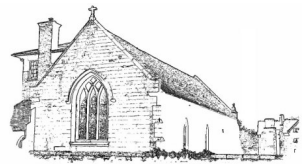


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 9 November **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
Remembrance Day

8.30am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

This weekend we welcome diaconal student Stephen Myers. As part of his ongoing training towards his ordination as a deacon, Stephen has been assigned to our parish on placement until the end of the year. Stephen will introduce himself to parishioners at both Masses today.

Monday 10 November **Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope,**
No Mass at St Mary's today. **Doctor of the Church**

Tuesday 11 November **Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop**
No Mass at St Mary's today as Fr John will be concelebrating Mass in Worcester for deceased members of the clergy from our Deanery.

Wednesday 12 November **Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 13 November **Feria in Ordinary time**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 14 November **Feria in Ordinary Time**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Roger Adey R.I.P.*

Saturday 15 November **Memorial of St Albert the Great, Bishop,**
10.00am **Doctor of the Church**
Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

Sunday 16 November **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
World Day of The Poor
8.30am Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
10.30am Mass intention for: *Fr Simon Hall R.I.P.*

Anniversaries in November: Isabella Ilsley (1866), Laurence Ruck (1916), John Munster (1916), Rev Philip Roskell (1930), Rev Dr Charles Eagle (1947), Cuthbert Watts (1965), Denis Lovekin (1984), Edna Mercer (1983), Ivor Mortiboy (1998), Harold Sanders, Katherine Martin (2002), Sarah Millard (2002), Marie Baylis (2003), Min Young (2003), Grace Haydon (2004), Siobhan James-Moore (2005), Gerard Fox (2007), Rev David Higham (2008), Stephen Pritchard (2008), Julian Davies (2008). James William Finney (2009), Gertrude Mary Savage (2011), James O'Brien (2012) Colin Atwell (2014), Roger Adey (2016), Veronica Mitchell (2018), Oliver Donaghey (2019), Ellen Kearns (2020), Sean McDermott (2021), Roger Ephraims (2021), John Newton (2022), Andrea Barker (2022)

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.


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... for all your offerings and donations.


Contributions to the Parish: 26 Oct –2 Nov 2025:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£155.00
Loose cash:	£272.30
Second collection for the Johnson Association:	£453.80

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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 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.



Home-Start is a national organisation offering support, friendship and practical help to parents with young children in local communities, offering a unique service delivered by trained and supported local volunteers, who visit families at home to offer informal, friendly and confidential support. To help give children the best possible start in life, Home-Start supports parents as they grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with their children and widen their links with the local community, to promote better outcomes for parents and children.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Home-Start Wyre Forest are helping Santa again this year and need **NEW (unwrapped) presents for young people aged 0-18 years**. Please be your usual generous selves and bring donations to Church up to and including **Sunday 30 November** and we will deliver them to the Home Start Wyre Forest headquarters on your behalf. If you would prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to '**Home-Start Wyre Forest**', please put it in the Offertory collection **in an envelope marked HOME-START**. Donations will be passed directly to the Home-Start Treasurer. **THANK YOU** in anticipation!



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To raise money for his next expedition to Ukraine our fellow parishioner Peter White has arranged for the 1966 Oscar winning film *A Man for All Seasons* to be screened in the Great Chamber at **Harvington Hall at 3pm and 7pm on Friday November 14th**.

Enjoy the film alongside the comfort of a log fire, a glass of wine (or non alcoholic alternative) and a mince pie all included in the ticket price of £15 available through the Hall's ticket booking system:

<https://harvingtonhall.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/72282?catID=51775>

(select the number of tickets required and then choose the time you wish to attend)

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During the Month of November, we pray for all our deceased family members and friends. If you wish to have those names remembered at Masses during the month of November, please write them on paper and place in an envelope marked 'Holy Souls' or use the envelopes and inserts available in the Church Porch and leave them in the basket provided. This is a general list for the Holy Souls, **no monetary donations are necessary**.



GEORGE GRIFFIN 1897-1919

Buried at St Mary's, Harvington on the 10th May 1919. Awarded a Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) headstone.

In the 1911 census George is listed as 14 years of age, working with his father on their farm. His younger brother, Thomas aged 11, was at school. His grandmother Sarah had died and was buried here at St Mary's in 1906.

George joined the Army on 21st February 1916, he was a private with the Royal Warwickshire 1/7th battalion. He was posted for duty on 5th May 1916 and saw service in France and Italy.

On 11th November 1918 the war ended but George succumbed to influenza. He was initially hospitalised in Genoa and from there transferred to Marseilles. Finally, he arrived in the UK on the hospital ship Aberdonia and admitted to hospital in Cardiff. Having been diagnosed with influenza, broncho-pneumonia and pleurisy he convalesced in Cardiff.

George Griffin was medically discharged from the army on 12th January 1919 as it was recognized that he would never be fit enough to re-join the ranks. Sadly, George died, at home, on the 5th May 1919, aged 22 – three years to the day when he was first posted for duty with the Royal Warwickshire's.

Purshall Green, the address given variously as Rushock or Elmbridge, is off Clattercut Lane on the way to Droitwich. It is within the Roman Catholic parish of St Mary's but it is outside the parish of Chaddesley Corbett, so George Griffin's name does not appear on the war memorial at St Cassian's church. Instead he is commemorated on the war memorial at St Mary's Church, Elmbridge. This takes the form of a stained-glass window inside the church.

His father Henry died in 1931 aged 68 and was buried here at St Mary's next to his son – this is the last record we have at St Mary's. However, his family still continue at the farm.

Research, courtesy of Elizabeth Mountford.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On this day we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those left behind to grieve and mourn.

**Eternal rest, grant unto them, O LORD,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen**

