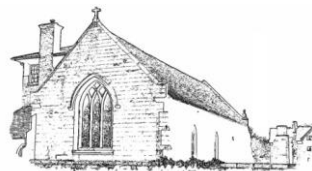


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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 4 October 8.30am 10.30am <i>There will be a second collection on this day for CAFOD, Harvest Feast</i>	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass intention for: <i>John Weston R.I.P.</i> Mass intention for: <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday 5 October No Mass today	Memorial of St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
Tuesday 6 October 10.00am	Memorial of St Bruno, Priest Mass intention for: <i>Bernard Millard R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday 7 October 10.00am	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 8 October 11.00am	Feria in Ordinary Time Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 9 October 11.00am	Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest Mass intention for: <i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 10 October #	Memorial of St Paulinus of York, Bishop Memorial of Ss Denis, Bishop & Memorial of St John Leonardi Mass intention: <i>Private Intention</i>
Companions 10.00am	
Sunday 11 October 8.30am 10.30am	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Prisons Week Mass intention for: <i>The People of the Parish</i> Mass intention for: <i>John Townsend R.I.P.</i>
# <i>The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following Mass on Saturdays and by appointment at other times.</i>	

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 Meryn 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: 27 Sept-4 Oct 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes:	£35.00
Loose cash:	£194.45
Second collection for Fr Hudson's Society:	£253.50

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.



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 four 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.

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The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** are reading *The Field of the Star* by Nicholas Luard. The author makes the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, trying as a father to come to terms with the tempestuous relationship he had with his eldest daughter, now dying from AIDS-related cancer. The travel writing is wonderfully vivid, while Luard's personal reflections are most moving and honest. 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 12 October**.

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Our fellow parishioner, Peter White, set off earlier this week for another humanitarian visit to Ukraine taking with him donated items to ease the suffering of the civilians caught up in the current conflict. He has been supported in his endeavours by the generous donations of goods and money given to him by Mary's parishioners and others. Peter asks to express his gratitude publicly in this newsletter to parishioner Pauline Teare, who recently held a coffee morning in her home and raised a magnificent £2,600. This substantial sum will in large part go towards the building of bomb shelters for kindergarten children and staff in the city of Kharkiv. Please keep Peter and all concerned in your prayers.

CAFOD's FAMILY FAST DAY is on Friday 2 October and our second collection at St Mary's on **Sunday 4 October** is for that cause. It is a day when we are invited to pray, eat simply and give generously.

By having had a simple meal on the day and by giving what you saved to the **second collection on Sunday**, (or using a CAFOD labelled envelope in any collection at Harvington this weekend) you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by the global food crisis.

By giving to CAFOD this Harvest, we can put our faith into action and share God's love with our neighbours overseas, we can help communities support children like to stay in school with better access to water, nourishing school meals and gardens where food can be grown, even during times of drought.

Please use the CAFOD envelope provided in church so that you can Gift Aid your donation or give through the CAFOD website. Thank you for your generosity.

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With half-term fast approaching, when children entitled to free school meals are at home for a week, our local **FOOD BANK** will experience an increased demand for their services.

If you would like to donate food and other essentials, please bring them to church **on or before Sunday 11 October**. We will deliver them on your behalf to the Kidderminster Food Bank collection point.

If you would prefer to donate money this will also be delivered directly to the collection point. Please put cash or cheques made payable to '*The Kidderminster Foodbank*' in an envelope marked '**FOOD BANK**' and put it in the **Offertory collection at Mass** or, at other times, post through the letter box in the door of the Priest's House. Thank you in advance!