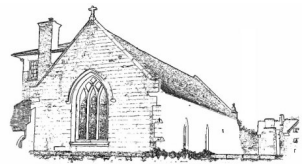


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 14 September

Feast of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross
Education Day

8.30am

Mass intention for: *Thanksgiving for the gift of life.*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

There will a second collection today for the Catholic Education Service

Monday 15 September

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

11.00am

Holy Trinity Catholic School Small Heath Mass
Celebrant, Fr Phillip Griffin

Tuesday 16 September

**Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope
and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Nolan Family*

11.00am

Holy Trinity Catholic School Small Heath Mass
Celebrant, Fr Peter Conley

Wednesday 17 September

**Memorial of St Robert Bellarmine
Memorial of St Hildegard of Bingen**
Mass intention for: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*

10.00am

Thursday 18 September

Feria in Ordinary Time

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 19 September

**Memorial of St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop
Memorial of St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr**
Mass intention for: *Ken Waterhouse R.I.P.*

11.00am

Saturday 20 September

**Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,
Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

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

Sunday 21 September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Evangelii Gaudium Day

8.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *Bernard McKay R.I.P.*

There will a second collection on this day for Catholic Evangelisation

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 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: 31 August - 7 September 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£45.00
Loose cash:	£173.90

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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 ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

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 7 September. More than 600 pilgrims made their way to Harvington for the afternoon Mass celebrated in honour of the English Martyrs by Archbishop Bernard Longley. 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 photographs and videos including one of Archbishop Bernard's homily go to the 'Latest News' page on the Archdiocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/pilgrims-gather-at-harvington-hall-to-honour-the-english-martyrs>

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF ST MARY'S PARISH!

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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 that 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 asap** 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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Education Sunday
14th September
2025



Catholic Education Service
Since 1947

The Catholic Church has played a pivotal role in establishing education in this country. The first schools and universities were set up during the sixth century by the Church.

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.

Since then, the Catholic Church has become the country's largest provider of secondary schools and second-largest provider of primary schools, along with four universities.

Catholic schools continue to be true to their historical mission, in educating substantially more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds than other state-funded schools.

Paul Barber Director of the Catholic Education Service

An Invitation from Archbishop Bernard Longley

Today we give thanks for the gift of Catholic education. Our schools have a mission to form *Christ-centred pilgrims of hope*, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

We urgently need more **Foundation Directors and Governors** to help guide our schools and keep Christ at the heart of their mission. This is not simply an administrative role, it is a true vocation and a way to serve Christ and His Church.

If you are a practising Catholic, committed to our mission, and willing to share your time, skills, and faith, you can make a lasting difference for thousands of children and young people. No prior experience is required as full training and support are given. The Holy Cross teaches us that service is not always easy, but it is always fruitful when rooted in love.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/could-you-be-a-foundation-governor-or-director-at-your-local-catholic-school> and <https://www.bdes.org.uk/governor-online-application-forms.html> to complete an online application form.