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Masses are held in the Church, for exceptions see below.

1st September 2024

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday Masses are at **08:30am and 10:30am**

Unless otherwise stated the second collection is for the Parish Development Fund (PDF.)

- There is no Mass on Monday this week.
- Weekday Masses: Friday, Saturday 10:00am. Saturday Mass is followed by Exposition and Confession.

Feast Days and Saints' Days this week:

- Tue: Saint Gregory the Great

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. **Amen.**



Children's Liturgy will take place during 10:30 Mass today and on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

All of our younger children are very welcome to come along – we will leave mass prior to the first reading. Parents are welcome to attend with children if they are very young or nervous to come alone.

If any parishioners feel they can offer their time to help with running Children's Liturgy we would be grateful of any support. No experience is needed and help will be given as you find your feet. Please email Jenny Lightfoot – jennylightfoot@live.com - for further information.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September: For The Cry Of The Earth

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

200 Club

The winners of the August 200 Club draw were

1st Prize (£75) - R-M Fallon

2nd Prize (£50) - M Gilroy

3rd Prize (£25) - M Vanson

Thank you to everyone for your continued support for the 200 Club. There are several numbers still available if you would like to join the 200 Club and each number is only £24 per year. Please contact James Lloyd for more details.

The Food Bank collection is today. Particularly needed are rice puddings, custard, tinned tomatoes, soups, tinned fruit.. Last month's weight was a super 151.4 kg, thank you for your continued generosity.



This is your Parish.

We have been able to do so much in this parish because of the many willing helpers who support the various rotas and other duties that make a parish function. If you are new to the parish or have been here for ages and your circumstances have changed and now have time to help, please volunteer. We would like to form a Social Committee. Not just a fund-raising committee but a group of people who could provide social and spiritual activities and yes fund raising. Last year people offered to help and we still have that list. All those people have helped us in some way this year together with many more folk. We do not always know your talents. Please if you can help in any way or would like to join an active committee put your name on a card with your contact number and

address, say where you would like to help and pop the card in the box at the back of the church. It won't stay there for long without you being contacted.

Some ideas where help would be much appreciated:

1. The various rotas that you will find on the board at the back left as you leave the church which shows the person to contact. The Church Cleaning and Flower rotas really could do with extra helpers.
2. The garden and watering in dry weather. If we revived the monthly Saturday morning gardening group, would you join it?
3. The Social Committee mentioned above
4. Sunday collection counting and recording on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.
5. We have had many suggestions of what to do to raise money for the Church but few rushing to organise an event. Maybe you would like to, you would get the support.

People say when is the Church going to be painted? One of our aims is to get the church decorated and get a new carpet but various expensive problems have got in the way. It could be some time before that comes to fruition, but we do have our hopes.

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Caretaker Vacancy

Band B SP2 (£6,044 per annum) 10 hours a week (52 weeks of the year) The MAC Directors of the Our Lady of the Magnificat Multi Academy Company are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated Caretaker/Cleaner for Our Lady's Catholic Primary School. We are looking for a person who will actively support the Catholic ethos of our school. Applications from non-Catholic people are welcomed. We are a friendly school of 94 pupils and a dedicated teaching and support team of 12 staff.

We strongly encourage a tour of the school to see what a vibrant and happy environment our pupils learn in. Please contact Mrs Chamberlain in the school office to arrange a visit: 01789 762555
ola-office@ola.magnificat.org.uk All applications must be on the CES forms.

Application Closing Date: Friday 6th September 2024 Interview Date: TBC

The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place today, Sunday 1st September.

This year the principal celebrant will be The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Mass is at 3pm with Confessions from 1.45pm – 2.30pm. Make sure you bring a chair! Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to pilgrims on the day.

“Adoremus in My Parish” – Sunday 15th September. The Catholic Church in England and Wales - bishops, priests and people from all dioceses - will gather at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 14 September for a day to renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist.

St Mary's College was the venue for the first Eucharistic Procession since the Reformation. Unlike Adoremus in Liverpool in 2018, this is not a public event, although each diocese will send pilgrims. On **Sunday 15th September**, the Bishops of England and Wales invite all parishes across our countries to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

Please remember we have adoration after our Saturday Masses, everyone is welcome to attend.