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St. Mary's the Mount Parish Family Wishes You All a Warm Welcome

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St. Thomas of Canterbury: Fr. Christogonus Ugwuakposim, SDV
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The Holy Spirit: The Breath of God Who Gives Life

The Catechism teaches that *"Holy Spirit is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son"* (CCC 691). This name is not a poetic metaphor but a revelation entrusted to the Church by Christ Himself. Every time we baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (cf. Mt 28:19), we proclaim this truth: the Spirit is God, fully and eternally.

The word **Spirit** translates the Hebrew *ruah*, meaning *breath, air, wind*. This is not accidental. Breath is essential for life; wind is powerful yet invisible. Jesus uses this image when speaking to Nicodemus: *"The wind blows where it chooses…"* (Jn 3:8). In this simple comparison, He unveils the mystery of the Spirit—unseen yet active, gentle yet transformative, free yet always drawing us toward God.

The Spirit is God's own breath, the divine life breathed into creation and into every human heart. From the first pages of Scripture, the Spirit hovers over the waters (Gen 1:2), animating creation. In the resurrection, Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). Breath begins creation; breath begins the new creation.

Although "Spirit" and "Holy" are attributes shared by all three divine Persons, when joined together they designate Someone utterly unique: the personal Love between the Father and the Son. The Church uses this name so that we never confuse Him with any other "spirit" or any other form of "holiness." The Holy Spirit is not a force, not an energy, not a vague feeling—He is a divine Person, present and active.

To speak of the Holy Spirit is to speak of God's nearness, God's tenderness, and God's transforming presence. He is the breath that sustains us, the whisper that guides us, the fire that purifies us, and the love that renews us.

INFORMATION

- **Parish Contributions: Counting Teams: This Sunday: Team E, next Sunday: Team A.**
- **Official Communication from the UK Delegate Superior of the Vocationists:** We wish to inform you of the upcoming changes within our Walsall parishes. From **1 October**, **Fr Christogonus** will conclude his ministry at St Thomas of Canterbury and become **Parish Priest of St Mary's the Mount**. **Fr Roberto** will take on the role of **Parochial Administrator** of both St Patrick's and St Thomas of Canterbury. **Fr Fabien** will continue as **Assistant Priest at St Mary's the Mount**, while also assisting pastorally at St Patrick's and St Thomas of Canterbury. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin these new responsibilities.
- **Altar server's Training:** We will soon begin training for new altar servers, and we warmly invite all children who have already received their First Holy Communion to apply. Adults who wish to serve at the altar are also most welcome to join. Those who would like to take part in the training are asked to complete an application form. Forms can be collected from the church. The start date for the training will be announced in due course.
- **Jubilee Mass of those who have been received in the Catholic Church:** We will celebrate a special Jubilee Mass for all who have been received into full communion with the Catholic Church **on Sunday, 13 September 2026, at 11:00 am**. Everyone who has entered the Church is warmly invited to attend. Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone you know who has joined the Catholic faith.
- **FHC & Confirmation Enrolment Mass:** We warmly invite all families to the Enrolment Masses for children preparing for First Confession, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. **Confirmation Enrolment Mass:** Sunday, 13 September at 9 a.m. **First Confession & First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass:** Sunday, 20 September at 11 a.m. We encourage all applicants and their families to attend, and we pray every blessing upon the children as they begin their preparation.
- **Harvington Hall Pilgrimage:** The annual pilgrimage to Harvington Hall will take place on Sunday 6 September 2026. Mass will begin at 3.00 pm and will be celebrated by Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain. Confessions will be heard from 1.45 pm until 2.30 pm. The cost of the pilgrimage is £10 per person, and a coach will be available from St Mary's the Mount Church for those who wish to travel together. The coach will leave from Glebe Street, Walsall at 1:30pm. Those who wish to join, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.
- **Flowers this week:** We thank David Baker for his generous donation toward the flowers this week. His kindness has helped us prepare the church beautifully for our Sunday celebration, and we are truly grateful for his thoughtfulness and support. May the Lord bless him for his generosity.
- **March for Life UK:** Join the coach to March for Life UK on Saturday 5th September in London for the annual march. Age-appropriate sessions for children, teens and youth of all ages throughout the morning. 14 bishops attending! Coach leaves Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, 542 Cannock Rd WV10 8PG at 7.15am. Adults: £30, under 18s: £10 (priests/pastors free but all seats need booking). Contact Isabel: 07773501721 izzyvs@gmail.com or Ben 07885 505116. Find out more about the day at marchforlife.co.uk.
- **Safeguarding Notice:** Following a recent incident in the car park, this is a polite reminder to parents or guardians that it is their responsibility to supervise children, both within and outside church, as their safety is our paramount concern. Thank you for your co-operation & support.
- **Food Bank:** This week we are in need of all of our usual items - tinned, dried, and packet goods, and long life milk. We are currently supporting 9 families with your donations. If you know of another family in need who would welcome support from our SVP Group, please contact Father Fabien. Thanks again for your continued support and your generous donations.
- **RIP:** Let us pray for the soul of Mike Powell, who passed away on 6 August 2026, aged 89. Mike faithfully supported the parish in many roles throughout his life, and his dedication was recognised with the Bene Merenti medal. He was also a key figure for the Vocationist Order, among the first Vocationist Cooperators and long-standing Treasurer of the Trustees. May the Lord grant him eternal rest. His Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday, 3 September at 11:30 a.m.
- **Refreshments:** Please note that there will be no refreshments throughout August 2026.
- **Safeguarding:** The parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sylvester Mutsigwa and Doreen Sehdeva. They can be contacted at: sg.stmary.walsall@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively, the Diocesan

Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2026

For evangelization in the city:
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Make a Donation to the Parish

Account: St Mary's the Mount Mission
Sort Code: 60-22-22
Account Number: 87551152

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Jubilee for those who have been received in the Catholic Church	**Sunday 13th September – 11 am**
Jubilee Mass of Anointing of the Sick	**Sunday 4th October – 11am**
Jubilee Marian Pilgrimage to Medjugorje	**Sunday 25th – Thursday 29th October**
Jubilee Mass of Baptism	**Sunday 22nd November – 11am**
Jubilee Mass for the deceased, Remembrance Sunday	**Sunday 8th November – 11am**
Jubilee Mass of Holy Matrimony	**Sunday 13th December – 11am**

Prayer for Vocations

Divine Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the church in our Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin Maria Russolillo and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen. Hail Mary….

Let us pray for those who are sick

Yvonne Smith, David Baker, Fr. Michael White, Denise Guest (Nee Tapper), Enid Johnson, Beryl Fearon, Wendy Bubb, Martha Ekezie, Madeleine Holland, Anne F Kazmie, Patrick Kelly, Anne Dixon (Nee Doyle), Cliff Maybury, Anne Kinsey, Faisal Kazilbash, John Horton, Una Greevy, Aga, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Angela Gonsalves, Lee Chit Wei

Prayer for the 200-year Jubilee

Heavenly Father, we thank You for two hundred blessed years of faith, love and service at St Mary's the Mount. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may this holy place remain a beacon of hope, a house of peace, and a dwelling of Your abiding presence. Bless all who have worshipped here in the past, all who serve You today, and all the generations yet to come. Keep our hearts attentive to Your Spirit and steadfast in Your Word. Make us a living flame of Your Love for all who hunger and thirst for You. When shadows fall, be our light, now and forever. Amen. Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd August 2026 *Week I*

Sunday & Weekday Masses

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday 22nd	**5:30pm**	**St. Mary's**	**Mike Powell - *RIP***	**J Heavin**
Sunday 23rd Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	**9:00am** **11:00am** 10:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	**St. Mary's** **St. Mary's** St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Patrick's	**Eileen & David Sale – *WA, TH*** **Jenny Kulpa – *RIP, DA*** **Holy Mass** Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	**Eileen & David** **A Kulpa**
Monday 24th ***Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle***	**10:00am** **10:30am** **7:00pm**	**St. Mary's** **St. Mary's** **St. Mary's**	**Mike Powell - *RIP*** **Adoration & Benediction** **Holy Mass**	**Josie & I Welch**
Tuesday 25th	**10:00am** **10:30am**	**St. Mary's** **St. Mary's**	**Mike Powell - *RIP*** **Adoration & Benediction**	**D Powell**
Wednesday 26th ***Feast of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest, Religious***	**12.30pm** **6:00pm** **7:00pm**	**St. Mary's** **St. Mary's** **St. Mary's**	**Benedict Owen & Ede Omon – Nuptial Mass** **Adoration for Vocations & Confessions** **Holy Mass**	
Thursday 27th ***Memorial of St Monica***	**10:00am** 9.15 am	**St. Mary's** St. Patrick's	**Mike Powell – *RIP*** Holy Mass	**D Powell**
Friday 28th ***Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church***	**6:00pm** **7:00pm** 10:00am 9.15 am	**St. Mary's** **St. Mary's** St. Thomas's St. Patrick's	**Adoration & Confessions** **Angela Rumbidzai – *B, TH*** Holy Mass Holy Mass	**C Vambe**
Saturday 29th ***Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Martyr***	**10:00am** **10:30am** **5:30pm** 9.15 am	**St. Mary's** **St. Mary's** **St. Mary's** St. Patrick's	**Holy Mass** **Adoration, Confessions & Benediction** **Holy Mass** Holy Mass	
Sunday 30th Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	**9:00am** **11:00am** 10:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	**St. Mary's** **St. Mary's** St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Patrick's	**Mike Powell – *RIP*** **Dr Hooi Siew Tong - SI** Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	**J & J Nelson** **Yoong & Henery family**

C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, H=Healing, HE=Health, RC=Recovery, SI=Special Intention, M=Marriage, BP=Baptism, BB=Birth of Baby, G=Guidance, SE= Success in Exams, WA=Wedding Anniversary, HS=Holy Strength, V= Vocations, Ch=Church, SCH=School, BD= Beechdale, PC=Parish Centre