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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

### PRISONS WEEK

- Sunday 13 October** **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8.30am Mass intention for: *Teresa Litchfield R.I.P.*  
10.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
- Monday 14 October** **Memorial of St Callistus I. Pope, Martyr**  
No Mass today
- Tuesday 15 October** **Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**  
10.00am Mass Intention: *Silsby family thanksgiving*
- Wednesday 16 October** **Memorial of St Hedwig, Religious**  
**Memorial of St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**  
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*  
10.30am# Discussion Group in the stable. All are welcome.
- Thursday 17 October** **Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr**  
11.00am Mass intention for: *Maureen Ribbins R.I.P.*
- Friday 18 October** **Feast of St Luke, Evangelist**  
11.00am Mass intention for: *Eileen Andrews R.I.P.*
- Saturday 19 October** **Memorial of St John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs.**  
**Memorial of St Paul of the Cross, Priest.**  
10.00am Mass intention for: *Thomas, Maria, Marco & Susan Costanzo R.I.P.*

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

- Sunday 20 October** **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*World Mission Day*  
8.30am Mass intention for: People of the Parish  
10.30am Mass intention for: *Doreen Millard R.I.P.*  
*There will be a second collection on this day for MISSIO*

**Anniversaries in October:** Rev Robert Heydon (1718),  
 Rev Charles Fitzwilliams (1750), Mary Brownlow (1852), Anne Spink (1894),  
 Mary Leonie Pedley (1957), Betty Grant (1970), Sidney Rochford (1979),  
 Dermot Higgins (1983), Bernard Campbell (2001), Dorothy Green (2001),  
 Maureen Riley (2002), David Phillips (2005), Stanley Robson (2009),  
 Betty Sanders (2012), Albin Gordon (2012) Ian Challand (2013), Maria Costanzo (2013),  
 Michael Grant (2015), Doreen Millard (2016), Michael Butler (2017),  
 James Arbuthnott (2018), Paul Hoban (2018), Maureen Ribbins (2018),  
 Denis Conway (2020), Josephine Hardwick (2020), Kathleen Clark (2022),  
 Bernard Millard (2022), Rudi Tschak (2022), Bob Grant (2022)

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**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: 22 September - 6 October:**



Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£85.00
Loose cash: .....	£198.24
Second collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast: .....	£511.59

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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: 0121 2306240 / **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.



**THE PIETY STALL CHRISTMAS SALE** will take place in the Stable on **Sunday 3 November** after both Masses.



This is an opportunity to buy Christmas cards etc including those supporting the Friends of The Holy Land. If you wish to obtain FHL cards beforehand go to the web site at

[www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk), press SHOP and then CHRISTMAS CARDS and you will find all the designs and prices there.

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**Do you want to make a difference?**

If you know how hard it is to be a parent and could give up 2-3 hours a week to visit a family with children 0-18 years who are experiencing difficulties, then become a Home-Start Volunteer. Full training, support and travel expenses provided.

Volunteers can visit anytime of the day, any day of the week (including weekends). The role is subject to a DBS Enhanced Disclosure.

The next Training Course will run every Tuesday morning, between 21st January and 25th March 2025 in Kidderminster. For further information call 01562 825896 or email [info@homestartwyreforest.org.uk](mailto:info@homestartwyreforest.org.uk) [www.homestartwyreforest.org.uk](http://www.homestartwyreforest.org.uk)

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Prisoners · Families · Communities  
A Fresh Start Together

During this **PRISONS WEEK**, please pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of prisons.

**FOR FAMILIES OF PRISONERS:** We pray for those loved ones who serve a hidden sentence as a result of the shame associated with having a family member imprisoned. In times of darkness we pray they are able go beyond the bonds of societal stigma and maintain positive relationships with their loved ones.

**FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:** Let us pray for those who work throughout the criminal justice system. May they continue to go beyond in their work towards creating a safer society and promote justice and mercy on the road to rehabilitation.

**FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME:** May they be supported to go beyond their victimhood and find comfort in God's love. Teach us to be mindful of the impact of our actions on others. Lead us and heal us in your journey to new life and hope.

**FOR PRISONERS:** We pray for those who are prisoners. Through reflection and understanding, may they be able to go beyond their sentence and see hope for a future without crime. Let us follow Christ's message and reach out so that his presence be known by those who seek him.

[www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)



## MEMORIALS and FEASTS THIS WEEK

**ST CALLISTUS** provided for the burial of martyrs in the Catacombs. Known for his mercy and understanding of sinners who repented of their sins against the opinion of Rigorists, mainly Tertullian. He fixed the discipline of the Sacrament of Penance. He defended the Faith against the Adoptionist and Modalist heresies concerning the Holy Trinity and the Person of Christ. He died a martyr in Rome during the reign of Alexander Severus.

**ST TERESA** was born in Avila, Spain, in the year 1515. At the age of twenty she entered the Carmelite Order and undertook the reform of the Order. This brought many trials, but she was faithful to the Church and the Council of Trent. She contributed to the renewal of the Church and wrote outstanding works of mysticism and asceticism. Her spiritual teachings are a guide to a life of union with God. She died in the year 1582. She was declared a doctor of the Church in 1970; she was the first female saint to receive this title.

**ST HEDWIG** was born in 1174 in Bavaria. She married Duke Henry of Silesia and together they had three children. She was renowned for her care of the sick. Following her husband's death, she entered a Cisterian monastery where she died in 1243.

**ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE** (1647-1690) was born at Verosvres in Burgundy France and joined the Order of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial. She received mystical revelations concerning the Sacred Heart of Jesus and, with the help of her Jesuit confessor, St Claude de la Columbiere, spread this devotion throughout the world. She was canonised in 1920.

**ST IGNATIUS** was the successor to St Peter as Bishop of Antioch. He suffered martyrdom in Rome during the persecution of Trajan. On his way to the Eternal City, he wrote several letters concerning the Person of Christ, the Constitution of the Church, and Christian Life. In these letters, he expressed his great love for the Lord and His ardent desire for martyrdom. His name appears in the Roman Canon.

**ST LUKE** a physician from Antioch, was converted to the Christian Faith. He was a disciple of Saint Paul and a faithful companion in all his journeys. He was the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. He was the evangelist who wrote about the childhood of Our Lord and has told us some of the most moving parables such as the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son. In his Gospel, he highlights the universality of salvation.

**ST JOHN (JEAN) DE BRÉBEUF** (1593-1649) , **ST ISAAC JORGES** (1607-1646) and their six companions were Jesuit missionaries, originally from France, who dedicated their love to preaching the Gospel among the indigenous people of North America. St John de Brébeuf was captured by the Iroquois, fastened to a stake, and tortured to death. St Isaac Jorges had already suffered slavery and mutilation during his missionary work but returned to Canada from France. He was seized by the Mohawks, who thought he was a sorcerer and was killed in 1646.

**ST PAUL OF THE CROSS** was born in Piedmont, Italy, and following a spiritual conversion, founded a congregation of missionaries with a special devotion to the Lord's Passion and Death (The Passionists). The first house was founded on Monte Argentario and, despite facing many problems, there were twelve Passionist 'Retreats' (Community Houses) by the time of his death, as well as a community of nuns. He has a special interest in England and prayed for its conversion.