

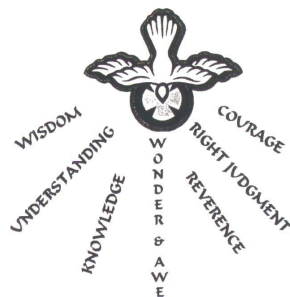
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Baptism, the sacrament of Confirmation and the Eucharist constitute the 'sacraments of Christian initiation.' Confirmation represents the completion of baptismal grace: by confirmation, the baptized are 'more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1285). In short, the sacrament of confirmation completes the sacrament of baptism: it is a coming of age.

"Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:14-17)

Every baptized person who has not received confirmation can and should receive the sacrament of Confirmation. *The Code of Canon Law* states 'the faithful are obliged to receive this sacrament at the appropriate time' (*Code of Canon Law*, can 889 no1).

http://stthomasofcanterbury.com/?page_id=118



We are honoured to welcome Rt Rev Robert Byrne, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30 am Mass at St Mary's today.

The six candidates are: Mia, Louis Angelo, James, Katie, Aoife and Freddie.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:

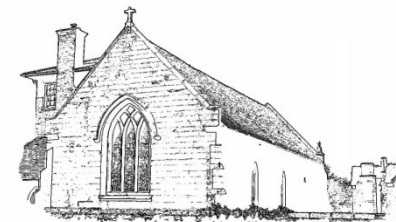
EMERGENCY EXIT: This is via the sacristy and through the house

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Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 3 September 8.30 am - 10.30 am - 3.00 pm -	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time For the people of the Parish For the Confirmation Candidates Mass for the English Martyrs Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall
Monday 4 September 8.30 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time In Thanksgiving
Tuesday 5 September 8.30 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Private Intention
Wednesday 6 September 8.30 am - 9.00 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Denis and Elizabeth Grant R.I.P. #Discussion Group in The Stable
Thursday 7 September 1.00 pm - NB: No Mass this morning this week.	Feria in Ordinary Time Requiem Mass for Mrs Kathleen Glynn R.I.P.
Friday 8 September 11.30 am -	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Doreen Millard R.I.P.
Saturday 9 September *10.00 am - * In the Georgian Chapel, Harvington Hall	Feria in Ordinary Time Doreen Millard R.I.P.
Sunday 10 September 8.30 am - 10.30 am - On Sunday, 10 September there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time For the people of the Parish Hilda Willetts R.I.P.

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

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)

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 3 September Greg Kelly, Paul Walmsley
Elizabeth Mountford, Denise Grant
Sunday 10 September Karen Wright, Helen Raphael
Joan McKay, Annik Harvey

Readers:

Sunday 3 September James Arbuthnott
Anne Taylor
Sunday 10 September Martin Dawson
Marie Rochford

Church Cleaners this week: Volunteers Please!

Money Counters this week: Mrs M Walmsley & Mrs B Goodyear

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 27 August

Gift Aid £ 253.00
Envelopes £ 217.10
Loose £ 187.99

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 ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON

is happening today, **Sunday 3 September.**



Thank you to everyone who have signed up and promised to help make this
a successful event. Would those of you who have kindly offered to help with
the collection of money at the Pilgrimage Mass please make yourself known
to Alan Parsons beforehand so that he may explain how and what needs to
be done. 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. If you are staying after Mass or returning later
PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR IN THE UPPER FIELD because we must keep the regu-
lar 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 fami-
lies 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 Christ-
mas Cards. Light lunch refreshments will be available. **Entrance £2 payable on the
door.**

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 next **HARVINGTON CRAFT GUILD** meeting is on Tues 26 Sept at 7.00pm.



You may recall that one of our parishioners, Simon Whittle, appealed to us in
June of this year for help in covering some of his costs for his intended travel
with the Order of Malta Volunteers as an assistant on a pilgrimage to
 Lourdes. Simon has returned safely and has written this short report for us on
his experiences there:

*'At the end of July I joined the Order of Malta Volunteers in its annual pilgrimage to
 Lourdes. We took 40 'hospital pilgrims' with us and were responsible for caring for
 them around the clock. It was very moving to see the priority which the disabled, el-
 derly, and infirm receive in Lourdes, and to experience a sharing of faith with pilgrims
 who come from all across the world in order to ask for Our Lady's intercession. These
 were most beautifully expressed in the candlelit rosary procession in which the
 'voitures' (wheelchairs) lead the way as thousands of pilgrims process through the
 sanctuary of Lourdes all saying the Hail Mary in their own language. The pilgrimage
 was very encouraging for me and has brought much fruit. I am very grateful to the
 parish for its support.'*

Just arrived in the Stable, by courtesy of James Arbuthnott, some classic
and rare jams and jellies from the **'Fruits of Stone'**. Just put your money in
the red money box this morning and help yourself to change if you want to!

