - *The Tudors in Love*

Sat 27th July at 7.00pm:

Melita Thomas - *1000 Tudor People*

Sun 28th July at 1.30pm:

Katrina Marchant - *Spinning Virginia*

Sun 28th July at 4.00pm:

Phil Downing & Paul Hodgetts - *Chambers of Faith; The intriguing world of Priest Hides*

COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK



Monday 22 July: Feast of St Mary Magdalene

A faithful disciple of Christ, Mary ministered to his needs after having seven devils cast out from her. She witnessed his crucifixion, was present at his burial, and was the first to see the risen Lord. She was commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to the apostles (John 20:17-18). She was called a 'witness of Divine Mercy' by Saint Gregory the Great and an 'apostle of the apostles' by Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Tuesday 23 July: Feast of St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe



Born in Sweden about 1303, St Bridget died at Rome on this day in 1373. She was a devoted wife and mother of eight children, one of whom was St Catherine of Sweden. After being widowed, Bridget founded a religious order (Bridgettines). She is remembered for her asceticism, her dedication to reform within the Church, and her lifelong mystical experience of Christ's passion.

Wednesday 24 July: Memorial of St Sharbel Makhlef (1828 - 1898)



He was born in the Lebanon, the son of a mule-driver, and brought up by his uncle, who did not approve of his devotion to prayer and solitude. He would go secretly to the monastery of St Maron at Annaya, and eventually became a Maronite monk and was ordained priest. After being a monk for many years, he was drawn to a closer imitation of the Desert Fathers and became a hermit. At his hermitage he lived a severely ascetic life with much prayer and fasting. He refused to touch money and considered himself the

servant of anyone who came to stay in the three other cells that the hermitage possessed. He spent the last 23 years of his life there, and increasing numbers of people would come to receive his counsel or his blessing. He was canonised in the year 1977 and added to the General Roman Calendar in 2002.

Thursday 25 July: Feast of St James, Apostle

He is called the 'Greater' because his vocation to serve Christ preceded that of the other apostle of the same name. He was the son of Zebedee and was called by Jesus together with his brother John. James was one of the three Apostles, along with Peter and John, who witnessed the Transfiguration and the agony on the Garden of Gethsemane. He was condemned to death by Herod Agrippa and beheaded in the year 44, the first martyr among the Apostles.

Friday 26 July: Memorial of Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin

In the home of Joachim and Anne the Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Thus devotion to Anne and Joachim is an extension of affection Christians have always professed towards our Blessed Mother.