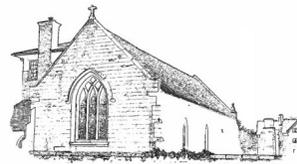


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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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**

10.00am

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

**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**

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Ken Waterhouse R.I.P.*

**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 Gadium 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*



## 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!

The parish office email address is: [stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk)

Education Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> September  
2025



Catholic Education Service  
SINCE 1967

**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.