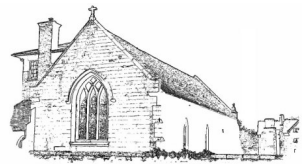


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 28 September	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest.</i> 8.30am Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> 10.30am Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>There will be a second collection today for Fr Hudson's Society</i>
Monday 29 September No Mass today	Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Tuesday 30 September 10.00am	Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday 1 October No Mass today	Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
Thursday 2 October 11.00am	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels Mass intention for: <i>Ken Waterhouse R.I.P.</i>
Friday 3 October 11.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Harvest Fast Day</i> Mass intention for: <i>Stan Robson R.I.P.</i>
Saturday 4 October 10.00am	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi Mass intention for: <i>Bernard Millard R.I.P.</i>
The SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times.	
Sunday 5 October 8.30am 10.30am	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i> Mass intention for: <i>John Townsend R.I.P.</i> <i>There will be a second collection on this day for CAFOD</i>

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: 14-21 September 2025:
Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes: £150.00
Loose cash: £274.71
Second collection for Catholic Evangelisation £313.50



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.



On Sunday **28 September** the second collection at both Masses will be for **Father Hudson's Care** to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Their charitable work encompasses five themes: Homelessness, Older People, Disability, Children & Family and Refugees and Migrants. Please give generously to this worthy cause. Taking its mission from Christ's command to 'love one another as I have loved you', Father Hudson's Care supports people to achieve a fullness of life. To find out more, visit the Father Hudson's website: <https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/>

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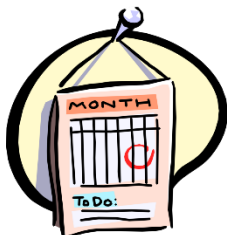
One of our fellow parishioners, **Peter White**, will be going back to **Ukraine** with another vehicle and medical supplies in the days ahead. Peter is also working on a project to take Santa Claus to Ukraine in the run-up to Christmas. If you would like to support the latest expedition and initiative please contact him on **07534 687524**.

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Parishioners may recall that **Isobel, one of our young parishioners at St Mary's** was chosen by Girlguiding Worcestershire to travel to Finland this summer for twelve days to volunteer in a service project helping the community and environment in Punkaharju, Eastern Finland. The parish rallied round by responding to Isobel's efforts to part finance the trip by supporting her cake sale and with personal donations too. Isobel has returned safely from Finland enthused by the experience and remains very grateful for the support given to her by the parish. A photo album documenting some parts of the trip is available to view in the porch this week. Do take a look!

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The October - January Rota for the Church cleaning Teams, the Sunday Readers, Stewards and Ministers of the Eucharist has now been sent to all volunteers. If you are a volunteer named on the rota and you have opened and checked the list, **please confirm receipt by email asap**. Copies are also on display in the kitchen area of the stable, in the porch cupboard and in the sacristy.

MEMORIAL of the HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

2nd October

Guardian Angels are servants and messengers from God.

"Angel" in Greek means messenger. In unseen ways the angels help us on our earthly pilgrimage by assisting us in work and study, helping us in temptation and protecting us from physical danger.

The idea that each soul has assigned to it a personal guardian angel has been long accepted by the Church and is a truth of our faith. From the Gospel of today's liturgy, we read: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10).

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred

Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith (328)." From our birth until our death, man is surrounded by the protection and intercession of angels, particularly our guardian angel: "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life (336)." The Church thanks God for our helpers, the angels, particularly on this feast day and September 29 which is the feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels.

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day (or night),
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.

