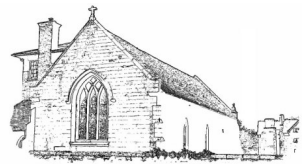


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

- 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
- Monday 28 September** **Memorial of St Wenceslaus, Martyr**
No Mass today **Memorial of Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**
- Tuesday 29 September** **Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Chris Meacham R.I.P.*
- Wednesday 30 September** **Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church**
No Mass today
- Thursday 1 October** **Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Friday 2 October** **Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Saturday 3 October #** **Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday**
10.00am Mass intention: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*
- Sunday 4 October** **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8.30am Mass intention for: *John Weston R.I.P.*
10.30am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
There will be a second collection on this day for CAFOD, Harvest Feast

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 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: 13-27 September 2026:
Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: £405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes: £190.00
Loose cash: £ 370.75
Sunday 13th Sept. Second collection for the Catholic Education Service: £366.66
Sunday 20th Sept. Second collection for Catholic Evangelisation: £310.55

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 Sunday **27 September** the second collection at the end of Mass will be for **Father Hudson's Care** to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Their charitable work encompasses five themes: Homelessness, Older People, Disability, Children & Family and Refugees and Migrants. Please give generously to this worthy cause. Taking its mission from Christ's command to 'love one another as I have loved you', Father Hudson's Care supports people to achieve a fullness of life. To find out more, visit the Father Hudson's website: <https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/>

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Volunteer Needed:



Dame Mary Yate Almshouses seek a temporary volunteer to connect residents and trustees. Tasks include handling calls (mobile provided), relaying messages, and occasional home visits for a fixed period of 4 hours per week. The role lasts 3–6 months, with a £190 monthly honorarium. For details, contact Ian Reed at iareed@mac.com.

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There is to be a meeting at **St. Wulstan's Church**, 32 Vale Rd, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8YL on **Saturday 10th October** after the 5.30pm Mass to talk about the future of the Wyre Forest Parish cluster (Kidderminster, Stourport, Bewdley, Harvington and Tenbury). It will be attended by the Dean from Worcester and Canon Lamb.



This meeting is very important as the future of our parish will be discussed so please make a special effort to attend.



MEMORIAL of the HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

2nd October

Guardian Angels are servants and messengers from God. "Angel" in Greek means messenger. In unseen ways the angels help us on our earthly pilgrimage by assisting us in work and study, helping us in temptation and protecting us from physical danger.

The idea that each soul has assigned to it a personal guardian angel has been long accepted by the Church and is a truth of our faith. From the

Gospel of today's liturgy, we read: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10).

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith (328)." From our birth until our death, man is surrounded by the protection and intercession of angels, particularly our guardian angel: "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life (336)." The Church thanks God for our helpers, the angels, particularly on this feast day and September 29 which is the feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels.

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day (or night),
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.*