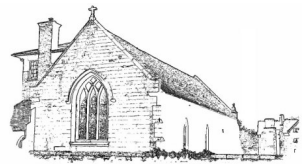


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

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.*

Monday 31 August

No Mass here today

Memorial of St Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne

Tuesday 1 September

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

World Day of Prayer for Creation
Mass intention for: *Gioconda & Alfonso Salsano R.I.P.*

Wednesday 2 September

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 3 September

11.00am

Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Friday 4 September

11.00am

Memorial of St Cuthbert, Bishop

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 5 September #

10.00am

Memorial of St Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Mass intention: *Private, family intention*

Sunday 6 September

8.30am
10.30am
3.00pm

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*
Pilgrimage Mass in the grounds of Harvington Hall

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

Anniversaries in September: Rev William Thompson (1726),
Rev Francis Parker (1779), Rev Richard Cornthwaite (1803),
William Parkes, Thomas Parkes (1895), Ellen Ryan Ferris(1955) Rev John Love (1961),
Bernard McKay (1985), Catherine Dawson (1992), Patrick Dawson (1998),
Faye Bullock (1999), Violet Grove (1999), Joseph Haydon (2000),
Mgr James Crighton (2001), John Keenan (2002) Michael Broadbent (2006),
Leonard Bernard Myerscough (2010), Frank Verlic (2014), Peter Stubbins (2016),
Patsy Mullins (2017), Michael Bird (2020), James Purcell (2022), Siward James-Moore
(2022), John Murray (2022), Bill Riley (2022), Teresa Litchfield (2024), Rita Terry (2024)

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of

ELIZABETH MOUNTFORD

who died on Sunday 23rd August

Elizabeth’s Requiem Mass will be held here at St Mary’s at 12 noon on Monday 7th Sept.

May She Rest In Peace.

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: 16-23 August 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£65.00
Loose cash:	£240.90

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**. Thank you if you have already done so.

Monday 31st August from 10.00am:

- *A good number of people have signed up to help tidy the churchyard so we are probably going to be able field a full team.
(Please remember to bring general gardening / sweeping tools).*

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THESE TASKS:

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.).



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

The Season of Creation 2026

Make Living Water Flow

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide

celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator, and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created.

Our Biblical text for this year is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems.

The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

Pope Leo's Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, September 1

"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Is 2:4) is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 2026 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, published in the [Bulletin of the Holy See](https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20260815-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html). <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20260815-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

The Holy Father's Message highlights the connection between armed conflict and environmental degradation. Such degradation constitutes both a serious violation of our duty to care for creation, as well as a long-term threat to the lives of hundreds of millions of people.

The now widespread awareness of the impact of war on natural resources has not led to the creation of adequate institutions or to responsible decisions aimed at preventing conflicts and resolving disputes peacefully. The title - a passage in which Isaiah prophesies the transformation of weapons into agricultural tools - is an explicit invitation to prioritize development and sustainability over violence and destruction.