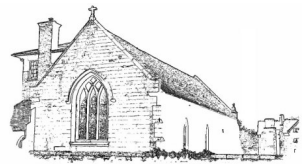


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 16 August

Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass intention for: *Skinner family's intentions*

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

8.30am

10.30am

Monday 17 August

Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass here today

Tuesday 18 August

Feria in Ordinary Time

Diocesan Novena to Bl Dominic Barberi begins today

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.00am

Wednesday 19 August

Memorial of St John Eudes (Priest)

Diocesan Novena to Bl Dominic Barberi

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

10.00am

Thursday 20 August

Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Diocesan Novena to Bl Dominic Barberi

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

11.00am

Friday 21 August

Memorial of St Pius X, Pope

Diocesan Novena to Bl Dominic Barberi

No Mass here today.

Saturday 22 August

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Diocesan Novena to Bl Dominic Barberi

In remembrance of St John Wall

Mass intention: *Joan Lewis R.I.P.*

10.00am

Sunday 23 August

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Diocesan Novena to Bl Dominic Barberi

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*

Mass intention for: *Anthony Francis-Flores R.I.P.*

8.30am

10.30am

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), Michael O'Shaughnessy (2025).

In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:
Marian Boulton Brooks, Deirdre Brookes, Steve Collins, 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.



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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 2-9 August 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£70.00
Loose cash:	£266.50

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.



ST MARY'S PARISH is again privileged to invite
the faithful from across the whole of the Archdiocese to a
**Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall,
Shrine of The English Martyrs.**

**His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía,
Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain** will be the principal
celebrant assisted by **The Most Reverend Bernard Longley,
Archbishop of Birmingham** at the **Pilgrimage Mass on
Sunday 6 September at 3.00pm.**

- There is no charge for this pilgrimage event.
- Harvington Hall will open at 12 noon.
- Free timed tours of the Hall can be booked upon arrival.
- Priests will be available to hear confessions in St Mary's Church from 1.45pm until 2.30pm.
- Pilgrims are welcome to bring their own lunch/picnic.
- Refreshments are available to purchase at the Hall's café before Mass.
- Tea, coffee, fruit squash and biscuits will be provided to pilgrims by the parishioners of St Mary's in the garden of the Priest's House, following the Pilgrimage Mass.
- Pilgrims **MUST BRING THEIR OWN CHAIRS** as we are unable to provide any seating.
- Please note, this is an outdoor event.
- Parking for all vehicles is free.
- Parking of **Coaches** and minibuses for pilgrims visiting from other parishes **MUST be booked in advance via the PARISH (not Harvington Hall) email address:**
stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk by Monday 31 August.

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ST JOHN WALL

Saint John Wall was born near Preston in Lancashire in the year 1620.

When old enough to leave home he was sent to the famous Seminary at Douai where he studied Humanities until the year 1641.

He then went to Rome where he studied for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1645.

In 1651 he became a Franciscan (called Father Joachim of St. Anne) and returned to England in 1656 to spend 23 years in missionary work: 12 of these were spent in the neighbourhood of Harvington Hall.

It was at Rushock Court, not very far from Harvington, that Saint John Wall was captured in 1679 and taken before a Justice of the Peace where he made a public profession of his religion and also swore loyalty to the King. All to no avail as he was taken to Worcester where he faced trial. On the 22nd August he was executed by being hung, drawn, and quartered. He died in his 60th year and the 29th year of his Priesthood. He was canonised on the 15th December 1970 by Pope Paul VI and his Feast Day is usually celebrated in the Birmingham Diocese on the 23rd August, but as this falls on a Sunday in 2026, St John Wall will this year be remembered at St Mary's on the day of his death, Saturday 22nd August. The large crucifix in our churchyard here at St Mary's is dedicated to St John Wall's memory.



St John Wall, pray for us.



Image of a stained glass window in Harvington Hall