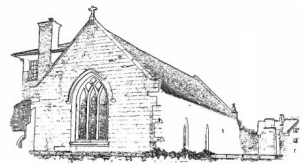


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 26 July

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Mass intention for: *A birthday thanksgiving.*

8.30am

10.30am

Monday 27 July

Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass here today

Tuesday 28 July

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.00am

Wednesday 29 July

Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.00am

Thursday 30 July

Memorial of St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Mass intention for: *The Wilson Family's intentions*

11.00am

Friday 31 July

Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

11.00am

Saturday 1 August

Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Mass intention for: *Marco & Susan Costanzo R.I.P.*

10.00am

Sunday 2 August

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

8.30am

10.30am

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

Anniversaries in July: Rev Arthur Vaughan (1792), Sir George Throckmorton (1826), Jospeh Ilsley (1874), Helen Chare (1899), Katherine Drinkwater (1939), Winifred Mewburn Crook (1980), Clive Grant (1980), Veronica Webster (1992), Eric Thomson (1995), Dorothy Tweddell (2000), Margery Thomas (2001), Elizabeth Medlicott (2011), Christine McAviney (2019), Ann Hirons (2020), Joseph Gallagher (2020), Bernadette Parish (2021), Dorothy Atwell (2023), Pat Foster (2023), Michael Rosser (2023), Patricia Newton (2024)

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: 12-19 July2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£60.00
Loose cash:	£224.52

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.



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. Peter plans to take a consignment of combat tourniquets and burns dressings on this trip. While in Ukraine he is also hoping to support the installation of a bomb shelter at a second kindergarten in the city of Kharkiv - work at the first, made possible by kind donations from parishioners, is now nearing completion. 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 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.

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ARE YOU MISSING OUT? Every Friday, a PDF copy of the weekly newsletter is sent by email to everyone who has requested it, listed on our database. Along with a message from Fr John, it gives recipients a chance to see the newsletter before, or instead of, picking up a paper copy on Sundays. If you are not yet getting a copy via this route each week it is likely you are not on our database, and are missing out on the additional information sometimes included in the covering letter.

If you would like to be included on the Parish database, please contact us by email: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or complete one of the PARISH FAMILY INFORMATION FORMS, to be found on the table in the porch and post it in the box provided there.



The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is celebrated every fourth Sunday of July and is presented as an opportunity to bring the closeness of the Church to the elderly and to enhance their contribution within families and communities. This year, the date coincides with the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, **Sunday, 26 July**.

Pope Leo XIV has chosen “I will never forget you” (Is 49:15) as the theme for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Pope's choice highlights how God's love for every person never fails, not even in the fragility of old age.

Taken from the Book of Isaiah, the chosen verse offers a clear message of consolation and hope for all grandparents and elderly people, especially those who live in loneliness or feel forgotten. It is also a reminder to families and church communities that we should not forget the elderly in our neighbourhoods and parishes. May we recognise in them a precious presence, wisdom of experience and a blessing to people of every age.

Holy Father

Who watches over every person

Watch over me too when I am elderly.

***You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.***

***You hold me tenderly in your hands,
And You caress my lines.***

You will never forget me!

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;

Help me learn to love it

Just as You love it.

Help me learn to listen to it

Just as You listen to it.

Help me embrace it

Just as You have chosen it –

You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

***May growing old strip away all our pride
and all division***

***So that we may live these years
united in You.***

You will never forget us!

Amen.