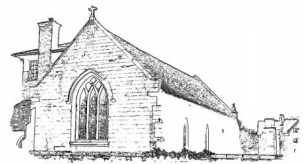


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 6 September 8.30am 10.30am 3.00pm	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i> Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i> Pilgrimage Mass in the grounds of Harvington Hall
Monday 7 September 12 noon	Feria in Ordinary Time Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Mountford R.I.P.
Tuesday 8 September 10.00am	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday 9 September 10.00am	Memorial of St Peter Claver, Priest Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 10 September 11.00am	Memorial of St Egwin, Bishop Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 11 September 11.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 12 September # 10.00am	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary Mass intention: <i>Peter Handley R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 13 September 8.30am 10.30am <i>There will be a second collection on this day for the Catholic Education Service</i>	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Day Mass intention for: <i>People of the Parish</i> Mass intention for: <i>Elizabeth Mountford R.I.P.</i>

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: 23-30 August 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£75.00
Loose cash:	£226.10

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.



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THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON

will take place here on Sunday 6 September.

Thank you to the very many volunteers who have responded to the appeals for help to make this Pilgrimage a success.

- Mass starts at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
- Hundreds of visitors will be arriving from late morning onwards
- If you are staying after one of the Masses on Sunday morning or returning later **PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR IN EITHER THE UPPER CAR PARK OR THE NEW FIELD** because we must keep the regular car park clear for coaches and minibuses that may arrive at any time in the morning.



Could you be a **CARITAS** Parish Ambassador? People from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham are invited to act as a link between the parish and Father Hudson's Caritas.

Interested? Attend the information session on Tuesday 15th September at 7pm online. **Contact Emily Pugh, emilypugh@fatherhudsons.org.uk or 07385 472924** for the link to join.



The HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP are reading *A Whispered Name* by William Brodrick. Father Anselm is an Augustinian canon and amateur detective who investigates the connection between a deceased brother of the order, and the court-martial for desertion of an Irish soldier during the WW1 campaign at Passchendaele.

If you've read the book already, or would like to do so, you'll be very welcome to join us for the discussion when we next meet in the Stable, at **9.30am on Monday 14 September.**

COMMEMORATED and CELEBRATED THIS WEEK**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century.

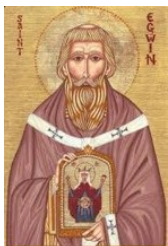
A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the

feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary



Memorial of St Peter Claver, Priest (1580-1654) St Peter Claver was born at Verdu in Catalonia, Spain, and entered the Society of Jesus. In 1610 he was sent to Columbia and began his life's work among the slaves. He cared for them and baptised more than 300,000 during his thirty-three years of tireless ministry.



Memorial of St Egwin, Bishop (717) The foundation of the abbey at Evesham is attributed to an eight century Bishop of Worcester called Egwin.

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