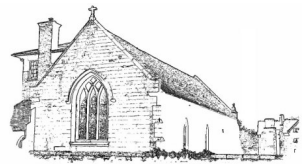


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 17 August

8.30am

10.30am

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Lawrence & Ellen Kearns R.I.P.*

Mass Intention for: *People of the Parish*

Monday 18 August

No Mass at St Mary's today

Feria in Ordinary Time

Diocesan Novena to Bl Dominic Barberi begins today

Tuesday 19 August

No Mass at St Mary's today: Fr John will attend the funeral of Fr Tony Rohan in Redditch.

Memorial of St John Eudes

Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi

Wednesday 20 August

Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.00am

Thursday 21 August

Memorial of St Pius X, Pope

Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi

Mass intention for: *Joan Lewis R.I.P.*

11.00am

Friday 22 August

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi

Mass intention for: *Michael Bianco R.I.P.*

11.00am

Saturday 23 August

Feast of St John Wall, Priest, Martyr

Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi

10.00am in the upper chapel in Harvington Hall

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

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

Sunday 24 August

8.30am

10.30am

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time


Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*


Mass Intention for: *Private Intention*


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 **MICHAEL O'SHAUGHNESSY** who died recently. Michael's Requiem Mass will take place at St Wulstan's church, Stourport on Friday 22 August at 12 noon. **May he Rest In Peace.**

In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:
Deirdre Brookes, Shirley Burns, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Columb and Merryn Howell, Elizabeth Howell, Darren Jaye, Angela Magaro, 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: 3-10 August 2025:**
Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes: £80.00
Loose cash: £320.20
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 **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH.** 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.

 **** 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.

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 via: sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 01212306240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

On **Sunday 7th September 2025** St Mary's Parish extend their annual invitation to pilgrims from across the diocese to our Shrine of the English Martyrs. As is traditional, Mass will take place in the grounds of Harvington Hall at 3.00pm. We are privileged this year as the principal celebrant will be The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham. Please make sure this date is firmly in your planning diary so you may take part in this important commemoration during this Jubilee year.



On **Friday 12 September** WyreForest2Ukraine are holding a quiz night at **The Valley Suite, Kidderminster Severn Valley Railway Station** at 7.00pm start. Teams of up to 6 contestants, entry fee and a fish and chips dinner for £15 per person.

If you are interested, please contact our parishioner John Charuk jdj.charuk@gmail.com.

Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis as there is a limited capacity in the suite.



KIDDERMINSTER AND WORCESTER DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO EVESHAM:

In this **Jubilee of Hope** year, we are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to one of the sacred spaces designated by the Diocese.

On **Saturday 13th September** we have the opportunity to join other pilgrims from our Deanery for Mass at 12 noon at **Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Catholic Church, High Street, Evesham**.

We will travel in our own cars and so it will be good to arrange car shares to take other parishioners who wish to join us.



Retired professor Brian Ferry, a former professor of pharmacology at Aston University and a long-standing member of the Newman Association, will be giving a series of three talks on **Early British Christianity** on **Fridays 12, 19 and 26 September** at 7pm in the Parish Centre at **Our Lady and All Saints, 13 New Road, Stourbridge** (Entrance from Union Street. For SAT NAV please use postcode DY8 1PJ).

For further information please contact fr.stephen.pimlott@rcaob.org.uk

ST JOHN WALL

Saint John Wall was born near Preston in Lancashire in the year 1620.

When old enough to leave home he was sent to the famous Seminary at Douai where he studied Humanities until the year 1641. He then went to Rome where he studied for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1645.

In 1651 he became a Franciscan (called Father Joachim of St. Anne) and returned to England in 1656 to spend 23 years in missionary work: 12 of these were spent in the neighbourhood of **Harvington Hall**.



Image of a stained glass window in Harvington Hall

It was at Rushock Court, not very far from Harvington, that Saint John Wall was captured in 1679 and taken before a Justice of the Peace where he made a public profession of his religion and also swore loyalty to the King. All to no avail as he was taken to Worcester where he faced trial. On the 22nd August he was executed by being hung, drawn, and quartered. He died in his 60th year and the 29th year of his Priesthood. He was canonized on the 15th December 1970 by Pope Paul VI and his Feast Day is celebrated in the Birmingham Diocese on the **23rd August**. The large crucifix in our churchyard here at **St Mary's** is dedicated to his memory.



St John Wall, pray for us.