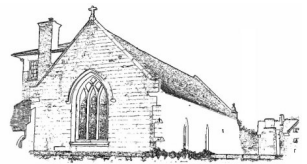


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available by appointment

## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

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| <b>Sunday 7 September</b>  | <b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                             |
| 8.30am   | Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i>                         |
| 10.30am  | Mass intention for: <i>William &amp; Maureen Riley R.I.P.</i>           |
| 3.00pm   | Pilgrimage Mass in the grounds of Harvington Hall                       |
| <b>Monday 8 September</b>  | <b>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>                 |
| No Mass at St Mary's today   |   |
| <b>Tuesday 9 September</b>   | <b>Memorial of St Peter Claver, Priest</b>                              |
| 10.00am  | Mass intention for: <i>Ken Waterhouse R.I.P.</i>                        |
| <b>Wednesday 10 September</b>  | <b>Memorial of St Egwin, Bishop of Worcester</b>                        |
| 10.00am  | Mass intention for: <i>Thanksgiving for blessings received</i>          |
| <b>Thursday 11 September</b>   | <b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>   |
| 11.00am  | Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>                            |
| <b>Friday 12 September</b>   | <b>Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary</b>                           |
| 11.00am  | Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>                            |
| <b>Saturday 13 September</b>   | <b>Memorial of St John Chrysostom,<br/>Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b> |
| No Mass at St Mary's today as we are making a Parish Pilgrimage to<br>The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Church, Evesham (details on P3) |   |
| <b>Sunday 14 September</b>   | <b>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross<br/>Education Day</b>      |
| 8.30am   | Mass intention for: <i>Thanksgiving for the gift of life.</i>           |
| 10.30am  | Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i>                         |
| <i>There will a second collection for the Catholic Education Service</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 charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Ken Waterhouse**

who died on Saturday 16 August.

**May he Rest In Peace.**

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**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: 24-31 August 2025:**

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes: .....	£110.00
Loose cash: .....	£310.20

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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](mailto:sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 01212306240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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 ARCHDIOCESE  
of BIRMINGHAM

## THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON

will take place here on Sunday 7 September.

Thank you to the very many parishioners who have responded to the appeals for help to make this Pilgrimage a success.

- Mass starts at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
- Hundreds of visitors will be arriving from late morning onwards
- If you are staying after one of the Masses on Sunday morning or returning later PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR IN EITHER THE UPPER CAR PARK OR THE NEW FIELD because we must keep the regular car park clear for coaches that may arrive at any time in the morning.



### 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 **The 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 with us.

Our Lady of  
Evesham



*Legend has it that Our Lady appeared in Evesham to Eof, a swineherd in the 8th C (England's oldest recorded apparition of Our Lady), stating the sanctity of the location and requesting a church to be built in her honour. Soon after she appeared to the Bishop of Worcester, Egwin, in the same location, confirming her request which led to one of the largest Benedictine monasteries of England being built there. It became an important shrine to Our Lady, and later St Egwin too, with many pilgrims visiting.*

[<https://catholicchurchalcester.org.uk/Bulletin%2031st%20August%202025%20v1%20web.pdf>]



## Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8

date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth.

However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap.

This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley.

Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

[www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary)

**Memorial of St Peter Claver, Priest (1580-1654)** St Peter Claver was born at Verdu in Catalonia, Spain, and entered the Society of Jesus. In 1610 he was sent to Columbia and began his life's work among the slaves. He cared for them and baptised more than 300,000 during his thirty-three years of tireless ministry.

**Memorial of St Egwin, Bishop (717)** The foundation of the abbey at Evesham is attributed to an eight century Bishop of Worcester called Egwin.

**Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church (349-407)** St John was born in Antioch, he was a great genius, whose powerful eloquence earned him the name Chrysostom, "the golden mouthed". He entered monastic life and then became a priest. As Archbishop of Constantinople, he distinguished himself for his preaching and his abundant writings about Catholic doctrine and Christian life.