

**St. Augustine of Hippo** is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

This famous son of St Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though

he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvellous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day, however, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St. Anthony, and he felt terrible ashamed of himself. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!". Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself out into the garden and cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then he heard a child singing, "Take up and read!" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it! From then on, Augustine began a new life.

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervour right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. **His feast day is August 28th.**

[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=418](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=418)

**ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:**

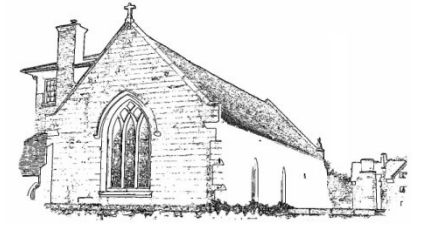
**EMERGENCY EXIT:** This is via the sacristy and through the house

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**Times of Holy Mass and Intentions  
(YEAR A Readings)**

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| <b>Sunday 27 August</b><br>8.30 am -<br>10.30 am -   | <b>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>For the people of the Parish<br>Doreen Millard R.I.P.  |
| <b>Monday 28 August</b><br>* 10.00am -<br><i>*Please note change of time as today is a Bank Holiday.</i>             | <b>Memorial of St Augustine</b><br>Doreen Millard R.I.P.  |
| <b>Tuesday 29 August</b><br>8.30 am -  | <b>Memorial of the Beheading of St John the Baptist</b><br>Gioconda & Alfonso Salsano R.i.P.  |
| <b>Wednesday 30 August</b><br>8.30 am -<br>9.00 am -   | <b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b><br>Hilda Willetts R.I.P.<br>#Discussion Group in The Stable   |
| <b>Thursday 31 August</b><br>11.30 am -<br>2.00 pm -   | <b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b><br>Doreen Millard R.I.P.<br>Requiem Mass for Wendy Packwood R.I.P.  |
| <b>Friday 1 September</b><br>8.30 am -<br><i>*Please note change of time to allow time for a wedding later today</i> | <b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b><br>Janty Joyce R.I.P.   |
| <b>Saturday 2 September</b><br>*10.00 am -<br><i>* In the Georgian Chapel, Harvington Hall</i>                       | <b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b><br>Doreen Millard R.I.P.  |
| <b>Sunday 3 September</b><br>8.30 am -<br>10.30 am -<br>3.00 pm -  | <b>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>For the people of the Parish<br>For the Confirmation Candidates<br>Mass for the English Martyrs<br>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall |

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE THE NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS AS FROM 25.08.17**

**Anniversaries in August:** Rev George Bishop (1768), Rev John Corne (1816), William Trafford (1829), Thomas Parkes (1872), Leo Herraty (1964), Elizabeth Grant (1987), Janet Arbuthnott (1989), Denis Grant (1990), Bunny Keenan (1995), Armando Agaran (2003), Joan Troy (2003), Barbara Mary Campbell (2012).

**Prayers for Sick:**

Trudy Woodall, Anthony Mitchell, Philip Edwards, Julia Comber, Patsy Mullins, Anne Hiron, Michael Butler, Kathleen Clarke, Maureen Ribbins, Louise Barden, Anthony Francis-Floris, James Arbuthnott, Michael Bianco, David Richards, Susannah Michaels.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Sunday 27 August** Eddie Picardo, Bridget Robson  
Mary Meese, Jean Lloyd  
**Sunday 3 September** Greg Kelly, Paul Walmsley  
Elizabeth Mountford, Denise Grant

**Readers:**

**Sunday 27 August** Pat Van Zyl  
The Brown Family  
**Sunday 3 September** James Arbuthnott  
Anne Taylor

**Church Cleaners this week:** Mr & Mrs R Hall

**Money Counters this week:** Mr & Mrs G Kelly

**Contributions to the Parish:**

**Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 20 August**

Gift Aid	£ 253.00
Envelopes	£ 361.00
Loose	£ 135.58

# **The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets** are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the group discussion on Wednesday mornings. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a cup of coffee and an exchange of ideas!



**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

We are honoured to welcome Rt Rev Robert Byrne, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on to six candidates at the 10.30 am Mass at St Mary's on **Sunday 3 September**

**THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON**

**Sunday 3 September.** Thank you to everyone who have signed up and promised to help make this a successful event. Mass starts at 3 o'clock in the afternoon but our hundreds of visitors will be arriving from late morning onwards and will stay afterwards to enjoy afternoon tea in the gardens of the Priest's House.

WHEN YOU COME TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR IN THE UPPER FIELD because we must keep the regular car park clear for coaches that may arrive at any time in the morning!



The **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** will be holding an "AT HOME" at Gail and Stephen Brown's home, 550 Chester Road South, Kidderminster, DY10 1XH on **Saturday 9 September** from 10.30 am till 3.30 pm to raise funds for Christian families in the Holy Land. There will be stalls selling gifts, scarves, jewellery, hand bags, children's clothes, jams & chutneys, books, Olive Wood products, Soap and Christmas Cards. Light lunch refreshments will be available. Tickets £2 to include a cup of coffee and biscuits on arrival. Tickets available from Gail and Stephen Brown.

**HARVINGTON EVENTS COMMITTEE**

You are warmly invited to a planning meeting to discuss ideas for social and fund raising events for the parish. It will be hosted by Jeanne Round at her home, 23 Westhead Road, Cookley. DY10 3TG on **Tuesday 12 September at 7.00pm.** For catering purposes please let Jeanne know in advance if you would like to attend (01562 850443). A light supper will be provided in exchange for ideas and enthusiasm!

**THE REPOSITORY STALL** in the Stable have a wide range of items for sale including cards and gifts for all occasions. New stock includes:

- 2018 Catholic Diaries £2.99 (buy before the Pilgrimage to be sure of a copy!)
- Votive candles, made by a parishioner from re-claimed wax from several Paschal candles from St Mary's. These candles are very pretty and unique to St Mary's

Just arrived in the Stable ... some classic and rare jams and jellies from the **'Fruits of Stone'**. The classics include beautiful coloured **'Crab Apple Jelly'**, **'Apple and Bramble Jelly'**, **'Greengage Jam'** and the **'French red and yellow Mirabel Plum Jam'** (wonderful for breakfast!). In addition this year are a collection of sophisticated, tempting jams for when the children are not around! .... they include **'Fig, Mulberry and Walnut Jam laced with Mulberry Vodka'**, **'Nectarine and Raspberry (runny) Jam strengthened with Quince Anise'**, **'Vodka, Fig & Nectarine Jam enhanced with Plum Brandy'**. Just put your money in the red money box and help yourself to change if you want to!