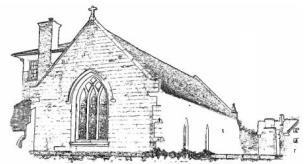


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 4 August 8.30am 10.30am	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i> Mass intention for: <i>Michael Rosser R.I.P.</i>
Monday 5 August No Mass today	Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major.
Tuesday 6 August 10.00am	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Mass Intention: <i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday 7 August 10.00am 10.30am# Discussion Group	Memorial of St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions. Memorial of St Cajetan, Priest. Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 8 August 11.00am	Memorial of St Dominic, Priest Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 9 August 11.00am	Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe. Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 10 August 10.00am	Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 11 August 8.30am 10.30am	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass intention for: <i>Skinner family intentions</i> Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i>



On **Wednesdays after the 10 o'clock Mass**, a friendly group meeting takes place in the stable at St Mary's to which you are all warmly invited. The discussion topic is introduced by Fr John, followed by free flowing conversation and comment. Come along on any Wednesday ... give it a try!

Anniversaries in August: Rev George Bishop (1768), Rev John Corne (1816), William Trafford (1829), Thomas Parkes (1872), Leo Herraty (1964), Elizabeth Grant (1987), Janet Arbuthnott (1989), Denis Grant (1990), Bunny Keenan (1995), Armando Agaran (2003), Joan Troy (2003), Barbara Mary Campbell (2012), Hilda Willetts (2017), Wendy Packwood (2017), Jeannie Morrison (2020), Marie Packwood (2020), Bede Howell (2020), Trudi Woodall (2021), Chris Meacham (2021), Patricia Carter (2022), Joan Lewis (2023), Daniel Ybert (2023)

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Patricia Newton
 who died on Wednesday 17th July
May she Rest In Peace.

Patricia's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's at 1.00pm on Monday 19th August.

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

Deirdre Brookes, Stephen Brown, Beth Downing, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.

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Thank you!

... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 21-28 July:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£90.00
Loose cash:	£214.50

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PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN

THE PORCH. 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. 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.

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative 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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The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.



Our local **FOOD BANK** appreciates all the help they can get, especially during the summer holidays when eligible children are not receiving free school meals.

If you want to donate food and other essentials, please bring them to church next weekend and we will deliver them on your behalf to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster during the week commencing Monday 12th August.

Their current shopping list includes:

UHT milk, instant coffee, tinned fruit, tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, tinned meat (cold eg ham, corned beef, hot e.g. chicken curry, stewed steak), squash, tinned carrots and peas, tinned soup, baked beans, jam, peanut butter, fruit juice, rice pudding, tinned potatoes, toilet rolls, deodorant, razors, shaving foam, shower gel, toothpaste, shampoo, nappies sizes 5, 5+, 6 and 7.



If you would prefer to donate money please place cash or cheques, made payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank', in an envelope marked 'KIDDERMINSTER FOOD BANK' and put it in the Offertory collection or hand to a Steward but **please do not leave money nor envelopes containing money, in the porch.**



If you are a UK taxpayer, please fill in a **GIFT AID FORM**, available from the church porch, so the Food Bank can claim 25% of your monetary gift from HMRC.

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The Harvington **BOOK GROUP** are reading *The King Must Die* by Mary Renault, and will meet to discuss the work on **Monday 12 August, at 9.30 am** as usual in the Stable.

“This is a retelling of the legend of Theseus but stripped of the supernatural, bringing an immediacy and humanity to the narrative.”

Everyone is welcome to the discussion whether you have read the book or not.

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EVERYONE IS INVITED ...

... to come into the stable after both Masses each Sunday morning to meet one another, and socialise over a hot drink and biscuits.

Fr John has been tidying up the shelves in his study and has let go of many books from his collection he has already read or are duplicate copies. While you are there in the stable, please help yourself and take a book, or more, from the boxes. Enjoy!



COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK



Papal Basilica of
Saint Mary Major

Monday 5 August: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary

After the declaration of the dogma of the divine Maternity of the Blessed Virgin in the Council of Ephesus (431), Pope Sixtus III dedicated this Basilica in Rome in honour of the Mother of God. It was later called 'Ste Mary Major'. It is considered the oldest church in the west dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tuesday 6 August: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

This feast became widespread in the West in the 11th century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate the victory over Islam in Belgrade. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was celebrated in the Syrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites.

The Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God, and His Ascension into heaven. It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Through grace, we already share in the divine promise of eternal life.



Wednesday 7 August: Memorial of St Sixtus II, Pope and Companions

(+258) St Sixtus was persecuted by the Emperor Valerian. While he was celebrating Mass. He was taken prisoner and put to death with four of his deacons. His name is included in the Roman Canon.

Thursday 8 August: Memorial of St Dominic, Priest

(11.70 -1221) St Dominic was born in Calahorra, Spain. He worked tirelessly to uproot the Albigensian heresy. He was outstanding for his learning and love of poetry. He is the founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).



Friday 9 August: Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein).

St Teresa Benedicta (1889-1942) was born Edith Stein in Wroclaw (now in Poland but then in the German province of Silesia), the eleventh child of a Jewish family. She showed great ability in her philosophical studies and became a popular lecturer and writer. After reading the autobiography of St Teresa of Avila, she sought baptism in 1922 and eleven years later joined the Carmelites at Cologne. She was moved to the Carmel at Echt, Netherlands, to avoid the growing Nazi threat but was eventually arrested and gassed in Auschwitz on 9 August 1942.

Saturday 10 August: St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

Laurence died in Rome in 258, just four days after Sixtus and his companions. He helped administer funds for the poor. It is said he was burnt to death on a grid iron. After Peter and Paul, he is one the principal patrons of Rome.

