

### Times of Holy Mass and Liturgies

**MOG** = Mother of God and Guardian Angels church, Kitsland Road, Shard End, Birmingham. B34 7NA (*All Masses are now in church*)

**SJB** = St John the Baptist church, Arran Way, Smith's Wood, Birmingham. B36 0QE

Saturday Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>			Feria in Ordinary Time	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>SJB</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rev Anthony Davies (RIP)
	<b>MOG</b>	<b>11.00am</b>		People of The Parish
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>			Memorial of St John Mary Vianney	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>			Feria in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MOG</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Feast of The Transfiguration of The Lord	Jeremy Maduka RIP
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MOG</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mr & Mrs Smallwood RIP
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MOG</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Memorial of St Dominic	Canon John Gunn RIP
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>			Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SJB</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of The Parish
	<b>MOG</b>	<b>11.00am</b>		Gary Nash (RIP)

#### Please pray for all those Parishioners who are sick and for their Carers

Robert and Annie McEvoy, Ruth Morris, Frances Harris, Martin Studdards, James Cooney, Helen Lloyd, Judy Swift, Gwen Sanders, Laura Lloyd, Frankie Marklow, Margaret Murphy, Anne Gardiner, Billy Dobb and Sally and Desmond Toth.

**Please keep in your prayers those who have died recently**  
**Thomas Moore and Jamie Moloney**

**and those whose anniversaries will occur during this coming week.**  
**May they rest in peace**



### The Parish of Mother of God and Guardian Angels serving St John the Baptist Church

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### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

**Local Sunday Masses** Following the recent changes to our local Saturday vigil Masses (including new, joint, 5pm vigil Masses at St Anthony's, Kingshurst); the Sunday Masses that we are celebrating within our five-parish cluster are as listed below:

Mass time	Church
<b>5pm (Sat)</b>	<b>St Anthony's church</b> , Oakthorpe Road, Kingshurst B37 6HY
<b>5.30pm (Sat)</b>	<b>Sacred Heart and St Teresa's church</b> , Coventry Road, Coleshill B46 3EA
<b>9am</b>	<b>St John the Baptist church</b> , Arran Way, Smith's Wood B36 0QE.
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians church</b> , East Meadway, Kitts Green B33 0AU
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Sacred Heart and St Teresa's church</b> , Coventry Road, Coleshill B46 3EA
<b>11am</b>	<b>Mother of God &amp; Guardian Angels church</b> , Kitsland Road, Shard End B34 NA
<b>11am</b>	<b>St Anne's church</b> , Bosworth Drive, Chelmsley Wood B37 5DP
<b>5pm</b>	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians church</b> , East Meadway, Kitts Green B33 0AU

#### Tea & Coffee After 11am Mass

**This Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Tea & Coffee will be served after 11.00am Mass in the GAP Room. All are welcome.**

#### School Contacts

Guardian Angels B34 7NH (Mrs. H. Milligan) Tel (0121) 747 2782

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### **Finance: Parish of the Mother of God & Guardian Angels**

**27/07/2025** Offertories Total £253.80 (of which Gift Aid was £0).

If you would like to use standing orders, please let Fr Paul know and he will pass your details on to us and we will be in touch.

### **Finance: Parish of St Anthony and St John the Baptist**

**20/07/2025** Offertories Total £250 (of which Gift Aid was £82).

**27/07/2025** Offertories To be advised

**Baptisms:** This Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Jake & Hugo Trevis and Aurora-Jai Shuttleworth during 11.00am Sunday Mass at Mother of God & Guardian Angels Church.

**Baptisms:** If any Catholic parents who live in our Parishes wish to have their child baptised; please see Father Paul after Mass.

### **Pope's Prayer Intention for August:** **For mutual coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult may not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

**Funeral – Jamie Maloney RIP:** The reception of the body into Mother of God & Guardian Angels Church will take place at 6.00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. The Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30pm.

**Funeral – Thomas Moore RIP:** The Funeral Service will take place at 12.00 midday on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August at Woodlands Crematorium.

**Harvington Hall Pilgrimage** (Harvington Hall, Harvington Hall Lane, Harvington, Kidderminster, DY10 4LR): The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs will take place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. This year the principal celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall available to pilgrims on the day and can be booked at the table in the Hall's courtyard upon arrival. Confessions will be at 1.45pm–2.30pm and will be followed by Mass at 3pm. It is essential that you bring your own chairs and packed lunch. Free parking on site.

### **Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults**

At all times, our parish follows the legal safeguarding guidance and the national and Archdiocese's policies & procedures. Mother of God Parish's Safeguarding Representative is Julie Young who can be contacted by email at [sg.motherofgod@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.motherofgod@rcaob.org.uk) Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted by telephone number on **0121 230 6240** or by email at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.



### **Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi**



O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.

We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi:** Monday 18 August 2025 marks the beginning of the Diocesan Novena to pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The Novena of Prayer lasts for nine days and concludes on his feast day on Tuesday 26 August. The annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi is a moment to pause and to appreciate the work of this holy Passionist in our Archdiocese and to pray for his Canonisation. Blessed Dominic arrived in the Archdiocese in February 1842. He spent the next seven years based at Aston Hall in Staffordshire, from where he celebrated Mass, preached Missions, heard confessions, and received many people into the Catholic Church, the most famous being St John Henry Newman in October 1845. Blessed Dominic had a well known reputation for sanctity and holiness of life. He is also remembered for his love for the poor, and those in need of prayer and help. In our Archdiocese his memory is held in special regard and each year we pray a Novena of Prayer asking God to grant a miracle of healing through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, which could further his cause for Canonisation. Please pray the Novena during the nine days from August 18 until August 26. It can be prayed in the parish or at home.

**Parish Ambassadors Needed** Father Hudson's Caritas writes: "Could you act as a link between Father Hudson's (the social care agency of the Diocese) and your parish? Individuals are needed to act as Parish Ambassadors for the charity, which is. Voluntary duties will include ensuring literature, newsletters and information is up to date within the church and helping to promote the FHC Annual Parish Collection which takes place over the weekend of September 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>, keeping us up to date about what is happening in your parish and linking in with Emily, our Caritas Lead. If you are interested please contact Kevin via email: [kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk) or call **07590 431007**