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



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Twenty-Third 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.)

- Weekday Masses: Monday, Friday, Saturday 10:00am. Saturday Mass is followed by Exposition and Confession.

Feast Days and Saints' Days this week:

- Fri: Saint John Chrysostom
- Sat: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. **Amen.**



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

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.

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall

A joyful, prayerful time was had by all who attended the Archdiocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster, in honour of the 40 martyrs of England and Wales last Sunday afternoon.

Our own Abbot Paul OSB, of Douai Abbey, had been invited as the main celebrant. The tour of the historic house with its exceptional priest hides made by St Nicholas Owen was most interesting. Maybe we can double the numbers of our parish pilgrims next year!





This is your Parish.

Thank you to all those who gave your names on a card last week, let's please keep the momentum going and get more volunteers to help ensure our Parish functions well and is thriving. 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.

“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.