

Pilgrimage to Harvington 12th September 2021

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Dear Fathers and Deacons

Further to my letter of invitation to you last month I have been advised by the Press and Media Relations office at the Archdiocese that a live stream for the Pilgrimage has been set up using the following link: <https://youtu.be/PSf52Lw33pU>. Of course, we hope those of you who have been invited from our three local Deaneries will be able to attend in person but appreciate this live link will be of interest to many others.

As I know you receive many emails and notices I hope it will be a helpful reminder if I repeat my original letter to you all here:

The Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place this year on **Sunday 12th September**, presided over by Bishop David Evans. Priests and students from Oscott College will join us for the event.

The restrictions we have all lived with since March 2020 are being eased nationally but we remain cautious in our planning a big event for the Autumn. With this in mind, and with the support of The Archdiocese, we are keeping this year's pilgrimage relatively small and only inviting priests and parishioners from the Deaneries of Kidderminster, Dudley and Worcester Mass will start at 3 o'clock. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be offered before Mass as it has in previous years. Priests are most welcome to concelebrate, deacons are also invited to be present and should be vested in cotta and stole. Please bring albs, red stoles will be provided. Vesting will take place in the Georgian Chapel, in the grounds of Harvington Hall.

As the Pilgrimage is reduced in scale and in consideration of our volunteers, neither free tours of the Hall nor free refreshments can be offered this year.

To assist our stewards to arrange parking in the limited space available, it is essential we know if you intend to bring a coach. **Coaches must approach the Hall from the A450 Worcester Road** and the driver unload his passengers at the Hall and park as directed by the stewards. Please email stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk by **Monday 6 September at the latest to reserve a parking place for your coach.**

Please note that **pilgrims MUST BRING THEIR OWN CHAIRS** as we are unable to provide them from here.

We very much hope that you will support this act of devotion to the Martyrs of the Midlands by mentioning it in your news bulletin and displaying the attached poster so you and your parishioners may enjoy the pleasure and blessings of a pilgrimage to Harvington.

Best wishes

Monsignor Canon John Moran

Parish Priest, St Mary's Harvington