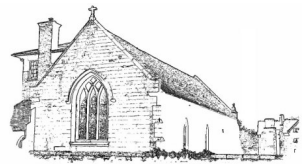


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 31 August **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.30am Mass intention for: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*

10.30am Mass Intention for: *People of the Parish*

Monday 1 September **Feria in Ordinary Time**

No Mass at St Mary's today World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Tuesday 2 September **Feria in Ordinary Time**

10.00am Mass intention for: *The Healey Family*

Wednesday 3 September **Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**

10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 4 September **Memorial of St Cuthbert**

11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 5 September **Feria in Ordinary Time**

11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 6 September **Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday**

10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

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

Sunday 7 September **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

10.30am Mass intention for: *William & Maureen Riley R.I.P.*

3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass in the grounds of Harvington Hall

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),
Teresa Litchfield (2024), Rita Terry (2024)

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Ken Waterhouse
who died on Saturday 16 August.
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: 17-24 August 2025:

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| Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: | £405.00 |
| ** Gift Aid Envelopes: | £140.00 |
| Loose cash: | £275.07 |

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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.

KIDDERMINSTER AND WORCESTER DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO EVESHAM



In this **Jubilee of Hope** year, parishes are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to one of the sacred spaces designated by the Diocese. On **Saturday 13th September** we **parishioners of St Mary's** 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. **Please add your name/s to the list on the clipboard on the table in the porch if you intend to join this Pilgrimage.**

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THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

ARCHDIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON, SHRINE OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS.

On **Sunday 7 September** the faithful from across the whole of the Archdiocese are invited by St Mary's parish to attend Mass in the grounds of Harvington Hall with The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, as the principal celebrant of the Pilgrimage Mass at 3.00pm

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The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are currently reading *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante. If you have already read it or would like to do so, you will be very welcome to share your thoughts when they next meet in the Stable at **9.30am on Monday 8 September**.

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** meet every other Wednesday at **1.30** in the upstairs room at Rowberry's Garden Centre and Tea Rooms, Chaddesley Corbett and are due to meet again this **Wednesday, 3 September**. This informal, friendly group welcomes everyone who may be interested in doing or learning about any kind of home craft work. The group also warmly welcomes anyone who just wants to come along for a cup of tea and a chat for a couple of hours!



CARLO ACUTIS: The first Millennial Saint who documented eucharistic miracles and became 'God's Influencer'.

Carlo Acutis was born on the 3rd of May 1991 in London though he and his family moved to Milan shortly afterwards.

From a young age, Carlo had a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout. His mom said she had been to Mass only for her First Communion, her Confirmation, and her wedding but

young Carlo's unique and unexplained devotion led to her deep conversion. The priest promoting his cause for sainthood noted that Carlo "managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily." What an inspiration for a child to model faith witness to a family!

He had a gift for empathy and was known for defending kids at school who got picked on, especially disabled kids. Carlo loved soccer and video games. He tried to be self disciplined and only played games for a limited time each week. He bought computer programming books and taught himself computer coding and animation.

He loved the Eucharist and was fascinated by Eucharistic miracles. He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages to the places of the saints and sites of Eucharistic miracles. Using his research he began creating a website to catalogue and share the information with others. www.carloacutis.com/en/association

At 15, Carlo was diagnosed with an untreatable leukaemia. He offered up his suffering for others coping with illness and said, "I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church."

The first miracle leading to his beatification was in 2013 with the healing of a 3-year-old boy in Brazil who had been diagnosed with a malformation of his pancreas since birth. Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to Carlo's intercession in May 2024 with the healing of Valeria Valverde a 21-year-old girl from Costa Rica who was near death after seriously injuring her head in a bicycle accident while studying in Florence in 2022.

Carlo Acutis will be canonised in Rome by Pope Leo on Sunday 7 September 2025.