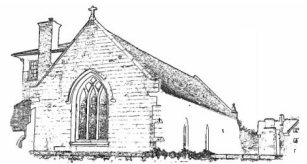


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 5 October **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
10.30am Mass intention for: *John Townsend R.I.P.*

There will be a second collection on this day for CAFOD

Monday 6 October **Memorial of St Bruno, Priest**
No Mass at St Mary's today

Tuesday 7 October **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Ken Waterhouse R.I.P.*

Wednesday 8 October **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Mass intention for: *The Bianco Family*

Thursday 9 October **Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest**
No Mass at St Mary's today as Fr John will be attending a funeral elsewhere.

Friday 10 October **Memorial of St Paulinus of York, Bishop**
Memorial of Ss Denis, Bishop & Companions
Memorial of St John Leonardi
11.00am Mass intention for: *The Handley family*

Saturday 11 October **Memorial of St John XXIII**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

Sunday 12 October **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Prisons Week
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.

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: 21-28 September 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£80.50
Loose cash:	£252.71
Second collection for Fr Hudson's Care (charity) ...	£427.07



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.



With half-term fast approaching, when children entitled to free school meals are at home for a week, our local **FOOD BANK** will experience an increased demand for their services.

If you would like to donate food and other essentials, please bring them to church **on or before Sunday 12 October**. We will deliver them on your behalf to the Kidderminster Food Bank collection point.

If you would prefer to donate money this will also be delivered directly to the collection point. Please put cash or cheques made payable to '*The Kidderminster Foodbank*' in an envelope marked '**FOOD BANK**' and put it in the **Offertory collection at Mass** or, at other times, post through the letter box in the door of the Priest's House. Thank you in advance!

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Peter White, our fellow parishioner who goes back and forth to Ukraine, is a retired interior decorator and is offering his services for anyone wishing to have a room or suite painted, in return for a modest donation towards the next expedition. Peter also undertakes garden work. Please contact him via: 07534687524

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The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are reading *Karla's Choice* by Nick Harkaway, a sequel to the Smiley canon by John le Carré's own son. If you have already read it or would like to do so, you will be very welcome to join us to discuss when the Group next meet in the Stable **at 9.30am on Monday 13 October**.

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be joining St Cassian's at their coffee morning on **Sat 29 November 10am -12noon**. The Group will have a stall there and will sell craft items and Christmas gifts made by members of the Group.

On the following **Sunday, 7th December**, the Group will be selling wreaths, potted bulbs and Xmas table decorations in the stable at St Mary's after both Masses.

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Moira Mauger, our parish representative for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF), will be collecting the **RED MISSION BOXES** throughout **October**. They may be passed to her directly or via a steward. Please do not leave boxes containing money in the porch. If attending church isn't convenient for one reason or another, Moira has offered to collect the box from your home. Her contact number is : 07527823869

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY - FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER.

By having had a simple meal on the day and by giving what you saved to the **second collection on Sunday**, (or using a CAFOD labelled envelope in any collection at Harvington this weekend) you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by the global food crisis.

A MESSAGE FROM SYLVESTER MUTSIGWA

Community Participation Coordinator – CAFOD Birmingham Archdiocese:

Every Family Fast Day, we highlight a particular story, that illustrates the depth of our long-term work. This Harvest we talk about Waré, a young mum in Borana, southern Ethiopia, who walked over six hours daily to fetch water for her family as droughts became more severe through climate change. Funds raised at Fast Day enabled the building of water tanks that collect precious water closer to home, bringing relief, restoring dignity and opportunities for earning a living. Waré and her community's resilience, the expertise of our local partner and the donations from your parish all combine to be signs of hope in this Jubilee Year.

In the Holy Land, our partner Caritas Jerusalem operates medical points across Gaza. Working conditions are near unimaginable - with clinics moving constantly so that care can be provided safely. Other local partners provide food, shelter and emergency cash for displaced families despite the real and growing challenges to find adequate food and places of safety.

In Sudan, our Church partners are helping community kitchen teams where displaced people are organising themselves to share what little they have, so that no one goes without.

In Ukraine, the rise in attacks is of deep concern but our partners, Caritas and DePaul Ukraine continue to distribute food, water, fuel, hot meals, medical support and hygiene kits to women, children, older people and those with special needs.

You may have seen the news of the recent earthquake in Afghanistan. Our local partners are one of the few organisations based where the earthquake hit. They have been able to respond quickly. We have released £50,000 to partners to provide food, shelter and other vital supplies.

This immediate help is only possible because of donations we receive through Fast Days, from people making monthly gifts and from gifts in wills, all enabled by your parish's support. Thank you.