

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

- Sunday 8 September**      **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Education Sunday*  
8.30am      Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*  
10.30am      Mass intention for: *William & Maureen Riley R.I.P.*  
There will be a second collection today for the Catholic Education Fund
- Monday 9 September**      **Memorial of St Peter Claver, Priest**  
No Mass today
- Tuesday 10 September**      **Memorial of St Egwin, Bishop**  
10.00am      Mass Intention: *Private Intention*
- Wednesday 11 September**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am      Mass intention for: *Stan Robson R.I.P*  
10.30am# Discussion Group
- Thursday 12 September**      **Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary**  
10.00am\*      Mass intention for: *Private Intention*  
\* Please note change of time for this week only.
- Friday 13 September**      **Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**  
11.00am      Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Saturday 14 September**      **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
10.00am      Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Sunday 15 September**      **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Evangelii Gadium Day*  
8.30am      Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*  
10.30am      Mass intention for: *Nolan Family Intentions*  
There will be a second collection on this day for Catholic Evangelisation.



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).

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**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, Catherine Neale, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.

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... for all your offerings and donations.



**Contributions to the Parish: 25 August-1 September:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£120.00
Loose cash: .....	£278.10

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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](mailto:sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 0121 2306240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

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- PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN:** Peter Boszko - [stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)
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**The emergency exit from the church** is via the sacristy and through the house.



**St Mary's parish** were pleased to welcome the faithful from across the whole of the Archdiocese to the annual **Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall** on Sunday 1 September.

Approximately 600 pilgrims made their way to Harvington for the afternoon Mass celebrated in honour of the English Martyrs by The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Sunday's event was deemed a great success, made possible by the leadership of Mike Jones, Chair of the Pilgrimage Committee with support from over fifty volunteers drawn from St Marys and Harvington Hall working long before, during and after the event. To read a report, see the photographs and follow a link to Abbot Paul's homily go to the 'Latest News' page on the Archdiocesan website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/News/Default.aspx>

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**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF ST MARY'S PARISH!**



Dozens of people give their time, talents and energy in numerous ways to support Fr Richard and Fr John and make it possible for our parish to function as it should. Some roles are often performed unseen by most of the rest of us. Some volunteers are

a little more visible. Some, but not all, volunteers are on a rota such as those on the **Saturday & Thursday Cleaning Teams, Sunday Mass Readers, Sunday Stewards, Sunday Coffee Servers**. We are currently planning the rota for the next four months covering those specific jobs and if you could offer your services for any of these roles, we would dearly like to hear from you. Please email Maggie in the parish office and tell her which role/roles you are willing to take on. The more people on the list, the more fun and less onerous it is!

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Peter White thanks everyone who so generously responded to his appeal for essential items to be taken to Ukraine this Autumn. He appreciates the thoughtfulness shown by parishioners in choosing usable and useful items to relieve the suffering of Ukrainians affected by the war. Unfortunately, Peter is now unable to personally transport the goods to Ukraine but they will be taken there by another charity and be delivered safely to those in need. Please pray for all involved in this mission.



**Catholic Education Service**  
Supporting Catholic Education Since 1847

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education and

have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh Government, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all and increased parental choice.

Education remains the largest charitable activity of the Church in this country, with many of our schools established for poor immigrant children in the 19th century. Our forebears rightly saw education as the principal means of handing on the faith and improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of children and young people. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are 2,169 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 850,000 pupils. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all the schools in the country and account for 98% of all schools with a religious character.

Catholic schools continue to be true to their historical mission, in educating substantially more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds, and while outperforming national averages at GCSE RE, English and Maths. This success, however, continues to be dependent on the support of the Catholic community. There are many ways to do this, for instance in prayer for vocations to Catholic education; asking your diocese about becoming a school foundation governor; or encouraging a young person to become a teacher in a Catholic school.

We also give thanks for the many thousands of teachers, lecturers, academics, support staff, leaders, governors, directors, advisers and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this would be impossible.

**This year's theme for Education Sunday is drawn from its Gospel reading of Mark 7:31-37: He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.**

Established by the Bishops in 1848, **EDUCATION SUNDAY** is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales and falls on the second Sunday of September annually, just as the new academic year starts. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

Catholic education is a wonderful achievement to be celebrated - happy Education Sunday!