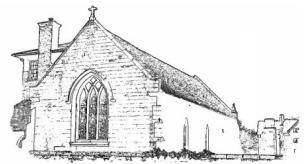


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 23 August

8.30am
10.30am

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.*

Monday 24 August

No Mass here today

Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle

Diocesan Novena to Bl Dominic Barberi

Tuesday 25 August

10.00am

Memorial of St Louis

Memorial of St Joseph, Calasanz

Diocesan Novena to Bl Dominic Barberi
Mass intention for: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*

Wednesday 26 August

10.00am

Feast of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest, Religious

Diocesan Novena to Bl Dominic Barberi
Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 27 August

11.00am

Memorial of St Monica

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 28 August

11.00am

Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Mass intention for: *Christopher Meacham R.I.P.*

Saturday 29 August

10.00am

Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist, Martyr

Mass intention: *Private Intention*

Sunday 30 August

8.30am
10.30am

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
Mass intention for: *John Fallows R.I.P.*

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: 9-16 August 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£115.00
Loose cash:	£194.28

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 behalf of the **Archdiocese of Birmingham** our parish will again host the annual **Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs** on **Sunday 6th September**.

To ensure the success of the event we rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners in giving their time, energy and expertise. Please read the following list and consider whether you are able to volunteer your help in any or all these ways. To offer your help **please sign the lists on the porch table and/or email the Parish Office: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk**

Monday 31st August from 10.00am:

- To help tidy up the churchyard by clearing weeds, clearing/brushing the tops of some headstones etc, removal of dead flowers on graves, removal of fallen pinecones, sweeping the paths.
Please bring own general gardening / sweeping tools.

Friday 4th Sept from 12.00 noon:

- To convey gazebos/chairs/etc from storage over to the Hall in readiness for the following day. *Please meet in the car park by the stable at 12.00 noon.*

Saturday 5th Sept from 10.00am:

- To help set up the gazebos etc. *Please come to the north lawn within the Hall's grounds at 10.00am.*

Sunday 6th Sept:

- **During the morning** to finalise setting up.
- **To be available from 11.45am** to help as a steward on site including at the 3.00pm Mass. *A full briefing will be held within the Hall's north lawn at 11.45.*
- **From approximately 12 noon** onward to help set up the refreshment stall in the Priests House garden.
- **From approximately 4.00pm** onward to serve refreshments to the Pilgrims.
- To help clearing away after the Mass has ended **from 4.15pm** (approx.).



MEMORIALS and FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday 24 August: Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle

St Bartholomew was from Cana in Galilee. Mentioned in the Gospel as one of the twelve Apostles, he is identified with Nathanael who was brought to Jesus by his friend, the Apostle Philip. According to tradition, St Bartholomew preached the Gospel in Arabia and Armenia where he died as a martyr.

Tuesday 25 August: Memorial of St Louis

St Louis was born in Poissy, France in 1214. As King of France, he lived in a great spirit of penance and prayer showing great love for peace and the temporal as well as spiritual common good of his countrymen. He died in 1270 in Tunis during the second crusade for the deliverance of the Holy Places.

Tuesday 25 August: Memorial of St Joseph Calasanz

St Joseph Calasanz was born in 1557 in Aragon, Spain. He was ordained a priest, went to Rome and founded the Piarist congregation dedicated to poor children. He died in Rome in 1648.

Wed 26 August: Feast of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God,

Bl Dominic Barberi was born near Viterbo, Italy in 1792. He entered the Passionist Order and was ordained a priest in 1818. He taught theology in Rome and served as a Provincial. He had long believed that he had been called to be an instrument for the conversion of England and in his final years he was given the opportunity of labouring tirelessly in this country despite facing much opposition. On 8 October 1845 he received St John Henry Newman into the Church at Littlemore.

Thursday 27 August: Memorial of St Monica

St Monica was born at Thagaste in Africa in 331 and died in 387. Mother of St Augustine, she prayed and suffered for the conversion of her son and was unceasing in her prayers for him. She is an example of a mother with great faith in prayer.

Friday 28 August: Memorial of St Augustine

Born in Thagaste in Africa in 354 and died in 430. At first, he followed his mother's example, but later fell into a licentious way of life. His mother, St Monica, constantly prayed for his conversion. He converted at the age of thirty-three in Milan, where he was baptised by St Ambrose. He went to Africa and was elected Bishop of Hippo. There, he undertook an enormous activity of preaching and writing in defence of the Faith. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1308.

Sat 29 August: Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist, Martyr

Saint John the Baptist has two feasts to himself. One, in August, celebrates his death, and one, in June, celebrates his birth. And this is as it should be, for as Christ himself said, John was the greatest of the sons of men.