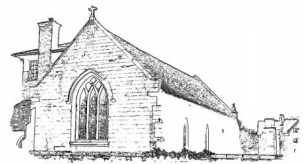


# ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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## MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

- Sunday 20 September**      **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Home Mission Sunday  
8.30am      Mass intention for: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*  
10.30am      Mass intention for: *People of the Parish*  
*There will be a second collection on this day for the Catholic Evangelisation*
- Monday 21 September**      **Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist**  
No Mass today
- Tuesday 22 September**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
10.00am      Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Wednesday 23 September**      **Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina**  
10.00am      Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Thursday 24 September**      **Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham**  
11.00am      Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Friday 25 September**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
11.00am      Mass intention for: *Mary Murray R.I.P.*
- Saturday 26 September #**      **Memorial of Ss Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs**  
10.00am      Mass intention: *Private Intention*
- Sunday 27 September**      **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest  
8.30am\*      Mass intention for: *Bill & Maureen Riley R.I.P.*  
\* *This will be the only Mass at St Mary's today.*  
*There will be a second collection on this day for Fr Hudson's Society*

# *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)

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**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, Colum and Merryn Howell, Elizabeth Howell,  
Darren Jaye, Angela Magaro, Ann Murphy, Ellen Mottram, Catherine Neale,  
Kevin O'Connor, Bozena Tommy, Bill Townsend.



... for all your offerings and donations.

**Contributions to the Parish: 13-20 September 2026:**

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|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: .....            | £405.00 |       |
| ** Gift Aid Envelopes: .....                            | £       | } TBC |
| Loose cash: .....                                       | £       |       |
| Second collection for the Catholic Education Service: £ |         |       |

**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](mailto:sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 01212306240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Those with long memories will be familiar with **Home Mission Sunday**. It is the title given to the day we ask our parishes to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support this vital work through a second collection at Mass on Sunday. A few years ago, this day was re-named Evangelii Gaudium Sunday after Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation the '*Joy of the Gospel*'. Now, in 2026, we revert to using the original name – Home Mission Sunday.

On Home Mission Sunday, the bishops of England and Wales ask the faithful of our countries to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ.

When we speak of 'Home Mission' we are not neglecting our sisters and brothers around the world (World Mission Sunday gives due attention to this important work), but we recognise that we are called to witness to Christ in our homes, at work, in our friendships and in every aspect of our daily life.

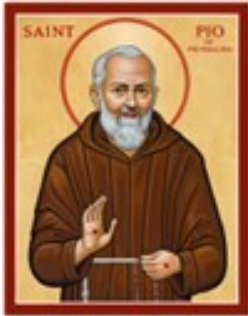
Being part of the family of God means we should feel 'at home' but this also challenges us to be missionary disciples in England and Wales so that we can make a home for all who hunger and thirst for the God who loves them and wants them to come home to him.

Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "*Magnifica Humanitas*" as the heart of mission. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday/>

The Second Collection on Sunday is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

## COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

<https://universalis.com/europe.england.birmingham/20240923/today.htm>



**St Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968)** was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy and joined the Capuchin friars at the age of 16. He became a priest seven years later and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was very much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata, and over 100,000 people attended his funeral.

**Our Lady of Walsingham.** The lady of the manor of Walsingham in Norfolk, Richeldis de Faverches, was instructed by a vision of the Virgin Mary to build in her village an exact replica of the house in Nazareth in which the Annunciation had taken place. The vision occurred, according to tradition, in 1061, though a more likely date for the construction of the shrine is a hundred years later. This feast celebrates the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Walsingham, one of the great pilgrimage centres of medieval times. The original house was destroyed at the Reformation, but the Shrine was re-established at King's Lynn in 1897 and the Slipper Chapel became the National Shrine in 1943. The Shrine was raised to the rank of Minor Basilica by Pope Francis in 2015.



**SS. Cosmas and Damian** are buried at Cyrrhus in Syria, where a basilica was constructed in their honour. In the fifth century their cult spread rapidly through the entire Church. Nothing whatever is known about them, and many extravagant legends have grown up; but even though many pagan mythological stories have attached themselves to them, it is certain that they did really exist.