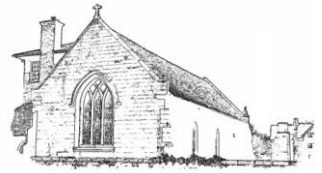


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

- Sunday 11 October** **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Prisoners Sunday
8.30am Mass intention for: *The People of the Parish*
10.30am Mass intention for: *John Townsend R.I.P.*
There will be a second collection today to support the work of PACT
- Monday 12 October** **Memorial of St Wilfrid, Bishop**
No Mass today
- Tuesday 13 October** **Memorial of St Edward the Confessor**
No Mass today
- Wednesday 14 October** **Memorial of St Callistus, Pope, Martyr**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Thursday 15 October** **Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
- Friday 16 October** **Memorial of St Hedwig, Religious**
 Memorial of St Margaret Mary, Alacoque, Virgin
11.00am Mass intention for: *Peter Handley R.I.P.*
- Saturday 17 October #** **Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch**
10.00am Mass intention: *Briege Grant R.I.P.*
- Sunday 18 October** **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
World Mission Day
8.30am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
10.30am Mass intention for: *The People of the Parish*

There will be a second collection on this day for Missio.

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

Anniversaries in October: Rev Robert Heydon (1718), Rev Charles Fitzwilliams (1750), Mary Brownlow (1852), Anne Spink (1894), Mary Leonie Pedley (1957), Betty Grant (1970), Sidney Rochford (1979), Dermot Higgins (1983), Bernard Campbell (2001), Dorothy Green (2001), Maureen Riley (2002), David Phillips (2005), Stanley Robson (2009), Betty Sanders (2012), Albin Gordon (2012) Ian Challand (2013), Maria Costanzo (2013), Michael Grant (2015), Doreen Millard (2016), Michael Butler (2017), James Arbuthnott (2018), Paul Hoban (2018), Maureen Ribbins (2018), Denis Conway (2020), Josephine Hardwick (2020), Kathleen Clark (2022), Bernard Millard (2022), Rudi Tschak (2022), Bob Grant (2022), Keith Mercer (2024)

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

Bill Townsend

who died recently

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



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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 4-11 Oct 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£90.00
Loose cash:	£192.80
Second collection for CAFOD:	£527.45

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.



Our collection for the **KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK** takes place **this weekend**. Donations of food and other essentials will be delivered on your behalf to the Food Bank collection point in Kidderminster.

If you would prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to 'The Kidderminster Foodbank', please use an envelope marked 'FOOD BANK', and put it in the Offertory collection. Donations will be passed directly to the Kidderminster Foodbank Treasurer. If you wish the Foodbank to benefit from the tax paid on your monetary donation, please complete the GIFT AID form (available in the church porch) and include it in the envelope.



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NEXT Sunday (18 October) is World Mission Sunday

There are Gift Aid envelopes available for you to take on leaving Mass today in case you wish to contribute to the **COLLECTION next week**.

World Mission Sunday is the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. Coordinated by Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity to support every mission diocese and faith community which need our help.

It is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world via Missio. This special day is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It is a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important second collection at St Mary's next Sunday (18 October) which will sustain the future of our Church. If you wish you may also call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation: missio.org.uk

If you have a RED BOX at home, please bring it to church to be opened by our parish APF representative, Moira, who will send your donation to the APF on your behalf. If you would like to have a Red box at home to drop in your spare change please ask Moira at Mass on Sunday or send an email to the Parish Office.

Prisoners' Sunday, 11 October



This Sunday is the annual day of prayer for prisoners and their families.

The work of chaplaincy in the prisons across the Archdiocese of Birmingham is some of the most important pastoral work that takes place in any given week, month or year. But, of course, not much is known about it.

If ever a prison chaplain mentions their work, there is a fascination in people to know what the work is like, either from somebody who thinks they would find it very difficult, or just questioning what it is like as an experience of pastoral work.

The work of chaplaincy in our prisons - rather like our hospitals - is fulfilled in a particular way by Religious Sisters as well as by Deacons and Priests. A number of those who participate in prison chaplaincy are volunteers from our parishes and it forms part of placements for seminarians.

To celebrate Mass in a prison, or to facilitate faith formation classes, to spend time with an individual prisoner in the chapel or in a cell seems so different from other forms of pastoral ministry but, at the heart of it, are individuals and groups of people who seek the help of the Church.

To put it into context, we welcome and minister to large groups of people Sunday by Sunday in our parishes, and we rarely spend too much time judging who comes or the life they lead. In that respect, prison ministry is not so different. Unless somebody offers reasons for being in prison, it is not something we ask.

To minister to prisoners is never to condone crime, and it is part of the Church's mission to pray for those who are victims of crime.

It must be a ministry of hope and compassion, following Jesus' own words: *"I was in prison and you visited me"* (Matthew 25:36).

As in any congregation, people in prison have good days and bad days but perhaps what is different from any congregation is that the world of a prison cell becomes very small.

Pray for those in prison, for their families and children, who often know hardship through no fault of their own, and for those who work in all areas of prison ministry.

For more information about the support that the Church gives to prisoners and their families, [visit the Pact website](#)