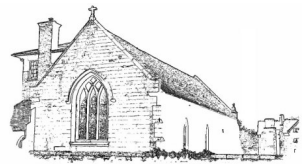


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 2 August

8.30am

10.30am

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Lawrence Kearns R.I.P.*

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Monday 3 August

No Mass here today

Feria in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 4 August

10.00am

Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest.

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 5 August

10.00am

Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 6 August

11.00am

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 7 August

11.00am

Memorial of St Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs

Memorial of St Cajetan, Priest.

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 8 August

10.00am

Memorial of St Dominic, Priest

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Sunday 9 August

8.30am

10.30am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following Mass on Saturdays and by appointment at other times.

Anniversaries in August: Rev George Bishop (1768), Rev John Corne (1816), William Trafford (1829), Thomas Parkes (1872), Leo Herraty (1964), Elizabeth Grant (1987), Janet Arbuthnott (1989), Denis Grant (1990), Bunny Keenan (1995), Armando Agaran (2003), Joan Troy (2003), Barbara Mary Campbell (2012), Hilda Willetts (2017), Wendy Packwood (2017), Jeannie Morrison (2020), Marie Packwood (2020), Bede Howell (2020), Trudi Woodall (2021), Chris Meacham (2021), Patricia Carter (2022), Joan Lewis (2023), Daniel Ybert (2023), Jenny Hulse (2024), Ken Waterhouse (2025)

In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:
Marian Boulton Brooks, Deirdre Brookes, Averil Crofton, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Jane Handley, Columb and Merryn Howell, Elizabeth Howell, Darren Jaye, Angela Magaro, Ann Murphy, Ellen Mottram, Catherine Neale, Kevin O'Connor, Bozena Tommy, Bill Townsend, June Waterhouse.



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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 19-26 July2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£80.00
Loose cash:	£225.42

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 Richard or Fr John or put the Priest's 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 6th September 2026** St Mary's Parish extend their annual invitation to pilgrims from across the diocese to our Shrine of the English Martyrs. As is traditional, Mass will take place in the grounds of Harvington Hall at 3.00pm.

We are privileged this year as the principal celebrant will be His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain assisted by The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham. Please make sure this date is firmly in your planning diary so you may take part in this important Diocesan event.

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Our fellow parishioner, Peter White, will be returning to **UKRAINE** shortly with another vehicle, a medical scout car, which is to be donated to relief services operating along the front lines. If you would like to help with any of the costs of the mercy mission please contact Peter at sogliodipietro@gmail.com or phone 0753468 7524.

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** are meeting at Rowberry's Tea Rooms on **Wednesday 5 August at 1.30pm**. Even if you have never been to one of these Craft Group meetings before, come along on Wednesday and try your hand at a new skill or just join in for a chat and a chance to meet friends, old and new!



The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are currently reading *Christ Stopped at Eboli* by Carlo Levi, who was banished to a desperately poor and barren part of southern Italy for his trenchant opposition to the Mussolini regime. This memoir recounts what he found there, a patient stoicism amongst so much misery and anguish. If you have already read it or would like to read it this month you would be very welcome to share your thoughts on it when they next meet in the stable at **9.30am on Monday 10 August**.



COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK

Tuesday 4 August:

Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest

(1786-1859) He was born near Lyons, France, and ordained a priest in Grenoble. He was assigned to the parish of Ars-sur-Froman where he spent forty-two years. He was outstanding for his steadfast care of souls, for his spirit of prayer and mortification, but above all for his tireless dedication to the Sacrament of Penance. He spent most of his life in the confessional, drawing energy from his intimate and constant friendship with our Lord in the Eucharist. Pope Pius XI declared him Patron of the Universal Clergy.

Wednesday 5 August:

Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary

After the declaration of the dogma of the divine Maternity of the Blessed Virgin in the Council of Ephesus (431), Pope Sixtus III dedicated this Basilica in Rome in honour of the Mother of God. It was later called 'Ste Mary Major'. It is considered the oldest church in the west dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thursday 6 August:

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

This feast became widespread in the West in the 11th century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate the victory over Islam in Belgrade. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was celebrated in the Syrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites. The Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God, and His Ascension into heaven. It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Through grace, we already share in the divine promise of eternal life.

Friday 7 August:

Memorial of St Sixtus II, Pope and Companions

(+258) St Sixtus was persecuted by the Emperor Valerian. While he was celebrating Mass, he was taken prisoner and put to death with four of his deacons. His name is included in the Roman Canon.

Memorial of St Cajetan, Priest.

St Cajetan was remarkable for his spirit of prayer and charity. His great zeal in seeking the salvation of souls earned him the title, 'Hunter of Souls'. He is founder of the Congregation of Clerks regular, the Theatines.

Saturday 8 August:

Memorial of St Dominic, Priest (1170 -1221)

St Dominic was born in Calahorra, Spain. He worked tirelessly to uproot the Albigensian heresy. He was outstanding for his learning and love of poetry. He is the founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).