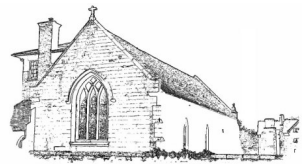


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 21 September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Evangelii Guadium 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 today for Catholic Evangelisation

Monday 22 September

Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass today

Tuesday 23 September

Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina

10.00am

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

Wednesday 24 September

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 25 September

Feria in Ordinary Time

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 26 September

Memorial of Ss Cosmos and Damian

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Christopher Meacham R.I.P.*

Saturday 27 September

Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

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

Sunday 28 September

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest.

8.30am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

There will a second collection on this day for Fr Hudson's Society

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, Denise Grant, 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.



... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 7-14 September 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£140.00
Loose cash:	£278.20
Second collection for Catholic Education service	£347.30



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.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2025

In 2013, the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Exhortation on the joy of the Gospel titled *Evangelii Gaudium*. In it, he encouraged the Christian faithful to “embark on a new chapter of evangelisation” marked by this joy, whilst striving to find new paths to proclaim the Gospel in today’s world.

We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face... Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone.



Evangelii Gaudium, §14

This is the challenge and opportunity we take up on **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**. Formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September.

I believe...

This year, the Church has been celebrating a significant anniversary. It's 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea. This great gathering of Bishops from around the Church began the work to formulate the creed we proclaim Sunday by Sunday. It is the content of this creed that is our mission, so that we may know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with him forever in the next. The creed begins with a profound proclamation, “**I believe...**” This is the theme for *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2025*.

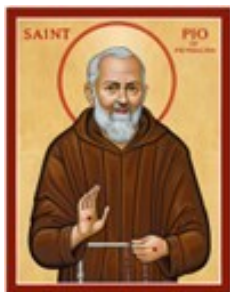
The work of encounter and evangelisation is promoted through the Directorate for Mission. Through this directorate, the vision of the Holy Father is embraced in a fuller way and promotes the whole ideal of proclamation, evangelisation, dialogue and catechesis.

Abbot Hugh Allen O’Praem is the Director of Mission for the Bishops’ Conference to read his reflection on this year’s theme online, please refer to the website of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales: www.cbcew.org.uk

A second collection will also be taken on Sunday Masses to support the work of the Bishops’ Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

<https://universalis.com/europe.england.birmingham/20240923/today.htm>



St Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968) was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy and joined the Capuchin friars at the age of 16. He became a priest seven years later and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was very much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata, and over 100,000 people attended his funeral.

Our Lady of Walsingham. The lady of the manor of Walsingham in Norfolk, Richeldis de Faverches, was instructed by a vision of the Virgin Mary to build in her village an exact replica of the house in Nazareth in which the Annunciation had taken place. The vision occurred, according to tradition, in 1061, though a more likely date for the construction of the shrine is a hundred years later. This feast celebrates the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Walsingham, one of the great pilgrimage centres of medieval times. The original house was destroyed at the Reformation, but the Shrine was re-established at King's Lynn in 1897 and the Slipper Chapel became the National Shrine in 1943. The Shrine was raised to the rank of Minor Basilica by Pope Francis in 2015.



SS. Cosmas and Damian are buried at Cyrrhus in Syria, where a basilica was constructed in their honour. In the fifth century their cult spread rapidly through the entire Church. Nothing whatever is known about them, and many extravagant legends have grown up; but even though many pagan mythological stories have attached themselves to them, it is certain that they did really exist.

St Vincent de Paul (1581 - 1660) was born in Aquitaine and became a priest. He devoted his whole life to the service of the poor. He founded a congregation of priests for missionary work, groups of laymen to help paupers and galley-slaves, and, with St Louise de Marillac, the Sisters of Charity.

