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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 15 November **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
World Day of the Poor
8.30am Mass intention for: *Stan Robson R.I.P.*
10.30am Mass intention for: T*he People of the Parish*

Monday 16 November **Memorial of St Margaret of Scotland**
No Mass today. **Memorial of St Gertrude, Virgin**
Memorial of St Edmund of Abingdon

Tuesday 17 November **Memorial of St Hilda, Abbess**
Memorial of St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop
Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 18 November **Feria in Ordinary Time**
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Thursday 19 November **Feria in Ordinary Time**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Eileen Andrews R.I.P.*

Friday 20 November **Feria in Ordinary Time**
11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Saturday 21 November # **Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady**
10.00am Mass intention: *Private Intention*

Sunday 22 November **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,**
King of the Universe
National Youth Sunday
8.30am Mass intention for: T*he People of the Parish*
10.30am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

There will be a second collection on this day for the Catholic Youth Service
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available following Mass on Saturdays and by appointment at other times.

Anniversaries in November: Isabella Ilsley (1866), Laurence Ruck (1916), John Munster (1916), Rev Philip Roskell (1930), Rev Dr Charles Eagle (1947), Cuthbert Watts (1965), Denis Lovekin (1984), Edna Mercer (1983), Ivor Mortiboy (1998), Harold Sanders, Katherine Martin (2002), Sarah Millard (2002), Marie Baylis (2003), Min Young (2003), Grace Haydon (2004), Siobhan James-Moore (2005), Gerard Fox (2007), Rev David Higham (2008),Stephen Pritchard (2008), Julian Davies (2008). James William Finney (2009), Gertrude Mary Savage (2011), James O'Brien (2012) Colin Atwell (2014), Roger Adey (2016), Veronica Mitchell (2018), Oliver Donaghey (2019), Sean McDermott (2021), Roger Ephraims (2021), John Newton (2022), Andrea Barker (2022), Bridget Marie Rochford (2025)

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In your prayers, please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers: Marian Boultbee 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, Bozenna Tommy.

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… for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 8-15 Nov 2026:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit: ……………...	£405.00
** Gift Aid Envelopes: …………………………….	£75.00
Loose cash: ………………………………………….	£ 204.20

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.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Peter Boszko: stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

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The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Home-Start Wyre Forest are helping Santa again this year and need **NEW (unwrapped)** presents for young people aged 0-18 years. Please be your usual generous selves and **bring donations to Church up to and including Sunday 29 November** and we will deliver them to the Home Start Wyre Forest headquarters on your behalf.

If you would prefer to donate cash or a cheque, made payable to 'Home-Start Wyre Forest', please put it in the Offertory collection in an envelope marked HOME-START. Donations will be passed directly to the Home-Start Treasurer. THANK YOU in anticipation

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be joining St Cassian's Church in Chaddesley Corbett for their coffee morning on **Saturday 28 November 10am -12noon**. Our Craft Group will have a stall there and will sell craft items and Christmas gifts made by the members.

On the following **Sunday, 6 December,** the **Craft Group** will be selling wreaths, potted bulbs and Christmas table decorations in the stable at St Mary's after both Masses.

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On **Sunday 29 November,** after both Masses, the repository will be open in the stable for the sale of **Christmas cards, etc.** Do take this opportunity to buy cards appropriate to the season. (Cash only please).

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VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF ST MARY'S PARISH Dozens of people give their time, talents and energy in numerous ways to support Fr Richard and Fr John and make it possible for our parish to function as it should. We currently have an urgent need to support our **Cleaning Teams** who volunteer on **alternate Thursdays and Saturdays**.

If you could offer your services, we would dearly like to hear from you. Please email stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk at any time or phone 01562 777319 on Fridays.



WORLD DAY
OF THE POOR

Pope Leo XIV has declared **Sunday 15 November 2026** to be the tenth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of

“The Lord is the refuge of the poor” (Psalm 14:6)

drawn from a period in Scripture marked by profound moral and material hardship.

- **Pope Leo XIV’s Message** calls out modern social injustice, arrogant corruption, and how digital culture and technology can deepen indifference toward the marginalized.
- **The Call to Action:** Pope Leo XIV challenges Christian communities to move past passive observation, asking: *“Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the poor?”* and urging the faithful to become a tangible refuge themselves.
- **Anniversary Context:** This year coincides with the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, inspiring a focus on embracing a simpler life and standing directly with those in need.
- **Resources for further information:** Organizations like the Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN) and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have prepared reflection packs, prayers, and a nine-day novena which started on Friday, 6 November 2026.