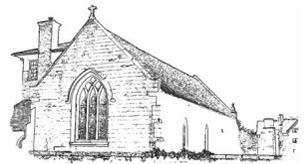


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

- Sunday 22 September** **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest
8.30am Mass intention for: *Kevin Grogan R.I.P.*
10.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
There will be a second collection on this day for the Fr Hudson's Society.
- Monday 23 September** **Memorial of St Pio of Pietrelcina**
No Mass today
- Tuesday 24 September** **Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham**
9.00am Mass Intention: *Private Intention*
- Wednesday 25 September** **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Martin Ashton R.I.P.*
10.30am# Discussion Group in the stable. All are welcome.
- Thursday 26 September** **Memorial of Ss Comos and Damian, Martyrs**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Lucia & Maria Smyth*
- Friday 27 September** **Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Christopher Meacham R.I.P.*
- Saturday 28 September** **Memorial of St Wenceslaus, Martyr**
Memorial of Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
10.00am Mass intention for: *Olimia Libradilla and Joel Villahermosa R.I.P.*

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

- Sunday 29 September** **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
10.30am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- 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 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, Stephen Brown, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Catherine Neale, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.

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... for all your offerings and donations.



Contributions to the Parish: 8-15 September:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£80.00
Loose cash:	£338.22
Second collection for Catholic Evangelisation:	£249.59

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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:

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On Sunday **22nd September** the second collection at both Masses will be for **Father Hudson's Care** to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Their charitable work encompasses five themes: Homelessness, Older People, Disability, Children & Family and Refugees and Migrants. Please give generously to this worthy cause. Taking its mission from Christ's command to 'love one another as I have loved you', Father Hudson's Care supports people to achieve a fullness of life. To find out more, visit the Father Hudson's website: <https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/>

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THE LECTIONARY: A NEW TRANSLATION



A new edition of the Lectionary, using the English Standard Version, Catholic Edition and the Abbey Psalms and Canticles will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent, 1 December.

Since the 1980s the readings we hear at Mass have come from the Jerusalem Bible translation. And that translation has served us well for nearly 40 years maybe surprisingly well, given that the English Jerusalem Bible translation was first of all prepared to accompany the excellent explanatory footnotes provided for the original (French) La Bible de Jérusalem. However from the beginning there were concerns about the accuracy and consistency of that translation. In recent years the Holy See has asked local Churches to ensure that the translations they use in Liturgy and for catechesis are as faithful to the original Hebrew and Greek as possible.

The Bishops of England and Wales have concluded that the better English translation is the English Standard Version. From the First Sunday of Advent the scriptures proclaimed at Mass will be taken from that translation.

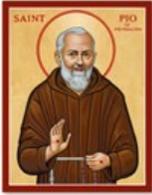
A full and lively account of why the ESV has been chosen is to be found in the CTS booklet 'Hearing Christ's Voice: A New Lectionary for the Church' written by Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB. The publication will be of interest to all of us but especially to our volunteer Readers at Mass to help them in the role they perform.

<https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/hearing-christs-voice/>

COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

<https://universalis.com/europe.england.birmingham/20240923/today.htm>

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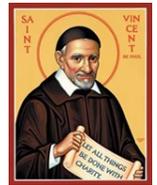
St Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968) was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy and joined the Capuchin friars at the age of 16. He became a priest seven years later and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was very much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata, and over 100,000 people attended his funeral.

Our Lady of Walsingham. The lady of the manor of Walsingham in Norfolk, Richeldis de Faverches, was instructed by a vision of the Virgin Mary to build in her village an exact replica of the house in Nazareth in which the Annunciation had taken place. The vision occurred, according to tradition, in 1061, though a more likely date for the construction of the shrine is a hundred years later. This feast celebrates the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Walsingham, one of the great pilgrimage centres of medieval times. The original house was destroyed at the Reformation, but the Shrine was re-established at King's Lynn in 1897 and the Slipper Chapel became the National Shrine in 1943. The Shrine was raised to the rank of Minor Basilica by Pope Francis in 2015.



SS. Cosmas and Damian are buried at Cyrrhus in Syria, where a basilica was constructed in their honour. In the fifth century their cult spread rapidly through the entire Church. Nothing whatever is known about them, and many extravagant legends have grown up; but even though many pagan mythological stories have attached themselves to them, it is certain that they did really exist.

St Vincent de Paul (1581 - 1660) was born in Aquitaine and became a priest. He devoted his whole life to the service of the poor. He founded a congregation of priests for missionary work, groups of laymen to help paupers and galley-slaves, and, with St Louise de Marillac, the Sisters of Charity.



St Wenceslaus (907 - 935) was born into the Bohemian royal family and brought up as a Christian by his aunt. When he became king, he worked hard to promote order in his kingdom and the free exercise of Christianity. This raised considerable opposition, and he was eventually murdered by his brother's henchmen. He was immediately acclaimed as a martyr and is the patron saint of the Czech republic.

Saints Lawrence Ruiz and his Companions, Martyrs

In the seventeenth century, Lawrence Ruiz and his companions shed their blood for Christ in Nagasaki, Japan. These martyrs were members of the Order of St Dominic. There were nine priests, two religious, two sisters, and three laymen. Among the latter was Lawrence a family man from the Philippines. They abundantly sowed the seed of Christianity with the example of their life and death.

