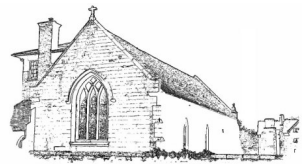


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

PRISONS WEEK

Sunday 12 October

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *Peter Fernihough R.I.P.*

Donations to support the work of the local Foodbank are welcomed today.

Monday 13 October

Memorial of St Edward the Confessor

No Mass at St Mary's today

Tuesday 14 October

Memorial of St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr

10.00am

Mass intention for: *The Dance family members*

Wednesday 15 October

Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 16 October

Memorial of St Hedwig, Religious Memorial of St Margaret Mary, Alacoque, Virgin

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 17 October

Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch

11.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 18 October

Feast of St Luke, Evangelist

10.00am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

(This Mass will also be attended by Catechists and children from St George's Worcester in preparation for Confirmation in their parish)

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

Sunday 19 October

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Day

8.30am

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.30am

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

There will be a second collection on this day for Missio.

Anniversaries in October: Rev Robert Heydon (1718), Rev Charles Fitzwilliams (1750), Mary Brownlow (1852), Anne Spink (1894), Mary Leonie Pedley (1957), Betty Grant (1970), Sidney Rochford (1979), Dermot Higgins (1983), Bernard Campbell (2001), Dorothy Green (2001), Maureen Riley (2002), David Phillips (2005), Stanley Robson (2009), Betty Sanders (2012), Albin Gordon (2012) Ian Challand (2013), Maria Costanzo (2013), Michael Grant (2015), Doreen Millard (2016), Michael Butler (2017), James Arbuthnott (2018), Paul Hoban (2018), Maureen Ribbins (2018), Denis Conway (2020), Josephine Hardwick (2020), Kathleen Clark (2022), Bernard Millard (2022), Rudi Tschak (2022), Bob Grant (2022), Keith Mercer (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, Kath Lahive, Angela Magaro, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Catherine Neale, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry.



... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 28 Sept –5 Oct 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£135.00
Loose cash:	£299.76
Second collection for Cafod’s Family Fast Day:	£641.45



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.



Our collection for the **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** takes place this weekend. Donations of food and other essentials will be delivered on your behalf to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster.

If you would prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to '**The Kidderminster Foodbank**', please use an envelope marked '**FOOD BANK**', and put it in the Offertory collection. Donations will be passed directly to the Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer. If you wish the Foodbank to benefit from the tax paid on your monetary donation please complete the **GIFT AID** form (available in the church porch) and include it in the envelope.



Moira Mauger, our parish representative for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF), will collect **RED MISSION BOXES** this month. They may be passed to her directly or via a steward. Please do not leave boxes containing money in the porch.



THE PIETY STALL CHRISTMAS SALE will take place in the Stable on **Sunday 2 November** after both Masses, giving you an opportunity to buy Christmas cards etc.



To raise money for the next expedition to Ukraine by Peter White, the Oscar winning film **A Man for All Seasons** will be shown in the banquet room at Harvington Hall on **Friday 14 November**. There will be a log fire and buffet of traditional Ukrainian delicacies. More information to follow but in the meantime **KEEP THE DATE!**



Prisoners' Sunday is an opportunity to consider how we, as individuals, as a Church, and as communities, are serving our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment.

Jesus challenges us: "I was in prison, and you came to me..."

Our prisons are in crisis. There are record numbers of people behind bars. Inspectors regularly report instances of vermin, violence, self-harm and people languishing in cells with nothing to do. At the same time, too many people are released with no home, no job, no family and no hope.

The ripple effects of this crisis are felt well beyond the prison walls. The lives of hundreds of thousands of families and children are affected as they, too, serve a hidden sentence. Having a mother, father, husband or wife in prison can have a devastating impact – more than half of families tell us they are struggling to afford the basics for themselves and their children.

During this **PRISONS WEEK**, please pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of prisons.

www.prisonadvice.org.uk



MEMORIALS and FEASTS THIS WEEK



ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR was the penultimate Anglo-Saxon King of England. He was a man of great piety and was always generous in his care for his subjects. He established Westminster Abbey. He died in the year 1066 and his relics were reburied behind the High Altar on 13 October in 1268. HH Pope Benedict XVI prayed at his shrine during his Apostolic Visit in 2010.

ST CALLISTUS provided for the burial of martyrs in the Catacombs. Known for his mercy and understanding of sinners who repented of their sins against the opinion of Rigorists, mainly Tertullian. He fixed the discipline of the Sacrament of Penance. He defended the Faith against the Adoptionist and Modalist heresies concerning the Holy Trinity and the Person of Christ. He died a martyr in Rome during the reign of Alexander Severus.

ST TERESA was born in Avila, Spain, in the year 1515. At the age of twenty she entered the Carmelite Order and undertook the reform of the Order. This brought many trials, but she was faithful to the Church and the Council of Trent. She contributed to the renewal of the Church and wrote outstanding works of mysticism and asceticism. Her spiritual teachings are a guide to a life of union with God. She died in the year 1582. She was declared a doctor of the Church in 1970; she was the first female saint to receive this title.

ST HEDWIG was born in 1174 in Bavaria. She married Duke Henry of Silesia and together they had three children. She was renowned for her care of the sick. Following her husband's death, she entered a Cistercian monastery where she died in 1243.

ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE (1647-1690) was born at Verosvres in Burgundy France and joined the Order of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial. She received mystical revelations concerning the Sacred Heart of Jesus and, with the help of her Jesuit confessor, St Claude de la Columbiere, spread this devotion throughout the world. She was canonised in 1920.

ST IGNATIUS was the successor to St Peter as Bishop of Antioch. He suffered martyrdom in Rome during the persecution of Trajan. On his way to the Eternal City, he wrote several letters concerning the Person of Christ, the Constitution of the Church, and Christian Life. In these letters, he expressed his great love for the Lord and His ardent desire for martyrdom. His name appears in the Roman Canon.

ST LUKE a physician from Antioch, was converted to the Christian Faith. He was a disciple of Saint Paul and a faithful companion in all his journeys. He was the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. He was the evangelist who wrote about the childhood of Our Lord and has told us some of the most moving parables such as the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son. In his Gospel, he highlights the universality of salvation.